

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEETING

Old Church Rooms, Radyr, Monday June 2nd 2008 8.00pm

Present: Garry Newbould (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), Nick Hawkins (Vice-Chairman), Jim Cowan, Allan Cook, David Cargill, Betty Fitzgerald, Terry Fitzgerald, Maggie Roberts, Mary Pearce, Bob Pearce, David Silver, Neville Evans, Geoff Saunders, Gareth Davidson, Cliff Skidmore, Alison Skidmore, Cllr Rod McKerlich, Val Allen & Cyril Williams.

Apologies for Absence: Derek Bateman, Steve Fowler, Ailsa Bracegirdle, Graham and Zoe Pearce, Julie Davies, Caroline Noall, David Suthers, Lorna Clarke & Kieran Webster.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 14th January 2008

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising: Disabled Bay to be marked out in the OCR car park during the summer. David C talked to Roger Watt of Gelynys Farm to let him know that he had the support of the Association. Rod McKerlich will discuss the situation with him in the near future.

Treasurer's Report

The final figures are not complete. RMA have made a surplus of about £700 from the Festival, slightly more than the estimate of £500. Danybryn Leonard Cheshire Home will receive £3200 (of which £300 is expected from RPMG - Garry to confirm if this has already gone directly to the charity or will be given to RMA to add to the total). Bob requested all outstanding bills and/or money collected to be given to him as soon as possible. The chairman said that the May Festival had been a great success and that we should be proud of what was achieved in terms of the amount of money raised and the enjoyment of all who attended the events.

Community Halls

Old Church Rooms: Bookings still buoyant. The Committee are maintaining the building. A large pull-out screen was purchased with a grant from the Community Council and was used for the first time at the Audio-Visual Evening at the May Festival. A design for new stone roundels will be agreed in the near future. The primary school will be asked to make some new "Time capsules" to replace those that were vandalised.

Morganstown Village Hall: 50th Anniversary Celebration

The idea was first proposed in 1946 and by 1958 the money had been raised and the Hall was built. At first it had four regular groups and one of these, the table tennis club, still uses the hall. More details of the history of the hall will be put on the website. (**Action: Maggie**) At the end of August the Hall will be decorated and a few improvements made. On 6th September there will be table displays and a concert given by the people of Morganstown who use the facilities. Dancers, the drama group and RPMG will be performing. Cllr Rod McKerlich mentioned that money might be available from the Community Grant programme to help with the cost of improvements. Applications by August.

May Festival

David C said how enjoyable the Festival had been. There will be a full review at the forthcoming meeting (TBA). Suggestions for the future include curtailing the events to 10 days and having an Open Garden scheme. The Motor Neurone Disease Association will be the chosen charity. David would like to

see more input and support from the Radyr primary and Comprehensive schools. Rod explained that there had been a change of staff and that this could be improved in future. Bryn Deri primary School participated fully in the Festival and was awarded the Ken Innes Cup.

Garry thanked David and the rest of the Committee and in particular Allan Cook, for organising the successful arts events once again. He also thanked Terry Fitzgerald and Chris Wills who had helped at many of the events. He read out a letter of thanks from Sarah Vetter on behalf of Danybryn whose residents had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and hoped to be attending more events in the future. To assist with this, it has been agreed that escorts will be able to go free of charge to many of the events next year.

At present, the Association has storage space at Danybryn for a few items such as games that are available for the community. (Coconut shy etc.) This will disappear in the redevelopment so we have until August to find an alternative. An appeal will be sent out. **(Action: Liz)**

Village Plan

Cardiff University Planning students gave presentations on their project work. A consultation was held with Professor Robert McNabb of the Cardiff Business School about the proposed questionnaire. More details will be given after the next Steering Group meeting. It is still the intention to circulate a questionnaire in September.

Young People

Garry and Kieran are meeting with young people who have volunteered to work with the RMA Executive Committee. £200 has been allocated as a start-up fund but they will be asked to raise funds and become self-sufficient. The idea of a skateboard park has been agreed in principle. It will probably be sited on the Mound Field and completed before the end of the summer. Rod McKerlich will be consulting with Pughes garden centre and Radyr Rangers. A skate park has been removed from Whitchurch. This could be re-used or a new one constructed. The consultation process should include the young originators of the project as well as other interested parties.

Any Other Business

- i. *Venues for future general meetings* - Meetings in a variety of different places to make them accessible to all and increase attendance. Themed meetings to include a short presentation. Opinion to be asked by e-mail **(Action: Liz)**
- ii. *Community notice board* - There are spaces on the board for notices of general interest to the community. (Printed in waterproof ink - not ink jet - and A5 or smaller preferably.) Please give anything that might be suitable to Nick, Allan Cook or a member of the Community Council. Another notice board could be placed elsewhere in the area if this one is a success.
- iii. *Civic Societies Conference on Saturday October 18th* - The associations from Cardiff, Rhiwbina, Penarth and R & M are getting together to learn about the Cardiff Local Development Plan. Cost is £10 (includes lunch & refreshments). It should be an interesting day. Please contact Nick Hawkins if you would like tickets.
- iv. *PACT meeting* - next meeting date to be confirmed. David C informed the meeting that there had been a drug raid in the area that had resulted in charges being brought against three people.
- v. *Eisteddfod* - Neville Evans thanked the community for their support in surpassing the fund-raising target of £20,000. A Hog Roast will take place on 4th July where the winner of the painting by Keith John will be named. The Eisteddfod will take place between 2nd - 9th August. A short presentation will be given at the next General Meeting.

Next General Meeting Monday 28th July 2008 - 8.00pm (Venue TBA)