

# THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

## GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms, Radyr, Monday September 29<sup>th</sup> 2008 8.00pm

**Present:** Garry Newbould (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), Nick Hawkins (Vice-Chairman), David Cargill, David Silver, Cllr Rod McKertich, Maggie Roberts, Wyn Phillips, Ailsa Bracegirdle, Roger Watt, Cliff Skidmore, Alison Skidmore, Val Allen, Gareth Davidson, Jerry Bray, Mary Reed.

**Apologies for Absence:** Bob and Mary Pearce, Kieran Webster, David Suthers, Beverley Lewis, Judith Marsh

### Minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008

The minutes were approved. Matters arising dealt with below.

#### Treasurer's Report

Cheques for £3425 were presented to the Danybryn Leonard Cheshire home. Cheques for £405.58 (Dance School) and £154 (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at MVH) have also been received. RMA will add £15.42 to bring the total to £4000. From October 2008 to end September 2009 the chosen charity will be The Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association. 2 new gazebos have been purchased for £79.98. Accounts are as follows: C/Ac £1469.90, Reserve £1.37, COIF £3728.10. The total reserve at present is £5199.37, slightly more than our policy figure of £5000. Forthcoming expenses include Christmas trees and lights.

#### Community Halls

**Old Church Rooms:** Congratulations once again to Norman Clewer and the rest of the gardening team who helped the OCR to win first prize in Cardiff in Bloom once again. Norman also won a trophy for his own garden. (Action: Liz to write letter) The eel-trap, a gift from our "twin" in France has now been installed in the garden. A volunteer working party has been doing necessary maintenance tasks over the summer. Nick has spoken to the children who will be filling the time capsules. They will be put in place after roundels are finished. (Action: Nick/Mike Clark) A digital projector is available for hire at a cost of £5 (towards cost of replacement lamp). The new large screen will be fitted into a recess in the stage.

**Morganstown Village Hall:** The recent redecorations were completed in time for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert that was a great success. Maggie thanked Gerry Bray for his help in producing an article for the Radyr Chain. The Fire and outside doors are to be replaced thanks to a grant from the County Council. The Community Council have awarded a grant for a new kitchen

**Morganstown Chapel:** The Baptist Church (RMBC) is going ahead with the feasibility study. An article will be written for Radyr Chain. (Action: Kieran)

#### May Festival

A provisional programme has been put together. A small pre-festival event on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May would allow the May Queen to get used to her new role. Programme items include a lunchtime concert at the Methodist Church, the Fluellen Theatre Company performing "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon, a concert to celebrate 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since Handel's death, at Christchurch and a "Poems and Pints" evening. MND reps have contacts with a Rock and Soul Band who may give an open-air concert at Park Radyr. The charity is being very supportive and has celebrity contacts to attend and help publicise events. A walking carnival is proposed. It will be organised by a team of people including two youth workers. Costumes will be made from recycled materials in workshops at the OCR (rent to be waived),

each Saturday from January to May. Funding will be requested from the Community Council and/or the RMA. (Action: David C to ask for grant)

## Village Plan

A few minor changes were made to the questionnaires on the basis of the results received back from the pilot study. The final method of analysis hasn't been decided. The questionnaires will be distributed in the next few weeks. The new map of the area has been printed and will be inserted into the Radyr Chain.

## Young People's Executive Committee

A successful meeting was held with several young volunteers. Garry thanked Kieran for his support and encouragement. They would like to organise a concert to raise funds and contribute towards the organisation of the May Festival.

## Mound Field

The foundations for the skate park are being laid. It should be completed by the beginning of November. Cost will be about £75,000. The need for a path will be decided at a later date due to cost. Interested parties have been approached by Rod but NOT by the County Council. The feeling was that they should have been individually advised. Parking may be a problem. (Action: Gary to discuss with Radyr Rangers) A one-way system for traffic in and out of Pughs Garden centre will go ahead.

## Radyr Sidings 2

The original intention was to have a Health Centre on a designated area of about half an acre. It was thought that permission would not be forthcoming for a commercial enterprise on this land. When the boundaries of the plot have been reached (est. 2009) the community will have 2 years to confirm plans for the use of the land otherwise it will revert to the developers for housing. Three quarters of an acre has also been set aside for sheltered accommodation.

## Any Other Business

- i. *PACT* - Meetings held every month. Policing still a concern since we share a community officer with 3 other "villages". R & M would like a dedicated officer. However, we have youth workers two evenings a week from 6.30 - 9.30pm who are forming good relationships with young people in the area. The Police are going to fund a motor racing night.
- ii. *Neighbourhood Watch* - Meeting to be held in October.
- iii. *Community Notice Board* - A new board was put up by the MUGA to replace the one vandalized some time ago by the bus shelter in Morganstown.
- iv. *Litter bins* - Two new bins in Windsor Gardens are being well used!
- v. *Civic Society Conference Sat 18<sup>th</sup> October, County Hall* - The Local Development Plan and its implications for the Cardiff area will be discussed. Talks to be given by 3 speakers including Sue Essex (independent planner) Prof John Hunter (urban design) and Stewart Williams (overall responsibility for the plan). Refreshments inc. Cost £10. Forms from secretary.
- vi. *Teenage Cancer Trust* - A fund raising event for St David's Day on 01 March 09 will include a Welsh Male Voice Choir. A specialized Unit at the Heath will be going live this year. Funds still needed.
- vii. *Dancing* - Maureen Evans dance group have offered to do a ten-minute slot in any community events that take place before Christmas.

**Next General Meeting Monday 1st December 2008 - 8.00pm (TBA)**