

GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH JULY 2011

APOLOGIES: - Kim Davies, Richard Harrison, Charlotte Oldwood

PRESENT:- Helen Galer, Nicola Rule, Nina Collier, Barry McGregor, Huw Gaskill and his dad, David Underwood, Stephen Spencer (chair) Alan Hooker (minutes)

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: - proposed as true record by Helen, seconded by Nina

MATTERS ARISING: - None

CORRESPONDENCE: - Alan had received communication from Keith Gabb of GMC Rovers re the planning permission approval for their new club house. Specifically the chances of a donation from us towards its build and refurbishment, anything would be useful. This was deferred to the next meeting as we had a lot to get through and there were issues re our constitution and giving away money. A discussion followed re our ability / desire to give away money, an annual practice until insurance costs etc went through the roof. Stephen reminded us of the £ 500 we gave for a defibrillation kit for use by a first responder group based in GMC, this group had never materialized and presumably the defibrillator is saving lives elsewhere. If we felt the need to resurrect this activity we would need to decide at an early meeting in the new accounting period who we wanted to be the beneficiaries , in what proportion from what profit - traditionally Gala Day / Carnival. It was suggested the Affiliated groups could benefit from this. To be discussed further before next year's AGM.

CLUB 800:- Alan confirmed we had sold an additional 19 shares on Gala Day leaving 18 to go before a sell out. Helen gave Alan £7 for an additional share for the August draw through to the last draw in February. We now have 17 to unload. It was suggested the COMMASS purchase these and any winnings go into the pot, Alan said he would feel awkward receiving winnings for ourselves when there are people still yet to get a return. Tex has since suggested PIP by them for the same purpose.

BRIDGE MAGAZINE:-This had been getting great praise locally and all involved were congratulated. Nina confirmed her need to hand over her role as Distributer in Chief of the magazine as the weight was proving too much for her to cope with now she had passed 60. She referred to a previous plan discussed with Alan to have 4 team leaders responsible for aprox 10 rounds each. It would be their responsibility to get the boxes to their team members and ensure they were happy, had them out etc. Stephen confirmed **Kim Davies** had offered her services next year to help Nina sort the rounds in readiness for the team leaders to collect and generally learn the ropes with a view to becoming Distributer in Chief.

GALA WEEK: - A great success. The family fishing competition had its 2nd successful year with around 18 families participating. Thanks to the Comrades Club for hosting the prize giving and nibbles afterwards. The 3 Historic walks had been fully subscribed at 30 per walk and a profit of £ 406 generated. Stephens 1st attempt at running a bowls tournament had generated a profit of £ 9.87 and given the people participating a great afternoon in the sun. Unfortunately the Town Council Team had got the weekends wrong but had a great time playing with themselves the following weekend! Brenda Hennessy ensured the 'Petanque at the Ex' tournament went smoothly with a £ 68 take and a £ 60 cost of markers paint for the courts (which should last a few years)

THE CARNIVAL PROCESSION: - Well done Charlotte Oldwood and Alan Suter for single handedly organizing this essential element of the week, also 'The Brothers Grim' for adding their own magic. Also a big thank you to Roy White and Brenda Hennessy for the loan of their vehicles and their participation as chaperones. The Carnival procession had been a larger success this year with the addition of 'The Tractor Boys' and 2 lorries becoming available for the use of 'Clarence House' (who won best float) and 'Rocking Horse Nursery' who came second. Godmanchester Community Primary School had won the 'Walkers Trophy'. Barry observed that there had been a lot of confusion and delay unloading the Lorries of children onto the Causeway from one side of the lorries, Alan H had had to start the Gala without them! David suggested in future the Lorries simply come to a halt in the middle of the Road instead of parking up which will stop the traffic trying to get past and enable safe disembarking from both sides quickly. This was felt to be good option for adoption. On the day Charlotte had questioned the prize categories and judging criteria which need review at another meeting to ensure we encourage the best possible participation. Bucket receipt total not available yet.

