

# THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Old Church Rooms on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005

- 1. In Attendance:** Nick Hawkins (Chairman), Ken Williams, Julie Williams (Secretary), Chris Dale, Maggie Roberts (Twinning Fellowship/MVH), Maureen Morgan (WI), Kieran Webster & Gareth Davidson (Baptist), Cllrs Ron Eccles & David Suthers, Derek Bateman (Drama/MVH), Ivy Williams (MVH), Mike Clarke (RLTC).
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Marion Drake, Val Allen (Ty Gwyn Pony Club), David Cargill, Bob Roberts, Joan Thorley (Senior Citizens), Steve Fowler (Comprehensive School, Geoff Saunders, Ann Smith (Adult Education), Caroline Noall (Library), Jerry Bray, Jean Monk, Ailsa Bracegirdle (RPMG), Julie Davies, Karen Whitecross, Robin Jones, Robin Williams, Bob & Mary Pearce, Chris Wills, Rod McKerlich, Mary Hawkins, Cllr Sue Philpott, Lorna Clarke, Betty Fitzgerald (Tenovus).

Nick welcomed all and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He apologised for the late change to the date of the meeting which had resulted in a higher number of absences than usual.

- 3. Minutes of the last Meeting (16<sup>th</sup> November 2004):** Nick apologised for the late distribution of the minutes, which was due to a computer problem. The minutes were approved.
- 4. Matters Arising: The Rector** was much better and likely to return to Parish duties around Easter. **Welsh Team Football:** Would now be raffled on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Radyr Rangers event. The money will still go to the Noah's Ark appeal. **RLTC:** Mike Clarke explained that the Tennis Club had no objection to the siting of the proposed Health Centre but had concerns about access, parking and land boundaries.
- 5. Planning. New Health Centre:** The Chairman declared an interest in the discussion due to his position as Church Warden. The RLTC's concerns about access were noted and echoed by members. However, these could not be discussed until the detailed traffic proposals were known. Nevertheless, 50 or more residents had signed a petition against the siting of the Health Centre on the Rectory Gardens on traffic and other grounds. This was concerning both to Association members and the doctors because it was felt that most residents would prefer to keep the HC in Radyr and this was a very negative petition. After discussions with the doctors, the Association had raised a petition in support of the proposed site. Copies were available at the surgery, the local chemist and the OCR and MVH. There was also a pro-forma of an individual letter of support. It was also noted that Welsh Water had ruled that the new HC cannot be connected to the main YPD sewer until the upgrade is complete. This would stop the doctors' plans of occupying the HC by the end of 2006, which would be dangerous as the existing surgery is already overstretched. The possibility of sewage holding tanks was discussed but it was felt it was not a positive way forward since the Association had been objecting to them elsewhere in the village. It was agreed the Association, CC and Cllr Drake should work together to apply pressure where necessary as there must be a way of allowing the new HC to be attached to the drains on completion; after all they are only closing one building to re-open another. **Radyr Arms site/Station Road:** Work is continuing. McCarthy and Stone made an application to close the lower end of Station Road. Cllr Marion Drake was clearly opposed to the idea and nothing has been heard. Mike Young's offer of developing a vision for Station Road has been accepted. **Radyr Gardens, Sewerage problems:** The planning officers were lobbied but permission for the temporary sewage system was given. However, permission to vary the original Section 106 conditions was not granted, which means the houses and sewage system may be built, but the houses cannot be connected to the system. Bellway will be appealing against this. **Sidings 2:** Permission for the temporary sewage system has been given and the Section 106 conditions were varied. So we can expect planning applications to go in shortly. There has been a noticeable increase in vehicular activity up Kings Road and it is felt a new Traffic Survey is becoming increasingly important. Transport is becoming a problem through the village and towards Llandaff as the roads have been at gridlock and trains often do not stop in Radyr because they are full. As there are to be road works on the A470 more traffic would be making its way through the village in the near future. **Joint Planning Committee:** The Chairman felt that a joint committee between the Association and the CC was even more necessary with crucial planning applications (e.g. for Sidings 2) affecting our way of life about to be submitted. Cllr Ron Eccles had been trying to arrange a meeting between himself, the Chairman and Cllr Drake but, due to Cllr Drake's commitments this had yet to occur. Hopefully there may be more available time in February. If the Association and CC do not work closely together on planning matters more disruption may ensue for the residents.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** In the Treasurer's absence the Chairman reported the end of year figures stood at approximately C/A: £610.29, Reserve: £233.53, COIF: £4020.66, Events: £117.37 giving a total of £4981.85. Around £20 had been spent on new Christmas tree lights for next year (getting in early for next year via the sales). This left the Association just within the £5000 reserve limit but we unexpectedly did rather well in 2004

which is an improvement on past years. This was mainly due to the lack of projects on which to spend our money. £1300 was donated to the Festival Charity Noah's Ark.

