

## **800 Charter Celebration**

### **Minutes of a meeting held on November 15, 2010 Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester**

#### **Present**

Stephen Spencer (chairman), Alan Hooker (Treasurer), Ros Brown, David Busk, Sheila Hammond, John Hoile, Colin Hyams, Joanna MacKenzie, Alan Martin, Nigel Pauley, Ken and Pam Sneeth, Mary Stokes, John Thackray, Peter Heseltine (Minutes).

#### **Apologies**

Jonathan and Sue Young, Richard Brown, Peter Irving, Malcolm Cohen.

#### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by the chairman. Proposed Alan Martin, Seconded John Thackray.

#### **Matters arising from the minutes**

##### *Royal Visit*

The chairman reported a meeting had been arranged on 26.11.2010 to discuss the possibility of a Royal Visit with Wood Green Animal Shelter. Chairman, John and Nigel had agreed to meet with Dennis Baker CEO Wood Green Animal Shelter.

##### *Litter*

The young man who raised the question of litter had attended a meeting of the Community Association.

##### *800 Club*

Alan felt the formal report to HDC was required at the end of the lottery, not as announced at the last meeting after three months. John Hoile reported that on a monthly lottery, it had to be every three months. The text on the return is as follows 'This return must be sent to HDC not later than three months after the date of the draw or (the last draw) in the lottery'.

#### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence

## **Financial Matters**

### *Grant applications*

John Thackray reported that he had written to the schools and visited St Ann's School. They are keen to be involved in 2012 nearer the event. The Heritage Lottery Grant application required their involvement. The budget would have to be supplied. Work would be required on the application. John and Peter would work on a work outline and programme for the next meeting.

### *Club 800*

It now has 230 members. Shares had now ceased at 700 until next year. The fund currently had £2331 with a guaranteed pot of £3731 by the end of the current competition.

### *Town Council*

Nigel reported that the Town Council had received considerable reaction to re-opening the toilets. This would be at a cost of £14,000 annually. A meeting on Thursday night would decide the Town Council for the budget next year and if the toilets were re-opened they might have to consider the level of support for other activities.

### *Main Sponsor*

Sponsorship would be progressed when the plans and budgets for the event were more finalised. Stephen, Alan, Joanna and Ros would serve on a committee to follow up some of the suggested leads. Sponsorship would be discussed with Wood Green.

## **Activities and Events**

### **Living History Event**

The committee had met with Rob Butler of Historicalpromotions.com. His ideas and quotations being worked on were based around involvement with the schools. Children from local schools would be bussed in on the Friday for events which would start the weekend. Final proposals would be subject to the budget. The committee had felt his approach featuring community involvement was the intention of the event. A proposal would be supplied by him.

### **Street Closure and Medieval Market**

Information was supplied by Nigel on street closure if it was required. Colin would make enquiries about a Farmers or Continental Market as Alan felt he did not have the manpower to organize a medieval market or in fact anything relating to this closure.

## **Historical Signs**

Pam presented a possible sign material. The committee was investigating eight potential sites together with the visual material and would report to a future meeting with full details. Alan suggested a board at one of the old roman gate positions with a diagram of the Roman settlement and explanation would be interesting, Ken Sneath said he had the material to do this.

## **Town Signs**

A meeting had been arranged between Peter Irving and HDC to discuss future progress. Nigel advised the planning application would have to come from the Town Council. The committee felt the design of the sign should remain as agreed, despite objections from the HDC Planning Department. The sub-committee was authorised to progress the planning application which would have to come from the Town Council.

## **Community Café**

Possible venues had been investigated without success. It was agreed to hold the proposal in abeyance.

## **Publicity**

As further information became available it would be publicised in the local media.

## **Twinning Committee**

John would follow this up.

## **Time Capsule**

Peter Irving and Colin would discuss this

## **Olympic Torch**

The chairman would follow this up with the Town Clerk and contact the Torch Committee for further information.

## **Newspaper**

Nigel suggested the local paper could be asked to prepare a historical edition

## **Any other Business**

### *Literary Competition*

Trish outlined basic information. The theme would be Godmanchester and aimed at 7-10, 11-16, 17-18, Adult. She had spoken to Hunts Post about pre-publicity and their involvement. She would discuss with her committee the proposals and firm details would be prepared for the next meeting. Colin offered to prepare any artwork required. Sponsorship would be considered especially if a booklet was required.

### *History of Godmanchester*

Ken reported this was completed and had been accepted for publication. A price of £9.99 for October 2011 was envisaged.

### *Parish Church*

David reported the church would be holding a flower festival, a special Thanksgiving Service and a concert in the church. The church also planned to set up a sponsorship for a school in Uganda and hoped that the community would be involved. The chairman would raise this with the Community Association.

## **Future meetings**

These would be scheduled for the third Monday of each month: January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21 and December 19.

## **Date of next meeting**

**The next meeting will be held on January 17 at the QE School at 7.30 pm**