

800 Charter Celebration

Minutes of a meeting held on April 26, 2010 Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester

Present

Stephen Spencer (chairman), Alan Hooker (Treasurer), Richard Brown, Ros Brown, Trish Harewood, Colin Hyams, Peter Irving, Alan Martin, Nigel Pawley, Ken Savage, Mavis Savage, Mary Stokes, Alan Sutor, Peter Heseltine (Minutes)

Apologies

Dave Brown, Malcolm Cohen, Charles Looker, Joanna MacKenzie, Ken and Pam Sneath, David Stokes, John Thackery, Emma Thornton, Jonathan Young, Sue Young,

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by the chairman

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes

Correspondence

Stella Howard's daughter had offered to organise a folk concert at the Causeway event. Alan had indicated the Committee's interest to her and she would be invited to the next meeting.

Financial Matters

1. CLUB 800: 650 shares had been sold. An extra effort would be made to sell further shares. Current membership would Guarantee £ £3720 for this year and give a minimum total of £11,000 and maximum £14,000 if the rest were sold on gala day and renewed annually until 2012. The shares would cease in February 2011 and Alan expected a major renewal year on year. Tricia Harewood agreed to man the Community Association stand to sell the remainder of unsold tickets on Gala Day.

2. Godmanchester Football Club had written to clubs in Peterborough, Cambridge and Milton Keynes. Peterborough United had indicated interest in a fund-raising match. Godmanchester Rovers would share profit 50/50 with the association. Peterborough were beginning to arrange their pre-season friendlies next week. Stephen hoped other Community Association members would develop similar events.

History Interpretation Signs

Mary reported that approximately eight A2 boards would cost a total of £700 and eight A3 £ 537. The boards would have a map and / or a photograph with text. Installation costs would be approximately £1000. The boards would be weather-proof boards and

fixed to the wall or be free-standing. The next job was to identify sites, prepare art work and texts and show the proofs to the committee.

Living History Event

Alan reported that the committee had met by email. Other committee members had indicated interest. Feedback from The Freemen on car parking use of their field was awaited.

Street Closure

Nigel indicated that application needed to be made nearer the date. It was not felt to be a problem as there were alternative routes available. There might be a charge from the County Council and from the Police which he would look into and report back on.

Grant applications

Charles reported:

1. The SITA Trust would not be able to give money at the moment as this depends on us having one of SITA's operating landfill sites within 3 miles, and the Godmanchester site is currently closed. He understood that they wanted to re-open the site and he was trying to get an answer from them on what their plans are. It may be that we have an operating site again by 2012.
2. He had made enquiries to the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, and they had pointed out that their "funding is targeted at addressing issues of social disadvantage".
3. He had made enquiries to the Skinners' Company Lady Neville Charity, specifically regarding the interpretation boards project. This charity gives out grants of £500 to £1,000 and has a category described as "Projects which help local groups to conserve and restore their landmarks, landscape, traditions and culture." Their initial response had been positive. He would need the Community Association's latest audited accounts and annual report, in order to make an application before September 6th.

Town Signs

Peter reported since the last meeting the sub-committee had looked at some artist's impressions. The cost would be around £4500 for a double sided sign to be sited either at the end of the Causeway or the Post Street car park entrance. Ken showed a possible sign design. The sub-committee was asked to produce a final sketch version. Some concern was expressed regarding developments by the Environment Agency. It was felt work and payment on this could go ahead subject to the final design approval. A presentation would be made to the Town Council on the 20th May although final approval would be made by the 800 Committee. Stephen requested the size of the sign. The committee were advised 3' Wide by 4' deep

Community Café

There was no further information at present. It was suggested that this should be discussed with the Black Bull/and their separate function room. Stephen to follow up and report back.

Publicity

The 800 leaflet had been distributed. The Town Council had returned the invoice as payable without VAT but it would be paid for by the Community Association. The Treasurer identified the need for a budget for the Celebration.

Logo

Stephen reported that some sample logos had been produced which were circulated. Further examples were felt necessary.

Any other Business

1. Blanket Overall Sponsor.

It was agreed the Co-op should be approached. Other candidates were suggested and all would be followed up by Stephen. A sub group would be formed with Alan Hooker, Alan Martin, Stephen Spencer plus any other person wishing to get involved. Companies like Firstan, Donarbon, Luminus, Muir Housing, Environment Agency, Anglia Water to name a few would be approached.

2. Parking for the Disabled

Special arrangements would be required for the Historical events. Alan Suter was present and he thought the Comrades Club would be able to offer facilities for disabled Car Parking.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 9th at the QE School at 7.30 pm