

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEETING

Chain Room, Old Church Rooms on Monday June 7th 2010 7.30pm

Present: Cyril Williams (Chairman), David Silver (Vice-Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Acting Secretary), Graham Pearce, David Cargill, Elaine Olsen, Clive Morgan, Viv Brownsell, Jenny Bray, Mary Pearce, Bob Pearce, Maggie Roberts, Beverley Lewis, Chris Wills, Geoffrey Saunders, Cliff Skidmore, Terry Fitzgerald & Cllr Rod McKerlich.

Apologies for Absence: Rose Dale, Alison Skidmore, Betty Fitzgerald, Allan Cook, Nick Hawkins, Julie Davies, Ailsa Bracegirdle, Wyn Phillips & Judith Marsh.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 22nd February 2010

The minutes were approved. See below for matters arising.

Treasurer's Report

The Ty Hafan charity will receive a total of about £3500 from the May Festival Fund raising. C/Ac £5313 COIF £4641, total £9954. The Sidings Sizzler is expected to cost £1 - £2,000.

May Festival

The May Festival was a great success. An article with photos will appear in the next Radyr Chain. Events that clashed will be rescheduled to allow volunteers enough time. The committee were disappointed at the level of help from Ty Hafan for example in finding celebrities and volunteers to sell draw tickets. The Sidings Sizzler was postponed because of bad weather and will now take place on Saturday June 19th. There will be Theatre, Circus and Dance workshops for young people and in the evening there will be a wine tasting. Suggestions for future charities include the George Thomas Hospice and Tenovus (for a second time). The criterion is a charity with local volunteers who can work with the Festival Committee to make as much money as possible. The Chairman asked David to thank the Festival Committee on behalf of the RMA for all of their hard work.

Community Halls

Old Church Rooms: Fully booked. Enquiries are now being received from people outside of the immediate area (i.e. from Central Cardiff and the Valleys). A grant to replace the windows in the Garth room has been applied for. Volunteers are needed for a few hours for general maintenance. Anyone interested, please contact David Silver at david@silvera.freeseve.co.uk
Morganstown Village Hall: Fully booked.

PACT and Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

Three priorities are NW, parking and speeding. Very little information is being received from the police since the telephone system has been out of order for some considerable time. Statistics show that numbers of crimes in the area have decreased. Helen, the new PCSO has been transferred elsewhere for the next 3 weeks. Forthcoming "highway" projects include double yellow lines for Kings Avenue, Kings Road and Station Road and a zebra crossing for the junction of Min y Coed and Heol Isaaf. It is not known when this will be done as there is very little money in the Highways budget. The removal of a parking bay on Park Road may be requested as cars obscure visibility of the zebra crossing. Young recruits from the schools ("Junior PC's") will be working with the police to issue parking notices. Repeat offenders will be given official parking tickets by the police. A YOUTH PACT has been formed. Their only complaint was the mosquito device used outside of the Spar shop.

Community Issues in Radyr and Morganstown

Library and Community Plot: The Community council and the RMA reluctantly supported the building of a new library on the community plot in Radyr Sidings because the alternative would be to lose the plot of land back to the developer Taylor Wimpey plc for more housing. However, residents who used

the voting slip in Radyr Chain decided by 319 votes to 118, to keep the library where it is. In order to progress with the library Cllr Rod McKerlich proposed a series of motions.

That Radyr and Morganstown Association resolves:

- a) *To support the construction of a new library in Park Road*
- b) *To support planning applications as envisaged in the feasibility study*
- c) *To work with the library service to get the best possible interim arrangements, possibly including use of OCR car park when a suitable opportunity exists*
- d) *To offer suggestions as to lay-out and desirable features in new library through County Councillor*
- e) *To support efforts to persuade Taylor Wimpey plc to allow the community the use of the plot in the Sidings.*

A firm decision could not be made until the RMA Executive Committee and the Old Church Rooms Organising Committee has had chance to consider the proposals. A show of hands was more or less unanimous in support with the proviso that point c) should read "*To work with the library service to get the best possible interim arrangements*". It was agreed that we would try our best to save the community plot. A letter will be written to the new Chairman of Taylor Wimpey plc explaining the strength of feeling of the local residents and the adverse publicity to the company that could be generated if they were to reclaim the land and deny the community the opportunity to use it.

Mound Field: The outbreak of "Sudden Oak Death" that was discovered at the Mound Field Motte site is under control. The Parks department will advise on the possible spread of the disease. As previously discussed, representatives from the County Council, CADW, RMA and other interested parties will form a sub-committee to discuss the development of the area. An initial meeting will be held around the end of June. The county council may consider putting the old rugby club up for sale.

2010 Themes:

The Arts: Thanks go to Allan Cook for organising such a high quality arts programme during the May Festival and throughout the year. The events are very popular and well supported.

Village Plan Projects: Good progress. The welcome pack which will help to publicise new and existing facilities" is at the printers. Cyril Williams and Allan Cook have devised an "Industrial Walk". It should be available by the beginning of Sept. at the latest. Eventually there will be 6 or 7 new local walks.

Youth: The concert in Parc Radur was very successful. Cyril thanked the main organiser Beverley Lewis. A strong youth network is developing under the encouragement of Kieran Webster and others. A meeting of representatives of schools and Youth Clubs is shortly to be held.

Sports: The Radyr Rangers football tournament that started off as a May Festival event is now a high profile, independently run event that attracts over 1000 footballers from all over Cardiff. This year, prizes were awarded at the City football stadium.

Future Format of Meetings

In order to try to attract more people, an invited speaker will give a short talk at future meetings. Suggestions include a local GP from the Health Centre, an archeologist working on the historic Motte at the Mound Field and a representative from the Library Department.

Report on Local Issues by Cllr Rod McKerlich

Radyr Gardens: Rod is investigating the status of an area that may be community land.

Arriva Trains Wales: Disabled access has been requested for Radyr Station.

Cardiff County Council have taken over responsibility for the traffic wardens from the police.

Section 106 money: A large amount of the money will go towards improving the existing library. There are plans to improve the footpaths between Radyr Sidings and Llandaff. New bus shelters will be built on Heol Isaaf. A floodlit all-weather pitch for the whole community should be completed at Radyr Comprehensive by 2011.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th September 2010 at 7.30pm (OCR).