

GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes for meeting on Thursday 13th May 2010 held 8.00pm at the Comrades Club

APOLOGIES: Roy & Christine White, Shirley Brown, Gordon Allgood, Ros Malone, Bonnie Hooker

PRESENT: Charlotte Oldwood, Keith Chapman, Nina Collier, Kim Davies, Huw Gaskill, Alan Suter, Stuart Bond, Richard Harrison, Stephen Spencer (chair), Alan Hooker

MINUTES: Approved and accepted, matters arising: below

CORRESPONDENCE: Godmanchester in Bloom had forwarded this year's rota for the upkeep of flowers on the War Memorial, **Nina Collier and Shirley Brown** to cover our 2 stints as last year. 17-23 July and 4-10 September. Alan to post full rota on Website.

LAST NIGHT OF PROMS: While a disappointing attendance, for the 35 people who made the effort it was a great night. Ros Malone had taken pictures for use as needed. After expenses it looks like the COMMASS will make a loss of around £300 on the event. Stephen gave thanks to Shirley Brown for her help and the Comrades Club for letting us have the facility for free. Alan Hooker thanked Stephen for his single handed staging of the event. Those present felt that any further concerts needed a formal committee to ensure more preparation made earlier to spread the load. Ted Malone had had been so impressed with the event that he had offered his services on the organizing committee for next year's event.

GALA WEEK / DAY: Everything in place

BUNTING: **Alan Hooker, Huw Gaskill, Keith Chapman and Richard Harrison** agreed to meet at 11.00 am Sunday 13th June at the causeway to fulfil this annual function. Non attendance due to hangovers was to be avoided!

GALA WEEK PROGRAMME: Bridge magazine extract attached. 2 new activities: -

FISHING TOURNAMENT: The Committee agreed a budget of £ 75 max for trophies and prizes. Alan Suter promised a cap on refreshment cost for the prize giving of £ 40. Date Saturday 26th June, 1-2pm draw and set up. 2-3.30 fish. 3.30 weigh in. 4.30 Tea and prize giving at the Comrades. KD queried whether equipment would be available for people with children without rods etc. **Gordon Allgood** to be asked. Request for toilets to be open for the day -Town Clerk **SS**.

HISTORIC WALK: £ 5 Wednesday 30th June 6.30 meet at St. Annes Church followed by walk and talk by Ken Sneath. 8.30 Chicken or Scampi and chips supper at the Black Bull. It would be useful to know well in advance of ticket requirements as the participants needed to be limited to 30 and meals pre-ordered

CARNIVAL: Charlotte reported all agencies involved had been consulted and where happy. Mayor Alan Welton needed to be formally invited to judge the floats etc. At 12.45 pm Judith's field, **SS** to contact. It was felt as the princesses will be on the Comrades Club float this year Alan Welton, who normally chauffeurs them, might prefer to walk at the head of the parade as Mayor rather than drive himself? RH confirmed last year's risk assessments would be OK for use this year.

PRINCESS JUDGING: The Comrades Club were organizing this to be part at their Karaoke evening on the 30th May which was open to all. A flyer and entry form was now available, **A H** to produce a digital copy to circulate through the schools Website etc. SB suggested Word format to enable an Email return. 2 princesses were needed 1 in each of the age groups 5-7 years and 8-11 years.

CONCESSIONS: Alan confirmed the usual suspects would be involved. The Climbing Tower had not been booked for Saturday, just Sunday due to new cost. Charlotte mentioned the GMC Community School PTA intended to have a burger stall to be located away from the commercial seller.

COMMASS STALLS: It was hoped **Brenda Hennessey and Ann Looker** would do their usual star double act behind the DARTS TOMBOLA STALL. THE DUCK RACE would need 2 stalls. 1 in the Bar Tent and 1 elsewhere. Kim D volunteered to find another to help her with this. Nina said the stalls would not start selling until 2pm as starting too early was tiring by 5.00pm. CLUB 800 STALL – **Stephen S** would get rid of the remaining shares along with a 2012 member who had volunteered.

DOES ANYBODY HAVE A SET OF STOREVIDERS OR DISPLAY STAND TO PROMOTE THIS ON THE DAY?

NEW TABLES: AH suggested the remaining 6 collapsible tables we possess are about ready to join the Guys on November 5th! The Committee agreed **Alan** should purchase 6-10 new tables with a top budget of £ 1000 inc. Vat. They should be of a suitable quality to last.

THE DYNAMIC TRIO: had everything in hand and it was agreed to re-inburse them for any hire costs for their costumes.

GALA DAY RUNNING ORDER: Bridge magazine extract attached.

