

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 24th May 2004

- In Attendance:** Nick Hawkins (Chair), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Julie Williams (Secretary), Dave Cargill, Chris Dale, Cllr Marion Drake, Cllr David Suthers, Bob Pearce (Radyr Chain), Caroline Noall (Library) Val Allen (Ty Gwyn Pony Club), Maggie Roberts (Twinning Fellowship/MVH), Jim Ridgway, D Edmonds, Helen Thomas, Joan Thorley (Senior Citizens), Lorna Clark, Jerry Bray (Bowls), Alisa Bracegirdle (RPMG),
 - Apologies for Absence:** Allan Cook, Geoff Saunders, Sue Philpott, Barbara Willis, Bill Barlow, Douglas Hogg.
 - Minutes of the last Meeting (26th January):** The minutes were approved.
 - Matters Arising: Constitution:** The Chairman confirmed that the Charity Commission had accepted the new constitution and we were now acting as the R&M Association. As soon as the finances for the festival had been sorted Bob would be changing the name on the bank account. **Website:** He reminded members of the new website and asked that they keep the diary up to date with events. **Broadband** will be available on 7th July and no doubt residents could expect to be inundated with leaflets advertising the facility. **Cardiff 2005:** Marion informed the meeting a draft programme of celebration was nearly ready on www.cardiff.gov.uk. She hoped to have more information available for the next meeting. The Chairman suggested there could be a link from the Radyr site when it was up and running and it could possibly be the theme for next year's festival. All other matters were covered by the agenda.
 - Festival Week Feedback:** It had been a busy two weeks but the general feedback had shown that the fortnight was an excellent idea. The weather had been reasonable, events had been well attended and a good sum had been raised for Noah's Ark. The Ken Innes cup had been awarded to the MVH Committee. The Chairman offered his thanks to the Festival Committee and, in particular, David Cargill for organising yet another successful festival and Maggie Roberts for escorting the attendants. Thanks also went to Bob Roberts for juggling all the finances, and for his general support, and to the Williams family for all their hard work. There had been only one cancellation, the Schools Boules, but it was understood that would be run later in the year. Disappointment was expressed over the lack of the float parade. It was explained that, due to the general problem of borrowing lorries, the high insurance costs, and the lack of police support, there had been no choice but to cease the parades. There had been a letter of concern from the police about the continuation of the fun run and partial road closure for safety reasons but the Primary PTA felt this was unreasonable as they had more than sufficient marshals to monitor the runners. Unfortunately a visitor from Pontypridd had been injured in the grounds of the Old Church Rooms during the opening of the Carnival. It was likely that a claim for damages would arise. If it did, it would be referred to the Association's insurers.
- It was agreed that, as a bigger festival requires more planning, preparation for next year's festival should start in July. This was particularly necessary for the prize draw if some respectable prizes were to be found. David Cargill agreed to call a meeting. He asked for any ideas or suggestions for the next festival to be passed to him or any other member of the Executive Committee. One aim for next year was for an event aimed at local youngsters; the high (58) attendance at Caroline Noall's library event showed that they are looking for participation. It had also been suggested that we must find some way of informing and involving new residents on the new estates – possibly by holding an event there. It had been agreed that Tenovus would be the charity for next year.
- Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer was still working with the accounts from the festival but it looked like the Association would receive about £1000 from the fortnight and £1300 would go to the Noah's Ark appeal. He acknowledged the valuable grant towards the production of the programmes awarded by the County Council and expressed his thanks to all the other sponsors. He pointed out that more programmes have to be printed and distributed each year because of the increased number of houses.
 - Community Council Report.** The Community Council would soon be thirty year old and it was hoped the new Council will be organising something special to celebrate the occasion. Ten people had been nominated for the twelve seats on the Council. Philip Nicholas, Steve Jones, Roy Wynne and Judith Turnbull were resigning from the Council and Marcia Watts, Mike Diment and Ray Belt had put their names forward. As expected, McCarthy and Stone had submitted a planning application for retirement flats on the Radyr Arms site. The War Memorial had been shrouded for the last three months whilst remedial work is carried out, and it was hoped it would be finished shortly. Congratulations were offered to David Suthers for working for the community on the Council for the past 25 years. The Council invited the May Queen to light the Christmas Trees on 2nd December.

