

# THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

(A Civic Society affiliated to the Civic Trust for Wales)

## GENERAL MEETING

New School Rooms on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007 8.00pm

**Present:** Garry Newbould (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), Nick Hawkins (Vice-Chairman), Maggie Roberts, Beverley Lewis, David Silver, Robin Jones, Alison Skidmore, Cliff Skidmore, Rod McKerlich, Jane Morris, Val Allen, Rose Dale, Jan Doody, Wyn Phillips

**Apologies for Absence:** Ailsa Bracegirdle, David Cargill, Julie Davies, Julie Williams, Marion Drake, Kieran Webster, Ken Williams, Caroline Noall, Steve Fowler, Judith Marsh, Kieran Webster

### Resignations

Cyril Williams and Julie Williams have resigned from the Executive Committee for personal reasons. Garry thanked both of them for all their hard work, notably Julie, who served for a considerable length of time. He thanked her especially for her hard work and enthusiasm for the May Festival. Letters have been sent to both.

### Minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2007

The minutes were approved. The music group (RPMG) did however wish to make clear that they would have preferred to stage their next production at Radyr Comprehensive but were unable to do so because of safety issues with the seating and the costing.

**Matters Arising:** see later

### Police Report

No police report. A letter was sent to the Chief Constable, Barbara Wilding, regarding the lack of community policing. On behalf of Ailsa Bracegirdle, the Chairman raised the question whether any action was taken against the youths who were repeatedly moving the water board barriers across Heol Isaf when the road works were in progress. She rang the police, having dialled 999 because they were also interfering with a digger and building materials outside her house. Apparently they were very slow to respond. Rod McKerlich (Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch) responded that 2 youths had been given ASBOS following the incident. He added that a letter had been sent to the Chief Constable and to Inspector Brock of Fairwater to ask questions regarding community policing such as why PC Huw Thomas had been diverted away from Radyr and why the response to 101 calls was poor. The letter and Inspector Brock's reply can be seen in full on the website ([www.radyr.org.uk](http://www.radyr.org.uk)). The Inspector has agreed to attend the next PACT meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the New School Rooms (TBC). The Community Council has also written to the Chief Constable. Ralph Vaughan has agreed to chair PACT meetings in future.

### Treasurer's Report

A £50 cheque has been sent to the British Legion made up of £18 for a wreath plus a donation. £22.90 has been given to the golf club for underpayment of VAT for the anniversary dinner. A

duplicate cheque has been issued to Radyr Rangers after the first one was lost. The lottery license is to be renewed at a cost of £20. Christmas trees will cost about £60. At the end of this financial year (end of Dec.) we will have a balance of about £5300. (C/Ac £491, Reserve £249, COIF £4558). A request was received for a Christmas tree on the Eyecare shop in Station Road. RMA will provide a tree and extra lights and Eyecare have paid for the power supply to be put in place. The chairman thanked Bob and Nick for sorting it out.

## Community Halls

**Old Church Rooms:** Bookings are up. New chairs upholstered in red have been delivered. Railings have been put up to enclose part of the garden at the request of the Nursery school. The WI is satisfied with the newly adapted sound system. Concern was expressed that the fuse in the water boiler in the kitchen had been tampered with. The fuse has now been replaced with the correct one. A parking bay to the right of the main entrance will be extended and designated for Disabled Parking. An additional handrail will be added to the existing stairs for safer access to the stage. (Action: Nick)

**Morganstown Village Hall** has applied for a grant to redecorate the outside and finish the second phase of the kitchen. The money for this was not available from the Community Council previously.

## Young People

The Radyr Link takes the form of an insert in the Radyr Chain and has been set up to give young people a forum to express their views and opinions. £350 was given to facilitate printing of the first Radyr Link but in future it is hoped that this will be self-funding from sponsorship deals. As part of next year's May Festival there will be an "Eco-Fun Day" which will be much bigger following the success of last year's event. It will take place on the Mound Field with a marquee and stalls etc.

## Village Plan

A steering committee has been set up, including representatives from the Community Council, RMA and members of the community. Three meetings have been held. Terms of reference have been agreed, an article has appeared in the Radyr Chain and a thread has been started in the soapbox on the web. The intention is to start with an assessment of the facilities that are available in the area at present and to gather the views of the entire community to see what people would like to see happen in the area in the next few years. The idea is to concentrate on aspects where the Plan could be of real influence in the future. Collaboration is in the process of being set-up with the planning department at Cardiff University. It is possible that Masters students may choose to do research projects on specified aspects of the Plan as part of their course. Their findings would be presented to the community in a public meeting.

## Mound Field Development

The proposition of a building on the Mound Field is due to be discussed at the Council Business Executive meeting in January when the go-ahead may be given to work with the community to determine an appropriate building and the cost. The need for a viable Sports Trust was stressed. Giselle Warren, a legal advisor, is being consulted on how to progress with this. There is a constitution, but the Sports Trust doesn't formally exist. Volunteers are needed. Re-affirmation was given that the money from Section 106 - Community Gain - was not at risk. A site visit took place to a Youth Centre in Trelai, built with a similar amount of money, that the County Council own and run. Management of the facility at the Mound Field is an important consideration. The Community Council representative was asked if they could fund the running costs but this was not thought to be feasible.

## Community Area at Radyr Sidings 2/3

The “Radyr Baptist Church Community Interest Company” will be ready to give a presentation on their proposal for the area in the near future.

### Planning

No major issues.

### Any Other Business

**Executive and Hall Management Committee Minutes:** The chairman raised the suggestion on behalf of Ken Williams that the minutes should be published. Nick responded that the meetings are not public and therefore it is not necessary or appropriate to put them in the public domain. To be discussed at the next Executive Meeting.

**Community Notice board:** This will be erected in Station Road very shortly as part of the neighbourhood renewal scheme. Its purpose is to advertise all community events. Anyone wanting a notice to be put up is invited to give a copy to Nick, Allan Cook or a member of the Community Council. (A4 or smaller, non-laminated and done with waterproof ink please.) The notice board is owned by the County Council and managed by the Association. If it is vandalised it will be removed permanently.

**Arts Committee:** Nick spoke about setting up a database of people attending concerts and plays etc. in order to publicise events more effectively and encourage people from the new community to attend.

**RMA Executive Committee:** Garry has written an article for the next Radyr Chain to publicise the work of the committee and to try to attract new members.

**Concert in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust on Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at the WMC:** The Welsh Guards and Treorchy Male Voice Choir will be performing.

**NSPCC:** Rose Dale introduced herself and Jan Doody as the new Chairman and Treasurer respectively of the local branch of the NSPCC.

Garry also drew attention to the full programme of events that are noted in the web diary. He thanked all those who had sponsored his participation in the Great North run and Cardiff Half Marathon. He raised £500 for the NSPCC.

**Next Meeting:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 - 8pm (OCR)