

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms, Radyr, Monday January 26th 2009 8.00pm

Present: Nick Hawkins (Vice-Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), David Cargill, Chris Wills, Cllr Rod McKerlich, David Silver, May Read, Val Allen, Allan Cook, Wyn Phillips, Gareth Davison, Antonia Wigley, Rose Dale, Maggie Roberts, David Suthers, Graham Pearce, Geoff Saunders, Alison Skidmore, Cliff Skidmore, Ralph Vaughan, Kieran Webster

Apologies for Absence: George Carroll, Judith Marsh, Steve Fowler, Julie Davies, Ailsa Bracegirdle.

A minute's silence was held in remembrance of Garry Newbould, Chairman of the Association, who died suddenly of a heart attack last week. A memorial service will be held at Christchurch at 2pm on Friday 31st January.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 2nd December 2008

The minutes were approved with amendments to Matters arising.

Matters Arising:

- i. *Community notice boards* - The police/PACT have requested one for the Sidings area. The Community Council is dealing with issues surrounding provision and maintenance of the boards.
- ii. *Proposal to Close Golf Course Lane* - Cllr Rod McKerlich reported that Highways Officers had met with representatives from Ty Gwyn Farm and the Golf Course. Notices of intention will be displayed and public opinion gathered for the next 6-7 months.
- iii. *Civic Society Conference* - A letter was sent from RMA and the Cardiff Civic Society to the Planning Department (copy to RM) expressing grave concerns about the Cardiff Local Development Plan.
- iv. *Heritage Trail* - To be reconsidered next year

Short Talk about Radyr Parish Music Group

Brian Willis talked about the forthcoming production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" from 18th - 21st February at the Bishop of Llandaff School. Members also perform in a variety of shows and concerts throughout the rest of the year. New recruits are always welcome.

Treasurers Report

As of 1st Jan 2009 accounts are as follows: C/Ac £356.74, Reserve £1.39, COIF £4580.01. The total is £4938.14. This figure is just under our reserve figure of £5000.

Community Halls

Old Church Rooms: Bookings buoyant as usual. The large screen will be fitted into the stage at the earliest convenience but is available for use (with training). Thanks to David Sadler of "Victoria Garage" in Radyr who welded furniture from the OCR that had sustained minor damage.

Morganstown Village Hall: Thanks to Cllr Rod McKerlich and a grant from Cardiff County Council, the Front Door and Fire Doors have been replaced. Thanks also to the Community Council for awarding a grant to improve the kitchen facilities. The karate club no longer use the hall but the WI has a daytime meeting on the third Thursday of each month.

PACT/Neighbourhood Watch

The latest PACT meeting was well attended. A major problem is the apparent lack of police officers seen patrolling the area. The R & M designated community policeman is now called a “beat manager” and is shared between R & M, Pentyrch, Creigeau, Gwaelod a Garth and St Fagan’s. With the vastly increased number of dwellings and thus community tax being paid, we need and should be entitled to more officers, not less. Results from the Village Plan questionnaire show considerable dissatisfaction with policing. (**Action: RMA to write to Barbara Wilding - Chief Constable, Ralph Vaughn to arrange meeting with other PACT groups from areas affected.**) Next PACT meeting is Wednesday 19th February. On a more positive note, the police have asked for details of NW members in order to organise a joint meeting.

May Festival

The programme has been established. There are about thirty events. Of note once again is the excellent support that the committee have received from the Motor Neurone Disease Association. The Carnival Parade has received some funding. Workshop will be starting Saturday 31st January.

Village Plan

The overall response rate was an excellent 32% for adult questionnaires. Analysis has just been received from the Cardiff Research Centre (part of Cardiff County Council). A Steering Group meeting will be held shortly to decide how best to put the Village Plan together and to feed back information from the questionnaire. A greengrocer/delicatessen will be opening in Station parade at the beginning of Feb. (The “most wanted facility” from the questionnaire - the second was a pub!)

Young People’s Executive Committee

No meeting has been held recently but there are a lot of volunteers to participate in and help organise the Rock Event (part of the May Festival). Hopefully this will lead to further input into community events. In the VP questionnaire many respondents felt that there was insufficient activities for young people in the area. Youth annoyance has decreased.

Mound Field

The skate park is being well used, especially at weekends. A fence and signage are to be put in place. Tony Richards from the County Council is researching a “Draft Brief on the Preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for Radyr Motte, Mound field”. There is the possibility that it could be restored and made accessible in conjunction with CADW. An Association sub-committee with formalised terms of reference will be set up to feed back community opinion to interested parties. Any volunteers please see Nick.

Radyr Sidings 2

The Community Council is concerned that the community land will revert to housing. They are setting up an advisory committee to support groups with ideas for making use of the space. It is unlikely that the library will be re-located to the site since a large majority voted against it in the Village Plan questionnaire.

Any Other Business

- v. *Emergency Executive Meeting (TBA)* - To discuss way forward for RMA following the death of the Chairman.
- vi. *Community Facilities* - £400,000 from “community gain” (or section 106) money has been allocated to Radyr Comprehensive School for a Sports Hall. They will also be getting new seating to re-equip the Drama Studio in April. Bryn Deri are hoping to get a new playground and staff room and the primary school are hoping for new toilet facilities. Money has already been spent on the skate park. Money will also be given to the Highways Department for double yellow lines, footpaths etc.

- vii. The developer of Radyr Sidings has been asked to change the words Sports Hall to Sports Facility and to agree a variation in the terms of use of the land designated for a community space since it will no longer be used specifically for the Health Centre or library.
- viii. *Uncontrolled dogs* - The police seek information about a lady living near the guide hut. She is believed to be the owner of 2 dogs who have attacked other dogs on several occasions.
- ix. *Problems with Food Waste Collection* - Improved.
- x. *Street Lighting* - Taylor Wimpey has connected the streetlights on the bridge leading to Goitre Fawr. Cllr RM has also asked another developer to connect up the lights on Plas Y Mynach, near the junction with Radyr Farm Road.
- xi. *Planning* - An application has gone in to use land at the end of Fisher Hill Way for offices.
- xii. *Welsh Assembly Grant* - Application to be made for a footpath on Windsor Road at the entrance to Parc Radyr Estate
- xiii. Cllr Rod McKerlich will be holding surgeries at Radyr Library on 21st Feb and 4th April 2009.
- xiv. David Suthers raised concerns about the number of lorries driving through the centre of the village to the quarry when they are forbidden to do so. The quarry managers are very co-operative and have asked residents to report vehicles doing so by making a note of the reg number and time of driving though. (**Action: notice to this effect to be put on website.**)

The next meeting is the **Annual General Meeting** on Monday 20th April 2009 - 8.00pm (OCR)

Refreshments to follow.