GALA DAY: - One of the best attended ever with the maximum stalls allocated for its current layout, Unfortunately St Marys Church had booked an additional 2 stalls but on the day joined in with the Baptists leaving 2 spaces vacant and unpaid for that could have been given to 1 of the 5 traders turned down this year, The Lions group believed they had pre paid for their extra stall when only the affiliation fee had been sent in. All stall rents to be pre-paid next year. Everyone felt Bernie Bennet on the low wire had been a very enjoyable attraction at £ 620. The mock maypole had been very well received by all and Mrs Arrington was delighted with it and the Bouquet organized by Shirley Brown. Flowers cost £ 35 (inc Mrs Tindell) maypole cost total £ 103





Huw Gaskill, Barry McGregor and Richard Harrison had fulfilled their role as ‘the Brothers Grim’ children’s entertainer’s with their usual gusto and professionalism WELL DONE. Costume hire £ 66 children’s activity vests £ 83.



A big thank you to Nina and team for a trouble free execution of the duck race sales on Saturday (selling out Inc all the new ducks= 1000) and the race the following day. Profit for the event £ 410.50.

PICNIC IN THE PARK: - Again the busiest ever with £ 2800 donated into the dustbin and a final result anticipated to be +£ 200 without the need for us to dip into funds despite the Town Councils reduction of grant from £ 8000 to £ 6000 this year. Total cost of event £ 9100. Thanks to everyone for an excellent effort. A special thank you to Alan Suter and wife, David Brown and Huw Gaskill, who at the crack of dawn did the deckchair move from Brampton and then back in the evening. Normally a free service by the District Council but this year with a £ 500 price tag! Also thanks to Huw Gaskill for arranging free rubbish skips from Ameycespa (ex Dunarbon) for the weekend, again a previously free service from the District council now attracting a £600 price tag! To add insult to injury on Sunday morning Fergusons had half filled one of the skips with their rubbish while doing their rounds for the Town Council meaning we had to arrange an additional skip to cope! It was felt the PA was an improvement with clarity and projection although ‘En Route commented that the on stage monitors were not as good and not loud enough.



'The Singing Waitresses' were exceptional and the use of DJ Adam D a vast improvement in linking the acts with his cutting edge sounds and approach. The groups backstage also felt it a great improvement as they could come straight on rather than as in the past wait for the link man to finish his 'mini set'. Adam Had been frustrated at not being able to let rip, Alan had given him licence to overrun by 10 minutes in front of 'big 10' which proved a massive success getting the crowd involved in mass accappello singing and other 'Rave ' activities. Alan suggested Adam be given his own 30 minute spot next year in place of a band. Barry felt he was very much a 'now 'act and made an excellent counter point to all the retro acts we normally have.



Other points discussed- **LOO ROLLS** (not the singer) Alan had to get a lot more as they were running out all the time. **NEXT YEAR** we need a stock ready at the entrance and a 'bog roll manager' to check on the situation hourly. There were a few calls on the day for more cubicles although the doubling of the urinals had relieved the queue in the main of their male content. **BIKE PARKING** the uninvited arrival of both the Fire service and Ambulance service highlighted the problem of bikes chained to the weir bridge making the recreation ground inaccessible to Emergency Vehicles. **NEXT YEAR** we need a sign on the street side of the weir bridge stating 'no bikes past this point' and an arrow directing them to a parking area where the church service was held. 2-3 metal fence panels linked together would make an ideal rack to chain bikes to.

BUNTING REMOVAL: - It was agreed the bunting boys would meet WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST 6 PM on School Hill to perform this task

2012:- a bid for lottery funding was in hand and hoped to be sent early August. Until the result of this was known not a lot would change from what was already in hand. The Town Sign design was almost ready to go planning, again. A time capsule had been purchased; suggestions of where to put it and in it are invited

COMMEMORATIVE MUG: - Alan H has started pushing the pre sales for the mug via the email list and shortly on the website hopefully all committee members would purchase a few of these ideal Christmas presents ASAP £ 5.00 each (this includes a cardboard protective box). So far 50 had been ordered and paid for. It is essential we sell as many by the end of September as the committee will need to decide on the quantity to purchase to enable an order to go in in readiness for delivery at the end of November.

AOB: - it was decided no August meeting. A ‘Garland Competition ‘was suggested by Barry as an activity next year. **NINA** to look into for the Bloomers.

NEXT MEETING: - SEPTEMBER 8TH 2011