

THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th July 2006 in the Old Church Rooms, Radyr.

Present: David Cargill, (Chairman), Bob Roberts (Treasurer), Julie Williams (Secretary), S.W.P Officers David Rees, Mark Jones and Tori Miller, Robin Jones, Jim Ridgway, Maggie Roberts, Cllr's David Silver, Margaret Lloyd & Judith Marsh, and Sue Philpott, Cyril Williams, Allan Cook, Jerry Bray, Cliff Skidmore, Kieran Webster, Clive Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Pam St Ledger, Val Allan, Elizabeth Frazer.

Apologies for Absence: Nick Hawkins, Garry Newbould, Cllr Marion Drake, Rod & Sue McKerlich, Ken Williams, Julie Davies, Caroline Noall, Beverley Lewis, Val Fox, Steven Fowler, Joan Thorley, Bob & Mary Pearce, Beverley Lewis, Ron Eccles.

David mentioned that Cllr Marion Drake was in recovery she was touched by all the well wishers and thanked them for their letters and calls. The meeting passed on their wishes for her speedy recovery.

S.W.P. Officers David Rees, Tori Miller and Mark Jones were welcomed to the meeting.

- 1. Minutes of the last meeting (Monday 22nd May 2006) and matters arising:** The minutes were approved. **Matters arising:** It appears many members did not like the minutes being released in PDF format and the general consensus of the meeting was it should revert back to 'Word'. There were two suggestions for the nominated charity for 2008, the George Thomas Hospice and the Motor Neurone Association. David reminded the meeting that any other suggestions must be in before the festival meeting in September. All other matters were covered in the agenda.
- 2. Police Report. Radyr Gardens** – there was still graffiti on the fencing by the footpath bridge but the overgrowth had been killed off with weed killer. Members were reminded to ring 101 now to report incidents. An average of 10 residents was needed to complain. There would now be a 'Bobby on the beat' thanks to the new arrangements of policing. Tori had already met with some of the youngsters and confiscated a ball from Windsor Gardens and some cigarettes from an underage smoker. The officers acknowledged that the South Wales Police didn't have the best reaction time to incidents and because of this they were one of the first authorities to introduce the new policing system – P.A.C.T. For the next few months there will be 9 Officers and 8 PCSO's dealing with incidents in the Fairwater Ward however this ward does cover as far as Gabalfa. P.A.C.T. (Partnership and Communities Together) public meetings will probably be monthly for a while and at each meeting the aim was to set priorities for the officers to cover for the following month. They realise that at first the main priority will be antisocial behaviour but as things will hopefully improve so will the priorities. There was an on-going operation at the moment to target those causing disruption around the Station/Park Road areas but one point that had already become noticeable was that in a group of around 15 youngsters only one was a resident of Radyr ... a number of the youngsters came from Caerphilly, Tongwynlais and other areas. It was pointed out that unless a child was actually seen doing an incident word of mouth meant no action as in the case of the arson attack at Cym Farm. There was still hope that CCTV cameras could be placed in Station Road. David reminded the officers that there was a computer available for them. Inspector Nigel Brock has agreed to attend the Association meeting on the 4th September so we can now assume the community's concerns are being taken seriously. The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch will be the AGM on 11th September at 7.30pm; Jane Shepherd from Cardiff Trading Standards will make a presentation. A resident advised the meeting of an organisation called Home Safe that would come out and do a safety check on your property and for a small cost put in additional alarms and locks if required. David thanked the officers for attending the meeting and looked forward to meeting them again at their first P.A.C.T. meeting.
- 3. Financial position:** The Treasurer reported there had been little activity on the accounts since the last meeting. A total of £9143 had been banked during the Festival including grants and donations. After expenses of £6543 there remained a surplus of £2600. £2000 had been donated to the TCT leaving a surplus of £600, although it was noted that this would be reduced if the Arts Council asked for a part refund on their grant. The total given to the TCT by all organisations over the Festival was £2604. Accounts stood at: C/A £1520.30, Reserve: £239.77, COIF: £4240.41, Total: £6000.48. Thanks must go to Pugh's, the Arts Council of Wales, Amersham, McCarthy and Stone and Cardiff County Council for their support and grants. There are sufficient funds available if someone requires a grant for a deserving project.
- 4. Messages/Ideas:** There were a number of recycling road-shows being held around the village over the summer months to enable residents to familiarise themselves with the new schemes starting in October. Dates and times are on the on-line diary. The Community Council has their skateboarding in the grounds of the OCR on Wednesdays during the holidays. The RPMG would be performing Gilbert and Sullivan's Patience in February 2007 and auditions would be held shortly. Imaging 2000 starts back on the 5th September for anyone interested in photography and Drama start rehearsals for Wind in the Willows on 6th September.

