

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms, Radyr, Tuesday December 2nd 2008 8.00pm

Present: Garry Newbould (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), Nick Hawkins (Vice-Chairman), David Cargill, Wyn Phillips, Allan Cook, Graham Pearce, Judith Marsh, Geoff Saunders, Cllr Rod McKerlich, Cliff Skidmore.

Apologies for Absence: George Carroll, David Suthers, Maggie Roberts, Steve Fowler, Julie Davies, Ailsa Bracegirdle, Alison Skidmore, Val Allen.

At the beginning of the meeting a minute's silence was held in remembrance of Val Hogg who died at the weekend. A memorial service will be held at Christchurch at 1pm on Monday 8th December with refreshments afterwards at the OCR.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 29th September 2008

The minutes were approved.

Matters arising: The new notice board in Morganstown has been vandalized. The one in Station Road is very well managed and does not suffer from this problem. The posts from the old notice board are unsightly. (**Action: to be discussed at the next Community Council Meeting**)

Treasurers Report

Cheques were paid as follows; £100 for the Civic Society conference, £50 to the British Legion, £20 for a new lottery license, £50 for the hire of meeting rooms and £178.30 on Christmas trees and new lights. Thank you to Mike Young who provides the electricity for most of the lights on Station Street. Accounts are as follows: C/Ac £381.60, Reserve £1.38, COIF £4529.78 (on which we receive 5.5% interest). The total is £4912.76.

Community Halls

Old Church Rooms: The new large screen is due to be fitted into a recess in the stage over the Christmas period (**Action: Nick Hawkins/Alf Butler**). A company called "Ladybirds" cleaned the carpet in the Weir Room and have quoted for regular cleaning of the building. As a reminder to users, the carpet has been "re-proofed" and spillages will not stain if wiped immediately.

Morganstown Village Hall: The curtains have been cleaned. The Hall will be closed over the Christmas period so that the floor can be sanded and re-sealed. At the same time, the stage curtains will also be taken down and cleaned.

May Festival

The programme has been established. Thank you to Allan Cook for organising a number of Arts events. Of note also, is the excellent support that the committee have received from the Motor Neurone Disease Association who have lined-up sponsorship, celebrities and prizes. The fancy dress parade will be going ahead with support from the Community Council and an application for funding has been submitted to the County Council. The money will pay for the two professionals involved in the workshops. The costumes will be made from recycled materials. Graham Dubberly has agreed to be a co-signatory with Bob Roberts on an account for moneys received from the workshops. (£3 per child per session.) The next meeting will be in January.

Village Plan

There has been an excellent response rate of 32% for the adult questionnaires, fairly evenly spread over Radyr and Morganstown. Over 100 youth questionnaires were also returned. The analysis has not yet been received. A budget has been agreed by the Community Council to fund the publication of the results. The next meeting is on Monday 8th December.

Young People's Executive Committee

It is hoped that a meeting will be held before Christmas so that the members can link in with the Festival Committee in the near future.

Mound Field

The skate park has been completed and is being extensively used. Radyr Rangers are supportive and wish to work together with the County Council to agree minor modifications to improve the site for all users. Suggestions have included a fence to separate the areas, a graffiti board and reducing the size of the football pitches to separate them from the skate park. The Council have agreed to re-mark the pitches and move the posts as long as no extra drainage is required. The Parks and Leisure department would like to use some Section 106 money to carry out a survey of the Motte and Bailey. They would also like to discuss the historical importance with CADW and make a feature of it for visitors. Pugh's Garden centre would be interested in providing catering facilities. The possibility of using the old rugby club building for this and for a heritage display was discussed. However, more car parking spaces would need to be provided. **(Action: to be discussed at the next Executive Meeting)**

Radyr Sidings 2

The Radyr Baptist Church Community Interest Company's ideas for the use of the community space are progressing. The developers will be asked to agree a variation in the terms of use of the land designated for a community space. An alternative is to re-locate the library to the site. We await the outcome of the responses to the relevant questions asked in the Village Plan questionnaire. Another possibility is for the library to be completely rebuilt on the existing site at a cost of about £1.4 million. This would depend on having the use of the adjacent land, which is being used at present by the Health authority.

Any Other Business

- i. *Proposal to Close Golf Course Lane* - There will be a consultation period after which the road could be closed if agreed, by lockable bollards at each end.
- ii. *PACT/NW* - It was clarified that PACT matters relate to the village as a whole and NW is on a more local level. The Ringmaster system is working again. Ralph Vaughn, the chairman of PACT has written an article for the Radyr Chain. Advertising could help attract more people to the meetings. Next one in January.
- iii. *Civic Society Conference* - Talks about The Local Development Plan given by Prof John Hunter and Stewart Williams are available on the Civic Society website. David Farnsworth (planning consultant) of Bristol Civic Society has given input on how to take some of the matters raised forward.
- iv. *Funding requested for advertising Costume Workshops* - £50 was agreed to David Cargill.
- v. *Heritage Trail* - It was felt that the project should be pursued even if the Cardiff University Planning students didn't choose the brief. **(Action: Garry to discuss with Jim Cowan)**
- vi. *Fixed meeting date*- The third Monday of the month was proposed. **(To be discussed.)**

Next General Meeting Monday 26th January 2009 - 8.00pm (OCR)