

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 Monday 16th November 2004

- 1. In Attendance:** Nick Hawkins (Chair), Ken Williams, Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Julie Williams (Secretary), Dave Cargill, Jim Ridgway (MVH), Val Allen (Ty Gwyn Pony Club), Joan Thorley (Senior Citizens), Maggie Roberts (Twinning Fellowship/MVH), Geoff Saunders, Kieran Webster, Bob & Mary Pearce (Chain), Betty Fitzgerald (Tenovus), Joyce Suthers, Cllr David Suthers, Jerry Bray (Bowls), Ailsa Bracegirdle (RPMG), Janet Thomas (MVH), Derek Bateman (Drama/MVH), PC Andrew Smith.
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Marion Drake, Steve Fowler (Comprehensive School), Chris Dale, Ann Smith (Adult Education), Caroline Noall (Library), Hilary and Peter Borrow, Maureen Morgan (WI), Rev Bill Barlow.

Nick briefly mentioned the news about the Rector and thanked all those who had sent their best wishes. He welcomed PC Andrew Smith to the meeting.

- 3. Minutes of the last Meeting (27th September):** These were accepted with two amendments: (1) **Apologies** Inspector Roberts was not present and had sent his apologies. (2) **Para 11 (MVH Section) to read:** Maggie Roberts gave the following report. During August we replaced the short staircase leading to the stage and the backstage room. Last Saturday we had a working party to tidy up the hall and grounds. We have a full calendar of events for the next few months with only a few morning sessions free, apart from one or two afternoons free during half term and the Christmas period. We have a Car Boot sale arranged for Sunday 12th December in the hall grounds from 9.30am until 12 noon, £5.00 per car. At the AGM. held on Monday 13th September there was some confusion regarding the Governing Document. This was not produced at the meeting. We were therefore unable to appoint Officers of the Committee and it is possible that we may have to reconvene the AGM. For the time being the present Officers are continuing to run the hall until the matter is resolved.
- 4. Matters Arising:** The Chairman reported on the opening of the new sports hall at the Comprehensive school in September. Mr Fowler had sent his apologies because he was attending a meeting of the Governors where it was hoped they would be able to confirm community group lettings in time for a January start. The Welsh Team football would be raffled by Radyr Rangers later in the month. Festival 2005 – Betty Fitzgerald confirmed Derek Brockway would open the Carnival on 14th May 2005. All other items covered by the agenda.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Mr Roberts reported that the accounts currently stood at - C/A £715.24, Reserve £232.21, COIF, £3980.66, Events, £117.37. Grand Total: £5045.48. Two cheques were outstanding – for the British Legion and payment for the lottery license. He was currently looking at the best interest rates for charities, but so far the COIF account seemed the best.
- 6. Community Council Report:** The Community Council was presently addressing the problems of temporary sewerage systems being proposed in two locations in the village.
- 7. Police:** PC Smith reported there had been a couple of burglaries in the area. An individual had been arrested and since then things have calmed down. The Pentwyn area had been quieter of late. It had yet to be decided where the mobile CCTV camera should be placed; one suggestion was near the library after the recent attack and also because of the continuing mess found in the precinct. A formal notice has to be placed in the area where a CCTV camera is located and the radio controlled monitor will be in the Police Office. Mr Cargill gave a brief update of the last Neighbourhood Watch meeting. He had tried to contact all 60 co-ordinators on the NW list. Many had moved or did not reply and only 24 agreed to continue. There was to be a meeting with Inspector Palmer, PCs Minton and Smith before Christmas and another meeting with the existing co-ordinators in the New Year. A suggestion was made that a job list of what a NW co-ordinator was being asked to do should be made available; it was felt that, if the responsibility was seen to be less onerous, residents may be more willing to put their names forward. The Chairman thanked PC Smith for his report.
- 8. Planning. Radyr Arms site:** Work has started on site. Cllr Drake has confirmed that only 46+1 flats were approved as opposed to the 51 mentioned in the letter that went to residents. The £12,500 planning gain is hopefully to be used to upgrade Station Road. Mike Young has offered to prepare a representation of how Station Road could look after refurbishment. It was agreed that this should be accepted. **New Health Centre:** The Chairman declared an interest as Church Warden before passing on the information that the planning application had been submitted and that a copy of the plans were available to view after the meeting. The Plymouth Estates own the road to the Tennis Club and the Tennis Club had submitted an objection to the development. The suggestion was made that residents should be informed of the objection so they could write in and support the application. The Chairman agreed to ask both Cllr Drake and the Health Centre doctors how best to do this. It was agreed that no one wanted to see the Health Centre move out of the village and it would make

