

ODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes for the meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2011.

Present

Stephen Spencer (chair), Alan Hooker, Richard Harrison (minutes), David Underwood, Wendy Underwood, Barry McGregor, Gordon Allgood, Huw Gaskill, Nina Collier, Jim Worlding (GMC Residents Group).

Apologies

Peter Heselstine

Election of Chairman

There were no other applicants for the post of Chairman. Stephen Spencer requested that he continue in the position of chairman, so that he could complete the organisation of the 2012 celebrations. Stephen was proposed by Alan Hooker, Nina Collier seconded and this was passed on a show of hands.

Minutes of Last Meeting

These were proposed by Richard Harrison, seconded by Huw Gaskill as a true record.

Matters Arising

Correspondence

Stephen had received a request from the Godmanchester Residents Group to present their activities. Jim Worlding gave an overview of the remit of the resident's group, and the area of concern being the area around Tudor Road and Fariey Avenue. The group had been up and running for 3 months and was seeking further support for their activities. The main actions of the Group are to reduce fly tipping, antisocial behaviour, and improve the landscaping of the grassed areas around Tudor Road.

Funding had been given by Glass House and Ground Works. GMC Residents Group will be having a BBQ on Saturday 7th May from 2-5pm to help promote themselves and have invited the members of the GMCCA to attend. Stephen gave a brief thank you for their efforts, whilst Alan Hooker confirmed that affiliation to the Community Association cost £10, with the benefits of a listing within the Bridge Magazine, and a free stall on Gala Day to promote their activities.

Club 800

Alan Hooker reported that Club 800 has been running for 11 months and had already raised £4,325 in funding towards 2012 while £4,110 had been issued as prize money. Each month 700 tickets have presold, with winners receiving £270 1st prize, £60 2nd prize and £25 3rd prize. Furthermore, emails and letters had gone out inviting members to commit to supporting the cause for the 2011-12 sessions. Currently ~580 tickets have been renewed, whilst we have lost 60-70 tickets. There are ~50 tickets (many of which are single ticket holders) which need contacting by telephone. Stephen and Alan did another leaflet drop (1000 leaflets on Saturday 5th March) and sold an extra 20 tickets. Barry suggested a leaflet drop at the two primary schools in the town to highlight Club 800, but last year it was rejected, as the PTA wanted to promote a similar scheme.

2012 Committee

Stephen outlined the progress being made on the various planned activities/events organised by the various 2012 sub-committees activities to the new members present. David asked for clarification of the management structure of the various committees, sub-committees and working groups involved, Stephen then went on to explain the history and main members involved. The next meeting of the main 2012 committee would be at the QE school, from 8.15pm on Monday 21st March.

Bridge Magazine

Wendy Underwood has taken on the role of advertising secretary and is already making progress in attracting new space advertising. The cost of advertising is as follows: Quarter page - £65, Half page - £110, Full page - £190. The planned Darren Bent article is now unlikely to happen and replacement articles are being sort. Articles, under consideration are Nature reserve in Cow Lane. (AH) Humphrey's hollerings (AH), Mr Sampson's 40's (SS), port cabins, the last lollipop lady (PI), Mrs Arrington (SB) What in my back yard (NC). It was suggested the 2012 Literary Competition, needs prominent positioning within this edition of the Bridge Magazine. It was suggested that a fold out back page be included, rather than either a loose leaflet or centre spread (the latter is the current position for running order for Gala Day and PIP).

Alan requested a full programme of events for inclusion in the Bridge Magazine.

GALA WEEK

Gordon confirmed that the **CHILDREN'S FISHING MATCH** (Saturday 25th June) would be repeated and would start the activities of Gala week. This would be followed on the Sunday 26th with The Exhibition **GALA WEEK FUN RUN**, which is followed later in the day by the **PETANQUE COMPETITION**.

HISTORIC WALK it was agreed to hold 3-4 this year as last year's had been oversubscribed. Alan to confirm with Ken Sneath his willingness to present a talk walk for 2 or 3 evenings, using a slight different route.

CARNIVAL THEME – it was agreed nursery rhymes and fictional characters which gives older children something to get their teeth into.

The Low Wire Act has been booked as the main event for Gala day and Alan Hooker will measure the arena to confirm the required specifications of the Low Wire act.

Barry confirmed that “The Brothers Grimm” (aka Barry, Richard and Huw) would again run the children's arena entertainment. To assist with the games Barry proposed that we purchase additional equipment, 35 coloured bibs, 100 plastic saucer cones, cost £115.

Huw volunteered the use his company's van to assist with the transporting of equipment from the container to the recreation ground (e.g. deck chairs etc). This would help Alan as his van could be preloaded with other essentials. Alan confirmed that Stephen and himself, were the key holders for the container.

Stephen and Alan discussed the situation of additional toilets and resolved that extra toilets would be a welcome assist.

Picnic in the Park

The running order for PIP is confirm as;

- Worship in the Park
- School Choir (Combined choir from GMC Community and St Anne's School)
- Karokees
- Singing Waitress's
- The Mock Shadows
- Big Ten
- Simply Hucknall

The next **PICNIC IN THE PARK** meeting date to be confirmed, 8 pm Comrades, all welcome

Christmas Cards

Nina questioned if there was enough time to bring all the necessary images together. David Underwood proposed that as an alternative we prepare a calendar, with images highlighting the GMC year (Huw). David will report back at the next meeting on the feasibility of preparing the calendar within the time necessary.

AOB

David suggested that we setup a Facebook page to involve younger member of the community.

Godmanchester Rovers will host the Godmanchester Kite Festival on Sunday 22nd May 11am to 5pm at Bearscroft Football Ground

Gala Queen: The Gala Queen and Princess Competition will take place 8pm on Sunday 29th May at the Comrades Club Karaoke Night. Both Nina and Wendy volunteered to help judge the competition.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 14th April 8pm Comrades Club