7. **Community Council Report:** Cllr Ron Eccles reported that the Council had been setting its budget. One third goes into the OCR, capital grants and insurance. The precept is going down as a percentage because of the number of new houses being built. It was considered that the CC and Association should be advertising themselves to the newer residents. The CC had been pleased to support the MVH, Radyr Woods and various other organisations with grants this past year. Cwm Farm play area has received funding via the Millennium Lottery Fund. It is hoped this new facility will be actively used by the youngsters who have been involved in its planning. Cllrs have been liaising with the Police and the NW groups. Disappointment was expressed in the Council's minutes that the MVH feasibility study had been put into abeyance for the foreseeable future. Cllr Eccles explained that the CC was waiting for the MVH to ask for their participation; the MVH Chairman was aware of this. The Chairman thanked Cllr Eccles for his report.
8. **Police:** David Cargill had attended a Neighbourhood Watch meeting with Cllrs Ray Belt and Mike Diment and the principle agreed that there should be a joint CC/RMA project to re-launch NW. The mobile CCTV camera, promised 18 months ago, was still awaited. The amount of rubbish to be seen around the Health Centre and Library was again raised as there seemed to be little effort made to keep it clean. It was felt it discredited the community and sent the wrong messages to the young. If an area was kept clean it seemed to stay clean. It was suggested that this is where the Outreach workers should now be targeting the youngsters. Whilst some felt the Outreach workers had done some good, as there had been a decrease in aggravating behaviour around Pentwyn Park and fewer general problems around the village, others were unsure. It was mentioned that one local business might leave Station Road as soon as their lease was up as they felt the area was too messy to ply their business in.
9. **Messages/Ideas:** the following items were mentioned. Sale of goods at the **Methodist Church** on 29<sup>th</sup> January in aid of the Tsunami appeal. **Dan y Bryn** Coffee morning at the Golf Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 10.30am. **Friends of Guiding** February Fiesta at 6.30pm also on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Parish Shrove Tuesday Quiz** on 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. **Lent lunches** start in Christ Church on 11<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30. **RPMG** – the Sorcerer 16<sup>th</sup>—19<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm. **WI** 'Protecting our environment' by Roger Reed on 28<sup>th</sup> February.
10. **Sports Trust:** Roger Hughes had been invited to attend the Association meeting to update everyone present. In his absence it was reported that Rod McKerlich had attended the last ST meeting and he understood that Roger intended to call an AGM late January or early February. A number of people expressed an interest in attending and asked to be informed. Rod was investigating the possibility of purchasing or leasing the land on either side of the access road to Gelynys Farm. There is a proposal to use planning gain money to build a basic Dutch barn for sports purposes on the present mid field car park. Rod was concerned that there are presently no drawings, costings or minutes available from the ST. The MVH feasibility study is still on hold but it would be advantageous for it to be convened to co-ordinate all the actions necessary to make the best use of the MF and the monies available.
11. **Halls: OCR:** The upgrade of the disabled access is complete and the new doors will be in place soon. The Garth Room carpet was cleaned over the Christmas period. There is a need for users to make more effort to tidy the facilities they have used, leaving it as they would like to find it. A few tables are still missing. It was suggested the OCR purchase new chairs as the old ones were uncomfortable. **MVH:** The Car boot sale will become a regular event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month between 9 am and noon. The Hall has had a structural survey and the detailed report is awaited. The hall is now charging £14 a session.
12. **Festival 2005.** Planning started earlier this year and the benefits are showing. Next meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> January, 8pm OCR. The Festival Theme is Cardiff 2005 and the chosen charity Tenovus. David Cargill had written to County re closure of Park Road and is waiting a reply and also to McCarthy and Stone asking them if they will support an event. Derek Brockway will open the fete. The Ladies Morris dancers will perform at the fete. There will be a Dog show. Stage Coach Theatre group will perform at the Crowning Ceremony. The programme will hold a map in its centre pages. The Cardiff Male Voice choir will be performing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday; there will be a RPMG concert on the second and the Mellingriffith Band is on the last Saturday; all in the MVH. The key prizes for the draw need to be in place by the end of March. A Music Competition has been suggested for the Festival and a donor is prepared to put forward £250 if other organisations are prepared to match that sum to make up a prize fund. The Chairman reminded members that the Festival is a shop front for all organisations so any not yet involved should think about doing so.
13. **Future Themes: Website:** Nothing to report, the team continue to improve the site to encourage more interest. **Conservation:** Still awaiting news from Cllr Drake on this matter. There are some concerns over the amount of time it is taking. **Arts:** Allan has found a possible notice board for Station Road which we hope will be in place by the festival. **Youth Involvement.** The Comprehensive School Youth Council

meeting planned for 30<sup>th</sup> November was called off and another date has yet to be set. The Chairman had received no response to numerous messages sent to the Comprehensive School on the matter and he was close to concluding that the School was not interested in the initiative. It was suggested that Association should ask for a notice board in the school. **Station Road Shopkeepers:** The Victorian Fair wasn't held due to the lack of time to get it organised, however the new issues regarding the Road may increase the shopkeepers' interest for next year.

14. **Any Other Business: Morganstown PO:** The informal group had met to discuss the viability of the PO being placed in the MVH or its present building. There will be a presentation in March. **Rhiwbina Society:** They have extended an open invitation to attend their meetings. The Chairman will supply a programme of their dates and events. **AGM Elections.** The Chairman reminded the meeting that all Executive Committee positions were open to election. Nominations could be made up to the day before the AGM. **Comprehensive School Sports Hall:** No decisions had yet been made as to the hiring of the sports hall for community use. It was mentioned that some of the money raised for the hall was because it sold itself as a community school. Its catchment area is the whole of NW Cardiff.
15. **Date of next meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> April The Annual General Meeting 8pm in the Old Church Rooms, 23<sup>rd</sup> May OCR, 18<sup>th</sup> July MVH, 26<sup>th</sup> September OCR, 15<sup>th</sup> November OCR, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2006 OCR.**