8. **Police:** The Chairman offered the meeting's sympathy to PC Andrew Smith, who was off work with a broken arm. He reminded the meeting that we must get a sense of balance as regards youth annoyance as it was only a small minority of youths causing problems. Marion Drake reported that another meeting had been held with the youngsters, at which Inspector Bishop was present. Fortunately, the number of reported incidents had declined. The youngsters had been asked to coordinate with the police, outreach workers and officers of parks in County Hall in discussing their requirements. The adults present at the meeting were very impressed with the youngsters who attended and thought their presentation was well thought out and presented. There was now a need to consult with the residents who overlook Pentwyn Park, but there was hope that the issues there would be resolved as the youngsters were willing to re-engage with the community. Just recently, the Cricket Club had been subject to vandalism and it had been agreed that mobile CCTV cameras would be positioned there to monitor events.
9. **Planning: New Health Centre:** It was understood that a detailed planning application had been submitted for this, together with an outline planning application for a new Rectory. No application was going to be made regarding the development of the existing Rectory. **Sidings 2:** There was still concern over the number of houses to be built although Marion Drake gave her assurance there would be no more than 350. Development of the site was also dependent upon the upgrade of the main sewer, presently scheduled for 2007/8. **Radyr Gardens, sewage problems:** Planning permission had been granted some time ago for a further development of 102 houses on the proviso that they could not be occupied until the main sewer was upgraded (as above). Despite this, the developer had gone ahead in building a number of houses and, to circumvent the restriction, had submitted a planning application for three sewage holding tanks to be placed adjacent to 24 Ravensbrook. The understanding was that the Environmental Agency would not give consent to this and letters of objection had also been submitted by a wide range of people. It was anticipated that, if the planning application is rejected, the developer will reapply for a treatment plant. This was equally unacceptable and the Association was asked by residents to support them fully in stopping any of these options. Residents were reminded that building work was only allowed before 7am as long as there is not noise. If there was noise, this should be reported to Marion Drake. **Café:** This had now opened in Station Road and reports were good. The Association wished them well. It was hoped that the café could be central to establishing a Victorian Day at Christmas. **Radyr Arms** As already mentioned, an application had been submitted for retirement flats but there was still the concern about the lack of car parking spaces. There was also the concern that the builders might apply for sewage holding tanks because of the time needed for the sewer upgrade.
10. **Messages/Ideas: Drama Society** would shortly be presenting 'The Cemetery Club in MVH. Their next play would be on 18th/19th/20th November. **The Twinning Association** would be hosting a visit from the French over at the end of the month and would welcome any new members. There would be a **Band Concert** at the OCR on 7th July. **Tenovus** have their sponsored walk and strawberry tea on 27th June.
11. **Radyr and Morganstown Community Sports Trust:** In Ken William's absence the Chairman reminded the meeting that Ken was in charge of the 'sports' theme for the Association. Ken was not a member of the Sports Trust but was supplying business advice to Marion Drake and Roger Hughes. In discharge of this responsibility, Ken had put forward the idea of a feasibility study to see if it was both practical and a good business proposition to sell the MVH site and use the money, together with that already promised to the Sports Trust, to establish a joint 'MVH/Sports' facility on the Mound Field. At present, information was awaited from County relating to access to the land, road systems etc. Marion Drake reported that she had passed Ken's questions on to Emyr Evans and, at the last meeting, a possible footprint was discussed for the site. Marion was awaiting information from the MVH as to what land would be required for a new hall as it was important that no pitches were lost in the layout of the Mound Field. The meeting was reminded that all Ken was doing was a feasibility study and that the plans for both the Sports Trust and MVH could falter at any time. If the study showed the idea of a building on the Mound Field was feasible, the MVH Trustees and the Sports Trust would have to make the decision of whether to go forward. Concern was raised about the closure of the MVH. It was pointed out there would be no closure, just a move, and that the needs of future generations of residents needed to be considered.
12. **Halls: OCR.** Work continues on the upkeep of the building. The Association has purchased a new 3Mx6M gazebo, which is available for hire for £5. The digital projector held in the OCR is also available for hire for the same fee. There had been a few problems with the fire alarms but these seemed to have been sorted out. **MVH:** Maggie Roberts reported that the Hall Committee were pleased to have been awarded the Ken Innes Cup this year and was pleased the hall had been so well used during the festival.
13. **Future Themes: Conservation:** This has been 'kicked into touch' until after the elections as the Council Officers had no time to progress it. It was hoped to get things moving again after the elections. The 'Coronation Seat' on the Corner of Heol Isaf and Woodfield Avenue was going to be repaired but no-one knew why and when it had been placed there. The Chairman asked that, if anyone knows any more about it, could they tell him or a member of the committee. **Arts:** Everyone felt the arts content of the festival had improved and those who had not attended the showing of Home Front had missed a treat. It was hoped that next year there would be two such events sponsored by the Arts Council. **Neighbourhood Watch:** David reported a special meeting will be held in

Radyr to discuss the renewal of NW in this area. The Dan y Bryn Chrshire Home had offered the use of a room to the NW team. Jim Ridgway gave details of a form available already in Devon to report ASBOs without a name and address being necessary. This was felt to be a good idea and David agreed to raise this with the police. Marion reported that Leylandii trees were now covered by ASBOs. **Youth Involvement:** This will probably need to wait until school starts in September and we can get more information from Steven Fowler on who the new Head boy/girl is.

14. **Any Other Business:** Cardiff Alive is a new museum and the suggestion was made that we let our heritage be known to them for inclusion. It was agreed this information would be passed to the History society and they be asked to liaise. This is a chance for residents to say what they want included in a museum. Tenovus offered their thanks for the Association adopting them as the Charity for 2005. Garlands of Llandaff Donated £15 of the cost of the Festival Flowers to Noah's Ark.
15. **Date of next meeting: July 19th in Morganstown Village Hall.** 27/9 OCR, 16/11 OCR, 17/01/05 OCR.