

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEETING

Morganstown Village Hall on Monday 17th September 2007 8.00pm

Present: Garry Newbould (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Elizabeth Fraser (Secretary), Maggie Roberts, David Cargill, Alison Skidmore, Cliff Skidmore, Bob and Mary Pearce, Judith Marsh, Gareth Davidson, Lewis Probert, George Carroll, Val Allen, Ailsa Bracegirdle, David Suthers, Jerry Bray, Betty Fitzgerald

Apologies for Absence: Beverley Lewis, David Silver, Nick Hawkins, Barbara and Mick Sullivan, Maureen Morgan, Rod McKerlich, Lorna Clarke, Kieran Webster

Minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 16th July 2007

The minutes were approved with the amendment that it was the WI who raised the matter of new seating. The OCR management committee stated that money had been set-aside for this purpose.

Matters Arising:

- i. Cheque for St John's was sent but hasn't been presented (**Secretary to chase.**)
- ii. Stage has been reinforced. Portable stairs with a handrail either side to be considered as a safer option to the ones we have at present.
- iii. Disabled Parking Bay to be discussed at the next Hall Management Committee Meeting.
- iv. OCR won the Cardiff in Bloom this year. Letter to be sent to Norman and his team on behalf of the RMA to thank him for his hard work. (**Action: Secretary**)
- v. The appeal against the decision to build on the corner of Junction Terrace has been turned down. Gelynis Farm and Woodfield Avenue cases are still ongoing.
- vi. Mound Field- see later.
- vii. The bursary has been paid to the retiring secretary and will continue to be paid in arrears.

Police Report

No police report.

Next PACT meeting, Thursday 10th October at 7.00pm (OCR)

Treasurer's Report

Interest has been received on the accounts. The £100 cheque from Leekes (for the ad in the May Festival programme) has been received. The NSPCC have received an additional £100 from the music group. Taking into account the cheques that have not yet been presented (St John's and Radyr Rangers) the overall balance is £5354-75. The budget was reconsidered in view of the lower income than expected from the May Festival and re-confirmed for the remainder of the financial year (until 31st December 2007).

Community Halls

Old Church Rooms: The Radyr and Morganstown Mellingriffiths Band - now the City of Cardiff Melingriffiths Band - have moved to a larger hall in Tongwynlais. A children's dance group has filled their regular booking slot. The rooms are almost fully booked at weekends until Christmas. Health & Safety monthly fire inspections have been completed. The electricity meter has been re-located. The chairs are to be replaced with upholstered seats. Quotes have been requested for an additional handrail to the existing stairs up to the stage or for a new set of portable wooden stairs with a handrail either side. The front garden is being fenced off with a gate to allow children from the nursery to play there safely. The WI has complained that the sound system is too complicated. The possibility of ensuring that the standard settings are maintained to make it easier was discussed. **(Action: Nick)** The water boiler was broken and has now been fixed and the urn isn't working but someone has been called in to mend it. It was noted that mugs had been disappearing!

Morganstown Village Hall: Booked almost to capacity by a variety of events.

Sports and Recreation

Mound Field Development: A meeting took place between Marion Drake, David Silver, Nick Hawkins, Margaret Lloyd, Roger Hughes, a representative from Radyr Rangers and two council officers. It was agreed that a proposition could be put together and presented at the portfolio executive meeting on 8th September. **(Marion Drake to provide feedback.)** If approved, this can progress to the Council Business Executive in October when the go-ahead may be given to determine what is needed and the cost etc.

Facilities at Radyr Comprehensive: The music group have decided to stage their next production at Llandaff. This will provide easier car parking and better access for the disabled.

Young People

George and Lewis of the *Radyr Comprehensive Green Flag Committee (RCGFC)* gave a short presentation. They explained that the purpose of their committee is to improve the local environment and community. There are 14 ordinary members and 4 executive committee members. They have adopted Radyr Station as part of the Arriva Trains Wales (ATW) "Adopt a Station" scheme and will report back to the company on anti-social behaviour, litter etc. They hope to improve the look of the station by painting railings and providing hanging baskets. The cost would be met by ATW. They also hope to raise awareness in the school with posters and articles in the newsletter and to introduce re-cycling bins to every classroom at the school. More information can be found on their website. It was noted that a particular area in the school grounds was littered with rubbish and they offered to organise a work-party to clear it.

Radyr Link: A draft copy of articles written by young people for the special insert in the next Radyr Chain has been received.

Planning

Radyr Sidings 2/3: The community council has not objected to the amended plans for around 420 dwellings. They have asked for a review of the traffic and the money from planning gain for the community which were originally calculated on the basis of there being 350 units. Concerns were also raised about the space earmarked for a residential home and for community facilities; if the

space is not utilised within 5 years it will revert to extra housing. The planners have asserted that a second access to the site (presently known as Cart Road 52) will remain in the event of the bridge road to the site becoming blocked. The practise of “garden-grabbing” or building houses on sites that were formally part of the garden of a house is set to continue for the next 8-10 years as new regulations reinforce the importance of higher density housing in the available sites.

Community Area at Radyr Sidings 2/3

Nick Hawkins has written to Cardiff County Council on behalf of the Radyr and Morganstown Association in respect of the community area development. This is an area of about 2000sq.metres. No feedback has been received from “Brains” the brewery who were invited to consider the site for a Public House. Some members of the committee have visited a community project in Thornhill to see a community venture there.

Any Other Business

Good Neighbours Scheme: A complaint was made that there were no photographs from the party in the Festival Issue of the Radyr Chain. It is hoped that this omission will be rectified in future years.

The cleanliness of Heol Isaf was raised. An employee of Cardiff City Council clears litter from the main road and additional areas such as that around the shops on Station Road. A request was made for the bins there to be emptied more frequently and for someone to pick the litter further down the main road towards Morganstown. (Action: letter to Cardiff City Council through Marion Drake and to ring the non-emergency number 101 to report such incidents.)

There is to be a visit to the quarry for those with a professional interest. (Contact Helena Fox for further details.)

Police Matters: An advert for the position of Chairman of the PACT meetings has been placed on the web. A name has been received and passed on to the police. Concern was expressed about the lack of police presence. To be raised at the next General Meeting.

Garry drew attention to the full programme of events that are noted in the web diary. He will be participating in the Great North run and Cardiff Half Marathon in aid of the NSPCC and is looking for sponsors.

Next Meeting: Monday 19th November 2007 - 8pm (OCR)