

2012 800 Charter Celebration Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on April 18, 2011, Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester

Present

Stephen Spencer (chairman), Alan Hooker (Treasurer), Richard Brown, Malcolm Cohen, Trish Harewood, John Hoile, Colin Hyams, Peter Irving, Nigel Pauley, Janet Ranger, Ken and Pam Sneeth, John Thackray, David Underwood, Peter Heseltine (Minutes)

Apologies

Charles Looker, Malcolm Lyons, Jo Mackenzie, Jonathan Young, Ros Brown, Mary and David Stokes, David Busk

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by the chairman. Proposed by Richard Brown; seconded by Malcolm Cohen

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes

Correspondence

1. E.mail from Barbara Brett, Civic Society, that Society had received permission to conserve the directional signs and would do so in time for 2012. They should be notified of the Historic Signs project and asked to attend the next meeting.
2. The Royal Oak Bowls Committee would be considering an event and would attending future meetings.
3. The Chairman requested that each working sub-committee should complete the attached form. These would form part of the Lottery Application. These would form the basis for reporting to the main committee.

Financial Matters

Grant applications

The Schools were having a meeting in the near future to look at the educational side. The grant committee would meet with the schools to confirm the educational aspects. The sub-committee forms would be useful for this as the Steering Committee hoped to have a provisional meeting with the Heritage Lottery Fund as early as the 3rd week in May.

Club 800

The first draw would take place this week. We now had 750 members. Alan estimated £4400 would be available for the 2012 celebration pot this year.

Sponsorship Committee

The committee had attended a Business Link and Chamber of Commerce meeting at Wood Green Animal Shelter. There was only one company from Godmanchester at the meeting and the outline prepared by Brian May was not felt to be suitable in the present Economic Climate. A Huntingdon sign company called "Your Sign Company" had indicated they would do signs for lamp-posts which would include their logo at no charge. The Chairman would follow this up. A sponsorship committee meeting would be held on April 27. Sponsorship would look at payments in kind. There was a problem of knowing which were the Godmanchester small businesses (ie. FSB members). FSB had offered to send email information.

Steering Committee

There had been two meetings and the initial aim was to smooth the work of the Committee. There was a name problem and it was hoped this Committee could be changed to **2012 800 Charter Celebration Committee**

Activities and Events

Living History Event

A report had been sent to members which covered the things for which this committee was responsible including field organisations, the heritage participants, the funding etc. It was suggested 2000 mugs were ordered in readiness for Christmas 2011, some to be given to the school children (free) and the remainder to be sold. These could be sold in advance and during the week-ends. Distribution to the children could be on the first day of January term 2012. Alan would prepare a design. David suggested the possibility of a presentation at the schools covering the history of the town when the mugs were given out.

Medieval Market

This was covered in the Living History report. Alan agreed to sub divide the report into three as a précis for the benefit of the report system being developed.

Historical Interpretation Signs

A sample History Information sign was shown. There could be a problem of durability. A number of suggestions were made. Letters had been drafted to site owners and if they were agreeable, planning permission would be made. The question of a commercial logo

on the signs would be considered by the sub-committee. The possibility of a town walk round the signs was considered. Consideration would be given to information about the naming of streets.

Literary Competition

Trish reported that the leaflet needed to be re-designed but the Hunts Post designer was on holiday. She agreed to get a copy to Stephen or Alan to pass to Ann Hyams who was currently doing the artwork for the Bridge magazine so it could be re-vamped and included with the Bridge.

Town Sign

Peter Irving reported that two revised designs had been submitted. The two designers would be asked to meet to finalise the sign for submission at the next meeting.

Band Concert

John Hoile said that the RAF had asked what VIP's would be attending the Concert. The Steering Committee would notify the church.

A note from David Busk reported that the Bishop of Ely had been invited to preach at the 2012 Civic Service as part of the town's celebrations.

Any other Business

Twining Committee

It was hoped that information would be translated into Hungarian.

Time Capsule

Time capsules were available at a cost of up to £250 and could form part of the lottery application. Peter would supply details.

Godmanchester in Bloom

John gave details of the Flower Festival, the Open Gardens day, the Scarecrow competition all to be on the first weekend the 23/24th June 2012. There would also be the Front Garden, Commercial Premises, Sheltered Accommodation and Pubs competitions.

Future meetings

These would be scheduled for the third Monday of each month: 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 May 16 at the QE School at 8.00 pm

29/4/11 ITEM	POTENTIAL INCOME	ANTICIPATED INCOME	ACTUAL INCOME
COUNCIL GRANT	20000	20000	5000
800 CLUB		0	
Actual 2011	0	0	
Predicted remainder 2011	4200	4200	
Estimate 2012	4000	4000	
Actual 2011	4040	4040	210
GMC ROVERS	242	242	242
HISTORIC SIGNS (SKINNER)	1000	1000	1000
GRANT 2			
MEDEIVAL RENTS	2000	2000	
GRANT 3			
PROGRAMME			
ADVERTS	1500	1500	

LITERARY LEAFLETT	V	393	393	
LITERARY COMP	V	2600	2000	
SUNDRIES				
HISTORY SIGNS	V	2000	2000	
PROGRAMMES	V ?	2000	2000	
PUBLICITY	V	1000	1000	
CAUSEWAY / MKT	V	2700	2700	
COMMEMORATIVE MUG	V	4000	4000	
SCHOOL ACTIVITY ?				
2XFIREWORK DISPLAY	V	4000	2000	
PIP BOOSTER		2000		
TOTALS		56953	38403	5210
BALANCE		-12771	2579	1242
V = VTABLE				

