

# THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

## Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007 in the Old Church Rooms, Radyr

**Present:** Nick Hawkins (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Julie Williams (Secretary), S.W.P Officer Huw Thomas, David Cargill, Garry Newbould, Jim Ridgway, Maggie Roberts, Cllr's David Silver, Judith Marsh, David Suthers and Sue Philpott, Helena Fox, Jerry Bray, Cliff Skidmore, Kieran Webster, Val Allen, Elizabeth Fraser, Betty Fitzgerald, Mary Pearce, Maureen Morgan, Mary Hawkins, Gareth Davidson, Rod McKerlich.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Steven Fowler, Cyril Williams, Allan Cook, Julie Davies, Caroline Noall, Robert Pearce, Jane Morris, Joan Thorley. Clive Morgan, Roger and Margaret Watt, Hilary Borrow, Val Fox. The Chairman welcomed Police Officer Huw Thomas to the meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** (Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006). The minutes were approved. **Matters arising: Christmas Trees:** Thanks were passed to Robin Jones for putting up and taking down the trees in Station Road. **Wind In the Willows:** Congratulations were given to Allan Cook and the Drama Group for a very good show. **Christmas Tree Lighting:** Sadly the Christmas tree in Morganstown was blown down in a storm just before the carol singing, but the event in Radyr went ahead briefly (given the conditions) as did the reception in the Old Church Rooms. All other items covered in the Agenda.
- 3. Police Report:** About 38 residents attended the PACT meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2007. Some of the concerns raised were speeding through the village, parking problems, and the number of learner drivers around in specific areas. A major trouble spot is the parking around Kings Road and Taff Terrace for those using the trains. They cause an obstruction with residents not being able to see around the corner. Another concern was the misuse of the disabled bays outside the chemist in Station Road with non disabled users parking there. The next PACT meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm. There had been a break in at the Comprehensive School and a fire extinguisher was missing; if found, it should be returned. PC Thomas gave out the Trading Standards number for rogue traders (02920 397782) and also mentioned that he would be joined by a probationer in the following week.
- 4. Financial position:** The Treasurer reminded members the financial year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December and the accounts would be reported formally at the AGM. Subject to audit, there had been a surplus in the year of £598.05 and the accounts now stood at Reserve: £243.66, COIF: £4380.16, C/A: £1375.26 giving a total of £5999.08. This was significantly over the Association's reserve limit of £5000 but there were plans for spending some of this money on youth projects including the forthcoming Youth edition of the Chain and possible subsequent editions. The Association might also need to increase its reserves limit to provide a greater buffer for Festival events as Arts Council funding was being reduced. There were also plans to provide an improved outside sound system. The Association's public liability insurance (fundamentally based on the Old Church Rooms but covering all Association activities) had been renewed with a different insurer who had offered a lower price of £1700 with the Association paying £335 towards it for its share of the cover. Thanks were expressed to Geoff Saunders and David Cargill for arranging this. The Treasurer reported that 'Twelfth Night' had produced a surplus of £40 and £45 had been paid for the Christmas trees in Station Road.
- 5. Messages/Ideas:** A selection of events from the on-line diary were read out. **12<sup>th</sup> February: Festival Meeting** at 7pm in the OCR. **13<sup>th</sup> February:** Church Quiz on at 7.30pm in the New School Rooms. **14<sup>th</sup> February: May Queen Auditions.** Girls are invited to attend the Guide Hut at 6.30pm. **14<sup>th</sup> February:** the NSPCC, the Festival Charity for 2007, is inviting everyone to come along, pay a pound, and the ladies from 'Clarin's' will place some lipstick on your lips and you will 'Kiss a Card'. All cards will be mounted on a wall and a celebrity Judge will judge them in the evening. **15<sup>th</sup> February: Fundraising event at Radyr Golf Club for Dan Y Bryn** at 10.30am. **17<sup>th</sup> February: the Radyr Primary and Bryn Deri PTA's Spring Ball.** **21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February: Performance of Patience by the RPMG.** 7.30pm at the Drama Studio. From **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** the series of Friday **Lent lunches** take place at Christ Church. **23<sup>rd</sup> March: Tenovus are holding an evening of 'Music with the lost chords',** 7.30pm in the OCR. **24<sup>th</sup> March: Twinning Fellowship** are holding their Bi-Annual Quiz night, 7.30pm in the OCR.
- 6. Festival:** It has been decided that the Charity for 2008 will be Dan Y Bryn Cheshire Home, it being their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; the Motor Neurone Disease Association will be the Charity in 2009. The 2007 Festival would again be two weeks, starting on 5<sup>th</sup> May. In fact, it could be regarded as longer as there were plans for the Drama Group to perform the Mystery Plays from 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May in Christ Church. As 2007 is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Festival there would be a special dinner at the Golf Club on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May with a guest speaker. Names of past Association Festival committee members were requested. Planned Festival events included 'At the Drop of another Hippopotamus', Simon Davison (concert), Sian Winstanley (lunch time concert), a video of Arthur's place, Fluellen (or equivalent company), and a Welsh evening. **Importantly, the Fete Day had been moved to the second Saturday of the Festival (13<sup>th</sup> May) to avoid a clash with the football in town.** A request was made that all users using the OCR during the Festival clear up properly after themselves.