Plymouth Estates and the Tennis Club very unpopular with residents if the Centre was lost because of their actions. **Radyr Gardens, Sewerage problems:** Bellway Homes had built seven houses and were trying to sell them in contravention of the Section 106 requirement that no home could be occupied prior to the upgrading of the main YPD sewer. Bellway had submitted a new planning application for temporary sewerage treatment works and had made an appeal against the rejection by the Council of the earlier application. Cllr Drake was arranging a site visit before the hearing can take place on this matter. It was agreed that the Association lobby the planning committee members in this matter explaining our concerns that 'temporary' may become permanent. **Sidings 2:** A similar planning application as for Radyr Gardens had been submitted regarding sewerage. It was agreed this should also be opposed. A detailed planning application for the site was awaited but there were concerns that this might be for considerably more houses than the 350 featured in the original outline application – 425 had been mentioned. Previous concerns about the amount of traffic exiting onto Heol Isaf would be considerably worsened if more houses were built, and there was some informal evidence that the Sidings 1 development was generating more traffic than predicted. It was agreed that the Association should ask for a new impartial traffic survey. Cllr Eccles was trying to arrange a meeting with Cllr Drake to discuss these and other concerns. **Unitary Plan:** Plymouth Estates had submitted an objection to the lodged UDP and proposed a major development of four new 'villages' (including 'South Radyr') between Llantrisant Road and Pentreban.

9. **Messages/Ideas: Tenovus** was arranging an Evening of Beauty with Clarin's on 17th November in the New School Rooms. Tickets £4. There will be mulled wine and mince pies, Christmas Cards and Gifts. **Drama:** Stepping Out was already sold out for Sat and Thurs. **Coffee Morning Radyr Library** Friday 7.15 for Welsh learners and speakers. **Radyr Primary PTA:** Concert on Sunday. **Christmas Trees Lighting:** The Community Council tree lighting would take place on 2nd December, 7pm in the Granny Park and 7.30 at Windsor Gardens. It was hoped all who attend would join them at the OCR afterwards for mulled wine and a mince pie. **Radyr Primary Xmas Fair:** Sat 4th Dec in the evening. **Young Persons Concert:** Christ Church 6pm 5th December. Robin Jones will be the compère. **Car Boot/Table sale** 12th December 9am, MVH. **Radyr Library** presents Christmas Stories and Crafts 10th December 10.30am.
10. **Sports Trust:** The MVH feasibility proposal was on hold pending a letter from the MVH committee. The Rugby Clubhouse had been refurbished using, it was understood, County and not Sports Trust money. In discussion it was noted that the ST's stated aim when it was established in 1999 was to set up a better sports facility in Morganstown on the Mound Field. Money and land were becoming available but no further movement had taken place. This was not due to the ST but because County had led them to believe some facilities would be available, but which they had now decided could not. The feasibility study could help in moving things forward, but this was dependent on the MVH committee. £350,000 was potentially available – £260,000 from sidings 2, plus £45,000 currently available. These funds are due to be spent within the R&M community but, if no local projects are identified, they could be frittered away on other projects around Cardiff. It was agreed that the Association should try to get involved but it was also noted that Cllr Drake had the sole mandate to deal with council officers. It was thought that Cllr Drake was hoping to have a Dutch barn facility erected on the MF.
11. **Halls:** OCR: Upgrade of the disabled access to the rear of the building was to take place shortly. Four tables have been 'borrowed' – please could they be returned? **MVH:** A new committee had been elected; Derek Bateman, Chair, Paul Ridgway, vice Chair, Georgie German, Secretary, Maggie Roberts, Booking Officer and Ivy Williams, Treasurer. Sub-groups are being established to deal with matters such as finance and the May Festival. The Community Council had offered to pay for a survey and a re-evaluation so the committee can discover what money is needed, where and what grants to apply for. It was pointed out that the slope down to the hall was too steep for a motorised disabled chair to climb.
12. **Future Themes: Website:** The Webteam was aiming to 'beef-up' the site and make it more attractive. There had been a 50% increase in usage since it was re-launched in April. The Webteam was eager to encourage all organisations presently not on the site to have 'a presence'. **Conservation:** The Chairman had spoken to Cllr Drake who had promised to speak to the Council Officers and requested that no further action is taken by the Association. **Arts:** Allan Cook was aiming at establishing a number of arts advertising boards around the village. He was also aiming for four main events for the Festival and still hoped for involvement in the Cardiff Dahl Trail. One proposal was that the Garth Room in the OCR should be renamed the Dahl Room. **Youth Involvement.** The Chairman had been invited to address the Comprehensive School Youth Council and hoped to find a couple of youngsters willing to be involved with the Executive Committee. **Station Road Shopkeepers:** Robin Jones had had a meeting with the shopkeepers. The suggestion had been made for a Victorian Fair in Station Road on 18th December, but sadly it had been decided it was too short a notice to arrange successfully. The idea would be put on the agenda for next year.
13. **Any Other Business: Morganstown PO:** Mr Hibbert had planned to retire in September but was holding the PO open until Christmas Eve. He was hoping a co-operative could be set up to run it either in the old PO or possibly in a room in the MVH. 70 possible trustees had been identified but only three people had shown any willingness to be directly involved with the PO. The MVH committee would be discussing the MVH option at

their next meeting. **Festival 2005:** The Festival Committee would be meeting on 7th December at 8pm in the OCR. Mick Sullivan would be showing his festival 2004 presentation. **Youth Forum:** 5.30pm OCR 7th December. **History Society:** There was some concern about footpaths in R&M being near impassable or closed. There were also problems with the developers. It was agreed these concerns should be passed to the Community Council.

14. **Date of next meeting:** 18th January 2005 in the OCR. **(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)** Will notify shortly the new dates for 2005.