

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th July in Morganstown Village Hall.

Present: Nick Hawkins (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Julie Williams (Secretary), Ken Williams, Allan Cook, Robin Jones, David Cargill, Maureen Morgan, Betty Fitzgerald, Val Allan, Sue Davies, Janet Thomas, Jim Ridgway, Cllr's David Suthers & Judith Marsh, Lorna Clarke, Wyn Phillips, Maggie Roberts.

1. Apologies for Absence: Rod McKerlich, Hilary Borrow, Chris Dale, Julie Davies, Roger & Margaret Watt, Bob & Mary Pearce, Marion Drake, Kieran Webster, Caroline Noall, Nicky Webber, Jane Morris, Geoff Saunders, Derek Bateman, Cllr's Margaret Lloyd & Sue Philpott, Joan Thorley.

Nick welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially PC Andrew Smith

2. Minutes of the last meeting (23rd May 2005) and matters arising: Geoff was thanked for doing the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved, subject to a minor amendment to section 12 (MVH) which should read 'separate entrance'. **Matters arising:** Tenovus were thanked for their letter regarding the Festival. A total of £2800 had been raised for Tenovus during the Festival and Betty Fitzgerald offered her thanks and her pleasure at Tenovus' involvement over the two weeks and wished next year's charity good luck. It was confirmed that the charity for 2006 would be the Teenage Cancer Unit to be based at the Heath Hospital in Cardiff and, for 2007, it would be the local branch of the NSPCC. Regarding the Post Office, matters were proceeding and it would possibly end up in Pugh's Garden Centre.

3. Police Report: PC Andrew Smith gave a formal report to the meeting. He said that 37 crimes had been reported in the R&M area since May, bringing the total of crimes in the year to 122. There had been three burglaries, seven thefts from vehicles and six cases of criminal damage. As a result of DNA testing, one culprit had been charged with vehicle damage. There had been 23 youth annoyance calls, with the main incidents occurring in Station Road, Heol Isaf and Park Road. Finally, PC Smith was pleased to note the re-launch of Neighbourhood Watch. At the meeting on 13th July it was confirmed that the group now had over 50 members. R&M will be divided up into ten areas, each headed by a coordinator selected from the members. New members were still needed for Radyr Farm, Radyr Gardens, Marquis Court and parts of Morganstown. Concern was expressed about Friday nights becoming a problem for youth annoyance and PC Smith informed the meeting the Police were aware of this and generally hit hot spots around Cardiff and areas on a rotational basis. A resident from Ravensbrook expressed concern that groups of 25 children sometimes went up the street to the 'Arena'. Though residents were pleased the facility was being used, could the Youth Workers point out to the youngsters that crowds of this number were scaring the local children?

4. Financial position: The Treasurer reported that the May Festival had gone well. There had been a final refund of £73 from the Arts Council and, after £750 of draw proceeds had been passed to Tenovus, the Association had a surplus of £1816.38. He believed this was the most successful Festival to date. The intense involvement by members of the Tenovus committee and the sponsorship of the Council, McCarthy and Stone, Amersham and Pugh's had all helped towards this. The RPMG had donated £100 to Tenovus. The accounts stood at: Reserve: £236.14, COIF: £4118.53, Current: £1752.48 and Events: £ 117.37, making the Total: £6,224.52. The Chairman noted that, though this was above the Association's reserve limit of £5000, there was no need for any immediate action as there was the expectation of some imminent grant applications that would take up the surplus. These included a new sound/inductive loop system for the Garth Room and start up costs for a new Youth Club starting in the village under the control of Kevin and Jane Morris.

5. Messages/Ideas: At this time of year most clubs and organisations were taking a summer break but the meeting was reminded about rehearsals for the new Drama Society production 'Kes'; also rehearsals for the RPMG production off 'Guy's and Dolls and that Imaging 2000 started back on 6th September.

6. Community Council: Cllr's Marsh and Suthers informed the meeting of the election of Cllr Margaret Lloyd to the position of Chair. Cllr Suthers reported on the Council's pleasure of the support shown for the WWII 60th Anniversary Celebrations held at Christ Church recently and remind the meeting of the musical evening to be held in Morganstown Village Hall on 15th September which will be led by Wyn Calvin. Cllr Suthers asked anyone who had a caravan they could lend as a changing room for the evening to get in touch with him. Tickets for the evening were £2. Year 6 at Radyr Primary had recorded wartime memories but the Council would still welcome more if residents would like to put pen to paper. Allan Cook was assisting them in this matter. The suggestion was made that these memories be placed on a CD as they would be the last solid record of this era. Cllr Marsh reminded the meeting that the Lottery grant towards the various festivities for these occasions was unique to this part of Wales. The Council had been pleased to attend the official opening of the 'Arena' and were pleased by the amount of support shown. A question was asked about the graffiti on the sides of the Trojan and the meeting was told that the sides of this shelter had been taken away to discourage any further damage and further tree screening would be put in place for residents. Concern had been expressed by some Marquis Court residents over a proposed play area, but this would be going ahead in some form following a public a meeting that would be taking place on 27th July. Sadly there had been some aggression show

towards the street cleaner by some adults. The meeting was reminded there was a Council meeting the following week in the OCR at 7.30pm.