5. Community Council: The Chairman welcomed Cllr Sue Philpott, Community Council Chairman, and Cllr's Judith Marsh, Margaret Lloyd and David Silver to the meeting. Cllr Philpott reminded members that there was a vacancy for Clerk as the new Clerk, Val Harvey, had to leave due to family commitments. Cllr Philpott requested that information about Marion's illness be placed on the website with her thanks to all her well wishers. Concern was raised about who would represent the community at planning meetings in Marion's absence and the Community Council were asked to look into this. David passed on the meeting's disappointment that Val Harvey was moving to India with her family and wished her well.

6. Planning: Sidings 2: An article from the website which was itself an article from the Cooke and Arkwright website regarding the Sidings was read out. Concern was expressed that they quoted approximately 400 homes. Some residents were lobbying to have an area assigned for a Public House. **Radyr Gardens:** It had been discovered during the emptying of the temporary sewage works on the Hazelwood that some of the inhibitors had not been put in place by Bellway despite the Inspector informing Bellway they should be. They are shortly to be fitted but concern was expressed that the same situation could happen with the new Sidings development and that a watching brief should be kept to make sure they are. **Station Road:** There was concern about some lorries going the wrong way down to the sidings development. **Marquis Court:** Cyril Williams, Cllr Philpott and David had attended a meeting about the new play area. They had met with Cardiff Council Officer Mike Clarke and also under discussion was the development of facilities down on the Mound Field. **Landfill:** the meeting had been well organised, and attended. The Officers were not able to answer all the questions put to them. There was a lack of information on how the sites had been chosen and it was obvious the Officers had not done their work properly since they hadn't realised one site would be in the flight path to Rhoose.

7. Halls: OCR: David offered the meetings thanks to Norman Clewer for so ably preparing the grounds for the Cardiff in Bloom competition. The placing of the Twinning's Eel Traps in under discussion. WI expressed their discontent over the use of the new sound system. They found it heavy to move and inconvenient to use. David promised to attend their meeting in September when they had a speaker from the BBC. The OCR has a new user - a theatre group. **MVH:** Maggie reported the committee planned to do the improvements to the Hall's back room during its August quiet time and that improvements to the kitchen would take place in October half term.

8. Themes: Art: Fluellen have agreed to do another performance in November. It was hoped a new community Arts notice-board would go down on the new development. **Sport:** Cyril has contacted various sports groups with the aim of having a meeting in September. He has talked to a local resident who deals in prefabricated buildings. Once the new sports group was up and running Cyril then hoped to liaise with Roger Hughes with the aim of reactivating the sports trust. **Neighbourhood Watch:** see Police, item 2. **Youth:** Kieran reported that things were progressing well.

9. Any Other Business: A new Rector, Reverend Jenny Wigley, has been selected. She will be taking up her post on 12th October. Rev Andrew James will also be moving to the parish of Whitchurch.

10. Next Meeting: 4th September in the MVH, 14th November in the OCR and 16th January 2007 in the OCR. All meetings take place at 8pm.