

# THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

## **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at the Old Church Rooms, Radyr**

**Present:** Nick Hawkins (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Julie Williams (Secretary), Ken Williams, PC Andrew Smith, Robin Jones, David Cargill, Val Allen, Pam St Leger, Cllr's Margaret Lloyd & Judith Marsh, Rod McKerlich, Margaret Watt, Maureen Morgan, Betty Fitzgerald, Bob & Mary Pearce, Chris Dale, Geoff Saunders, Ailsa Bracegirdle, Julie Davies.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Marion Drake, Allan Cook, Maggie Roberts, Jim Ridgway, Steve Fowler, Caroline Noall, Karen Whitecross, Joan Thorley, Cllr Ron Eccles, Garry Newbould., Peter Jones.

*The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including PC Andrew Smith.*

**1. Minutes of the last meeting (15<sup>th</sup> November 2005) and matters arising:** The minutes were approved.

**Matters arising:** All matters covered in the agenda.

**2. Financial position:** The Treasurer reported there had been a lot of activity on the accounts since the last meeting. The Events Account had been closed; the Radyr Tuesday Club had been given a grant of £200; a contribution of £124 had been made for improved stage lighting in MVH, but this had been more than offset by the retention of £200 from the profits of Maria Martin with the agreement of the Arts Council; and £50 had been spent on the Station Road Christmas trees. In addition, the Association had paid for the new Sound System in the OCR, supported by grants of £300 from the WI and £200 from the Baptist Church. It had been agreed that the Association's contribution to the Sound System would be £500, with the balance coming from the OCR Management Committee plus a County Council grant. These monies were outstanding but had been applied for at year-end. Consequently, the provisional year-end accounts were distorted and stood at: C/A £5232.05 (less outstanding cheques for December of £4324.73) leaving a balance of £907.32, Reserve: £238.58, COIF: £1227.30, Total: £ 2373.20. Once the distortions are resolved, he expected that the Association would have made a £412 surplus over the year, primarily due to the unexpectedly good Festival returns. This would leave the Association above its Reserve limit of £5000, but there is no penalty for being over the stated limit. He noted that, in 2006, it would be possible to limit net Festival income by phrasing the draw so that 'at least half the proceeds will be donated to the charity'. In 2005 it was stated 'only half' would go to the charity, and it was not legally possible to give more due to a conflict with the Association's charitable objects. Finally, he noted that RAMADA (Radyr & Morganstown Anti Development Association) were about to close its books and had offered to pass the residual amount (about £200) to the Association.

**3. Police Report:** It was noted that there was still no formal reply to the letter to Kevin Brennan: this would be chased. PC Smith presented a verbal report. (Secretary's note: formal written report attached). He reported that a recent burglary had been caught on CCTV camera, so the person responsible was known. He went on to explain that S. Wales would be implementing the Government's Neighbourhood Policing Policy in the coming year. Every ward would have a dedicated Police Team, which would mean a more effective service to that ward and bring the Police closer to the community. There will be fast response teams; all calls will go to a tasking centre where the call will be assessed to enable the right resources to be sent to the situation. The Chairman reminded the meeting there would be a public Neighbourhood Watch meeting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the OCR (topic 'Crime and Crime Prevention') where questions on the new arrangements could be asked. The panel would include PC Smith, PC Bill Minton and Martin Murphy.

**4. Messages/Ideas:** The following items were mentioned: the **Neighbourhood Watch meeting** (see the Police item or on-line diary for details); the R&M Association **Festival Queen & Attendants auditions** on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30 pm in the Guide Hall.; the **Radyr Comprehensive PTA dinner/dance** at the Golf Club on 4<sup>th</sup> February (tickets £25, tel. Jan Tiley on 2030 6224); an **Evening of International Music** at Christ Church on 16<sup>th</sup> February (organised by Ruth Xeri and other students at the Atlantic College raising funds for a school in S America. Adults, £4, Concessions, £3, Family [2 adults 2 +children], £10 tel. 2084 2668); the **RPMG performance of Guys and Dolls** on 22<sup>nd</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 in the Drama studio; the **R & M Tenovus Group** event on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the New School Rooms "Spice Up Your Dinner Party" (tickets £5 2084 2096); the **Twinning Fellowship Wine Tasting and Quiz Night** on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7:30pm (tickets £10 from Maggie 2084 2995 to include supper. Teams of 8/10) and the **Shrove Tuesday Quiz** on 25<sup>th</sup> February in the New School Rooms (details from Chris Dale, 2084 4464).