**7. Community Council:** Cllr Sue Philpott wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked all those who had attended the lighting of the Christmas trees in the rain. She informed members that there were problems with capping stones for the Windsor Garden wall.

**8. Planning: 94 Heol Isaf:** A site meeting had been held and the application would probably be approved due to County Council concerns of the cost of appeal. **1 Woodfield Avenue:** This was a similar application to the one made a year before but for a smaller building. There is concern as the access would be onto the adjacent lane (actually a designated public footpath), which should not be adopted as a road. The Association has been asked by a local resident to oppose the plans. It was agreed the Chair would write opposing the application. **Sidings 2:** An application has been submitted by Barrett Homes for 99 units. There is still concern over the lack of visitor parking spaces and the over-development of the area. It was agreed the Chair would write opposing the application and asking for the original planning calculations (particularly traffic figures) to be revisited, dual access (via the cart road) to be considered and a footpath to be provided across the railway line to the Comprehensive School. **8 Drysgol Road:** This would not be heard at the January Planning meeting as a traffic report was awaited. Concern had been raised over the possible damage to trees at the back of houses on 'The Green'. It is feared that the developer would like to demolish the 'Lodge' and bring the proposed flats to the middle of the development, thus avoiding issues with trees. **Park Road:** Cllr Drake has called a site meeting on 10.30am Friday, 26 January. There are mixed feelings about the proposed road changes. Concern was raised about the lack of disabled parking for those wishing to use the library. **Community Plot (Sidings):** If we are not to lose this facility to more houses we need to have a good use for the site. Brains has been approached but nothing more had been heard. David Cargill agreed to check on the situation. **Bethel Chapel:** In a sad state of repair. It has been sold to a private buyer with the restriction that the graveyard remains.

**9. Halls: OCR:** The roof had been fixed. The Chair was asked about seating pads or new chairs for the OCR as the present ones are uncomfortable. Concern was raised over the lack of visibility of hall bookings on the website; and the suggestion had been made that all hall booking facilities become available on the main header on the website under the heading 'Hall Bookings'. **MVH:** Maggie reported that the kitchen was going to be updated in two phases starting at half term.

**10. Themes: Website:** As members would have heard, the webmaster, Robin Williams, had not been well recently but was now 'back at work' and feeling better. **Art:** The next sub-committee meeting would be held on 21<sup>st</sup> of January. If anyone wished to be involved please contact the Chairman. There had been little progress on the proposed Station Road advertising notice board following a number of queries raised by Cllr Drake. The Chairman would progress the matter. **Sport:** The proposition raised by Ken Williams at the last meeting had been discussed with the Officers, Community Council and Association representatives. There were monies available but the original agreement raised by the Sports Trust seemed to have lapsed, especially since concerns had been raised by the Council that the Trust was no longer a legitimate body. In fact, the details of the original agreement with the Trust remained unclear. However, no decisions had been made and more enquires needed to be made. On a positive note, the members of the Sports sub-committee had agreed to be actively involved during the Festival with the Cricket Club holding a competition on May Day afternoon. **Neighbourhood Watch:** three new co-ordinators had been appointed. **Youth:** Kieran Webster and Garry Newbould were working with Bob and Mary Pearce to facilitate a Youth Edition of Radyr Chain. This would be in magazine format with the centre, possibly colour pages, being in a pull out format. The Association would pay for the colour pages. It was suggested that, if the youth liked this idea and were willing to supply further editorial, it could become a regular edition. They were also working on video blogs to go onto the website.

**11. Any Other Business: Minutes:** It was proposed that draft notes of the meetings should be placed on the website, before being ratified at the following meeting. This was agreed. **Roald Dahl:** The gatepost on the grass area by the old Lodge had disappeared; Allan Cook agreed to ask around to see if he could discover its whereabouts. **Rubbish:** It was reported that all the rubbish and graffiti around the motorway bridge on Morganstown side had been cleared and there a litter bin would be provided on the Radyr side of the bridge. **Annual General Meeting:** The Chairman reminded members the next meeting was the AGM and looked forward to seeing them at what would be his last AGM as he would be stepping down after 11 years in office.

**12. Next Meeting: The Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007 in the OCR, starting at 8pm.** All future dates, except for May will be on a Monday for 2007. Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, OCR. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, OCR. September (TBC), Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, OCR. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008, OCR.