PICNIC IN THE PARK: Bridge Magazine extract attached - Alan Suter reported all bands were contracted and sundries booked. ORGAN: we were short an organ for use by the school choir. Baptists to be asked if their one used in the morning could be borrowed. AH & KD confirmed they both had organs if they were needed. (No cables nor amps though)

TOTS PARTY: Being organized by **Amanda Hollowood Green** CHURCHES TOGETHER – **Helen Galer** organizing. DUCK RACE-**Nina Collier and Jean Morgan** were ready. **Jane Last** was available again with canoe to retrieve escapees.

BRIDGE MAGAZINE: preview attached AH reported it was now ready and would be with Stephen S for Monday morning for forwarding for printing. Nina reminded Stephen she needed delivery by the 29-05-10 to get the 3500 copies sorted. The run number needs careful monitoring for review next year in view of the rapidly increasing number of households. Nina reported she had gaps in her round now which were re-distributed within the committee. Bonnie H would do her flyer round. Any more gaps to be circulated for volunteers. CHILDRENS REWARDS: Currently all children in both schools were given sweets, regardless of whether they had submitted an entry or not. This was due to the logistics of recording all entries and distribution problems. It had been proposed previously that pencils with a Logo/ Message would be more satisfactory. AH had conducted some research which showed 600 pencils a year would be needed as once you went down this route it would be difficult to revert to sweets. The purchase cost of these would be around £ 120 for 500- £ 150 for 1000 and £ 250 for 2000. As nothing could be done for this year it will be revisited later. SUGGESTION- only give pencils to pupils that contribute entries, given at receipt of entry. This will reduce the total pencils needed? **Bridget**, how many entries roughly did we get this year, I only saw the final 100.

2012 CELEBRATION COMMITTEE: Stephen S reported that it looked very likely the Living History Event and the Town Sign would go ahead- watch this space.

800 CLUB: AH reported the first draw had been successfully made and the next was due on Thursday 29th May. EXPENSES-as the 800 Club had been set up by COMMASS as one of its ongoing activities and as the concept had been advertised as 50% to prizes 50% to Godmanchester worthy causes it was inappropriate to take setup costs from the receipts. AH confirmed that apart from the reams of paper and photocopy costs incurred by him and SS in promoting it there were also invoiced costs for the leaflet holders, purpose made chips and draw bags totalling £ 87. The Committee agreed AH should be re-inbused £ 100.

BARN DANCE 12TH JUNE 2010: AH confirmed he had recruited some of the 'old contemptible' who remembered how it was done to help make this happen. Kim D, Huw G said they would like to also be involved in this committee and Keith C said he would like to be involved in the setting up on the day. A discussion ensued regarding this Community Association Party. Charles and Ann Looker had kindly made their premises available for the event. The area had been cleaned and prepared for young Williams wedding complete with bales of hay. All members of the Committee and project helpers were invited to bring friends family and neighbours. The Adult body count would need to be limited to around 60 **COMMITMENT TO PLACES NEEDED URGENTLY** !. Children would be welcomed under the supervision of parents. Donations of a minimum of £ 5 for age 11-16yrs. and £ 10 for 16yrs + was felt a reasonable expectation for budgetary purposes. Drinks to be brought along for self consumption **ALONG WITH NON GLASS RECEPTICLES**. The co-op has a full stock of hooch at the end of the street should people be running short!! So far 5 Gas BBQ cookers had been identified as available, others needed. **TIMING-** start 6-00 pm- **OCK'N'DOUGH** 7-8 pm – food and social intercourse 8-9.30 pm – 9.30 to 10.30 **OCK'N'DOUGH**. Alan to call a meeting ASAP, maybe at ANNS?

AOB:

HARRY FOREN PLAQUE: after discussion it was felt that maybe a bench with the facility to add additional plaques might be a better option. To be looked into further – location – style – material - cost - when?

STORAGE FACILITY: As site conditions were now favourable Alan & Stephen would aim to have the sleepers in place by the end of WC 17-05.10 with a view to delivery the week after.

PUBLIC INCONVENIENCES: There was to be a Town Council open meeting on 18-05-10 at which this topic would not doubt crop up. Any completed petitions needed to be with the Town Clerk by Tuesday morning.

XMAS CARDS: given the recent workload it was felt this should be strived to be ready for next year's Bridge Magazine.

DEPOSIT SAVINGS: Alan H confirmed £12,000 had been transferred into the no 1 current account in readiness for purchasing a 3 year deposit bond from ' The Halifax'. This was intended to generate a significant amount more return than currently achieved in the National Savings Account.

NEXT MEETING Thursday 10th June 8.00pm at the comrades club