**5. Community Council:** The Chairman welcomed Cllr Margaret Lloyd, Community Council Chairman, and Cllr Judith Marsh to the meeting. Margaret thanked all those who had supported the lighting of the village Christmas trees. She reported that the Community Council was advertising for a new Clerk as Karen was, sadly, retiring. The Council was still funding the work of the Outreach Workers, who felt they had managed to gain the confidence of a number of the youths. There had been a few meetings at the Youth Club aimed at raising awareness of drugs and alcohol. The contact with youngsters had been very successful in gaining their input to the design of the 'Arena'. Concern was raised by a resident who had seen some youngsters 'up to mischief', with the youth workers watching but not intervening at all. In discussion it was noted that it took time to gain the young people's trust and often, just as that trust was gained, they appeared to grow out of their 'troublemaking' and a new group emerged. Groups of 12-14 yr olds were not a major problem; the problems occurred when the 16/17yr olds arrived. The younger children then copied the older children. This happened when a group of them played 'chicken' on Heol Isaf. Cllr Lloyd agreed to speak to PC Smith. Cllr Lloyd then reported that the 'Community Directory' was being updated, with the request that all organisations should tell the Council of any changes

**6. Planning: Health Centre:** Work has started on site but the completion date is unknown. **New Rectory:** Tenders will be invited shortly; a Planning Application has been made for a garage. **The Green:** the application was refused. **Sidings 2:** The hearing was to take place on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January. A petition with 74 signatures had been submitted which would allow the Association to speak. A number of matters would be mentioned; the Association had consulted an expert who had reported that the proposed design is too intensive, being built to urban density standards; traffic volumes and safety were also an issue; the Community Council had asked for an updated traffic survey as the developers were still working on 2002 numbers; there was doubt over accessibility for buses and emergency vehicles; the number of parking spaces to the number of houses was also under question. The future use of the allocated 'Community Land' was uncertain; a public house would be nice. **Station Road:** Cllr Drake had placed an article in the Chain about this. There would be a caravan in the Methodist car park on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January from 2-8pm and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 10am-2pm. Members were asked to attend. **Windsor Crescent:** Meetings were being held over concerns of parking and speeding problems around the Crescent. **Woodfield Avenue:** The application for Number 1 had been withdrawn. **The Lodge:** an application had been received for the erection of two houses in the grounds. This would not be opposed, but it was essential that the (protected) trees remain. **Marquis Court:** Work was taking place on the Kingfisher pond. There was concern by some residents over the proposed children's play area; the meeting was reminded this was part of the original planning agreement and the developers were at fault if they had not told the residents where it was to be placed. **Centoph:** There was concern over cars parking on the pavement. **Overall,** Cllr Drake had reported a huge rise in applications to extend houses and develop plots. The village must remain vigilant to make sure the applications are suitable for the area.

**7. Halls: OCR:** The new sound system was installed on 19<sup>th</sup> December. The Management Committee were still awaiting a reply from Stephen Chapman regarding funding for an additional CCTV camera so had decided to proceed anyway. The online booking system was working well. **MVH:** The solicitor had now confirmed the land and buildings have been registered with the Official Custodian of Charities.

**8. Themes: Arts/ May Festival:** The Festival will run from the 29<sup>th</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> May. Planning was well underway and many of the more than 40 events were already in place. Notable ones included a Roald Dahl Exhibition, the Hermitage Ensemble (Russian Choir), a performance of Pinter's 'The Caretaker' by Fluellen, and a concert by Catrin Finch (harpist) The Teenage Cancer Trust had promised to provide some of the main prizes. Closure of Park Road had been applied for but the cost would have been extortionate at £600. The next planning meeting was on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. **Youth:** Garry Newbould had talked to Comprehensive School pupils in December, who seemed very enthusiastic about being involved with the Festival and the TCT. The RTC was hoping to apply to the 'big lottery grant scheme' for funds for new activities. **Website:** This is working well but the web team would welcome more 'News items' and photos from organisations. The Parish of Radyr and the Bridge Club had just been added. **Sports Trust:** Rod McKerlich felt the ST was moribund. Concern was raised that the £300,000 eventually available to the community from planning gain was not going to be used to the community's best advantage if the ST did not arrange a public meeting to discuss the community's needs and how it was proposed the money was to be spent. The Community Council was asked to become more actively involved in how this money was to be spent. **Conservation:** Cllr Drake had said she is progressing this item. The Association had already suggested that they were willing to do some of the work, if this would speed things up. **Neighbourhood Watch:** see Police, item 3.

**9. Any Other Business:** All members were reminded the next meeting would be the AGM and that all positions were open for election. It was noted that the Unitary plan for Cardiff had been abandoned.

**10. Next Meeting: All meetings take place at 8pm. 24<sup>th</sup> April (AGM) in the OCR, 25<sup>th</sup> May in the MVH, 18<sup>th</sup> July in the OCR, 4<sup>th</sup> September in the MVH, 14<sup>th</sup> November in the OCR and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007 in the OCR .**