

800 Charter Celebration

Minutes of a meeting held on February 21, 2011, Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester

Present

Stephen Spencer (chairman), Alan Hooker (Treasurer), Richard Brown, David Busk, Charles Looker, Alan Martin, Alan Suter, Tina Tilley, Peter Heseltine (Minutes)

Apologies

Roz Brown, Malcolm Lyons, Ken and Pam Sneath, Malcolm Cohen, Nigel Pauley. Trish Harewood, John Hoile, Jo MacKenzie, John Thackray, Gordon Allgood

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by the chairman. Proposed Peter Irving, Seconded Alan Suter.

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes

Correspondence

Ken Sneath had suggested a History Study Day and provided some detail. It was agreed to progress this further. It was suggested that the Comrades Club might be a suitable venue.

Financial Matters

Grant applications

The committee had briefly met and was to do so again shortly. A report was requested for the next meeting.

Club 800

About 50% had indicated they wished to re-join. Alan was thanked for his work.

Sponsorship Committee

A sponsorship committee had met and given the organisation of sponsorship to Brian May. The chairman would attend a meeting on April 7 of the FSB and County Chamber of Commerce. Brian May had suggested a bronze, silver and gold award. An auction was

of “Cash in the Attic” or of “Promises”. A date and a venue was urgently required for this. The possibility of a professional fund-raiser was suggested.

Forecast

A budget had been prepared by Alan and was circulated with the agenda. The cost of the Town Sign was to have been met by Environment Agency but this was now in doubt. The chairman was to follow it up. A figure of £20,000 was suggested as the likely shortfall to be met by sponsorship and National Lottery.

Work outline and Programme

This would be progressed by John and Peter H. for the next meeting.

Living History Event

The minutes of the committee had been sent out. The question of the timing of a final decision was raised and would be considered and agreed by the July meeting. Alan would discuss this with the Organiser.

Medieval Market

A presentation was made by Alan Suter on behalf of Gordon Allgood. The presentation is attached to the minutes. The market would require qualified stewards and it was suggested a qualified organisation should be employed. There was a general discussion on the practicalities.

Activities and Events

Staffing

Some thought was needed for staffing and their organisation on the events

Town Signs

There had been a further meeting and the sign has been redesigned to give a view of the town together with some icons representing history – Romans (standard), Danes (long boat prow), Medieval plough and the fleur-de-lys. A number of comments were made and would be considered by the sub-committee. A final decision would be made at the next meeting.

Twinning Committee

A group of Hungarian dancers had been booked and would need accommodation.

Royal Visit

There was some minor discussion

Any other Business

Scouts and Brownies

Tina would discuss their involvement

Future meetings

These would be scheduled for the third Monday of each month: 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 March 21 at the QE School at 8.15 pm

MINUTES OF MEETING FOR THE LIVING HISTORY SUB COMMITTEE

Held 5PM 1 EARNING STREET Tuesday 15th February 2011

APOLOGIES: -

PRESENT: - Roz Brown, Richard Brown, Alan Suter, Jo Mackenzie, Gordon Allgood, Alan Hooker (minutes)

SUMMARY: - This was to be a touch base meeting prior to the main meeting on the 21st.

HISTORICAL PROMOTIONS: - Rob Butler will meet Alan Hooker and Jo Mackenzie on 28th at the rec to update face to face. Alan to have a scale map with measurements ready for him to work from

PARKING- This is a key factor as both the living history and now the medieval market participants would need to take their vehicles off site. Alan to speak to Charles . Alan has a freeman's number to ring but it was thought this may just be the land in front of the houses and not the main field opposite.

MEDIEVAL MARKET- Gordon felt confident he could fill the causeway with traders at £50 - £ 100 per day and therefore a steam fair etc would not be needed to bolster the event. Alan to provide a scale map with measurements of the causeway for him to work from.

PUBLIC HOUSES – with the Royal Oak to be invited to provide liquid refreshment for the event with maybe tables running from its gardens out onto St. Annes Lane up to the Causeway it was felt the others should be invited to the party. The Steam rally / Beer festival could happen at the White Hart. The dance festival at the Exhibition and the Black Bull would hopefully be next to the car park for whatever. Letters to go out inviting suggestions.

ROAD CLOSURE- Ros Brown was appointed TRAFFIC OFFICER with the task of researching and consolidating all the advice and guidelines so far received on the subject including costs. Any information re this will in future be gathered by her.

2012 MEETING – Gordon would not be available to report on the medieval market progress. Alan Suter volunteered to represent this activity at the meeting