7. Planning: Rectory Site: Planning permission for the new Health Centre was granted on 5th July but consideration of the new Rectory plans were deferred – possibly to be considered in August. **Junction Terrace:** A resident had raised concerns over a planning application for two more houses on the grassed area at the entrance to Marquis Court, and the Association had written a letter of the objection on the basis that they would be out of keeping for the area. **Sidings 2:** The Association had written an article in Radyr Chain expressing its concerns for this development, the planning application for which could possibly be heard by the Council as early as August. Cllr Marion Drake had written to the developers asking for confirmation that only 350 house will be built down there. It was understood there will be an exhibition in the library at some stage. There was still concern about the single access over the bridge over the railway. **Sewage Problems at Radyr Gardens:** The Council had approved the Sewage Tanks for the Hazelwood development. Permission had been granted for an extra 17 houses but it was not yet known where they would be built. **Station Road:** There is soon to be a site meeting under the Neighbourhood Regeneration scheme where it is hoped that Mike Young's proposals for the regeneration of Station Road could be revealed. **Bethel Chapel:** The meeting was informed that this has been closed. The Chairman asked to be kept in touch with any further proposals for the building or site.

8. Sports Trust: Roger Hughes had written to the Radyr Chain updating residents on the present status of the Trust but the Association still had concerns. On advice from the solicitor who is currently studying the Trust paperwork, the Association had told Roger that he must regularise things quickly, the first act being to hold a public meeting. There was particular concern over the legal status of the Trust and the spending of Community Gain on the proposed Dutch barn to be placed on the Mound Field, possibly in November.

9. Halls: OCR: Work (which had cost less than the estimated price) had finished on the boundary wall and the railings were to be fitted shortly. The internal gates for the play area were fitted some time ago and the site secured against access via the back of the Scout Hall. Estimates were awaited for a new sound system for the Garth Room. When received, an application would be made to the Council under the Community Buildings Grant scheme. The results of the Cardiff in bloom competition were awaited. **MVH:** Maggie Roberts said that David Barnes had been commissioned to clear the hall grounds. The refurbishment of the back room had been put on hold. The window curtains in the main hall were to be replaced in August and that the hall had more occasional bookings.

10. Themes: Arts: The next meeting for the Arts Group would be 8th November. For next year's Festival Allan Cook was hoping to arrange an exhibition from the Roald Dahl museum, and a Russian group had already agreed to perform. **Website:** The organisers were having a push on getting all local organisations featured on the site. Any organisations without a 'presence' on the site were asked to contact Steve Jones or Maggie Roberts. The Chairman asked the WI members present if they were aware that meetings of the local WI group were, in fact, available on the Internet ... they were not but would look into it. **Youth:** Jane and Kevin Morris are to start a new Youth Club in September on Tuesday evenings in the Methodist Hall. It is already fully subscribed and will be a secular group but run under the auspices of the village churches. The Association has offered financial support if needed. **Conservation:** No change but there was concern that the opportunity is passing us by.

11. Any Other Business: Licensing Act would seriously affect charities and other organisations in the village that run bars at events. It was understood that applications needed to be in by 6th August (for existing licensees) with the rest made by November. Each building will be covered for 10 events a year. Cllr Drake had been asked to clear up the many questions raised by this new law. The **Rector** retires at the end of July and the Association recorded its best wishes for his retirement and for Pam and his future. If anyone wished to contribute to a leaving gift, this should go to the Church Wardens. **Leaves:** Concerns were raised about the fall of leaves on the pavement. It was noted that the street cleaner's job is only to pick up litter; he is not responsible for footpaths or the emptying of bins. Concern was raised about the vandalised gas meter in Station Road. Allan informed the meeting that, as Chair of the History Group, he had been given a donation of £250 from McCarthy & Stone for assisting them with the name of the new development. This would hopefully be used towards purchasing some Roald Dahl memorabilia.

12. Next Meeting 26th September, 8pm. In the Old Church Rooms.