

GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 25TH FEBRUARY 2010 AT THE COMRADES CLUB

1-APOLOGIES: -

Sue Young, John Thackray, Helen Galer, Bonnie Hooker

2-PRESENT:-

Stephen Spencer (chair), Alan Hooker (minutes), Mike Westcott Rudd, Gordon Allgood, Linda Heseltine, Peter Heseltine, Brenda Hennessey, Nina Collier, Sue Worthington, Eric Kynoch, A.Eardley, Brian May, Richard Harrison, Hew Gaskill, Stuart Bond, Shirley Brown, Janet Ranger, Colin Dean, Roy White, Christine White, Alan Suter, Nicola Rule, Barbara Brett, Derek Brett, Collin Hyams, Bill Keys, Karen Keys, Kim Davies, David Busk, Anne Looker, Charles Looker, Mary Stokes

3-MINUTES OF LAST AGM: -

These were not available

4-CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY: -

Stephen Spencer listed the various activities the association had held this past year namely 'Fozdyke Proms Night'. This was very successful and another concert was to be held this year at the Comrades club on the 8th May with 130 tickets available. The profits from this year's concert will be split 1/3 to the '1st Response Unit' 1/3 to 'The Bloomers' and the final 1/3n kept in the COMMASS coffers.

Gala Week- Bowl's tournament – Petanque at the 'Ex' – Quiz Night – Bingo Night. New events were always being sought and this year would see the first 'Historic evening walk' a guided tour by Historian Ken Sneath ending in a buffet in a bar.

Gala Day on the Rec – We were looking to keep up the practice of a 'professional' arena main attraction. This year Strong man 'The Mighty Smith' had been booked.

Carnival – Stephen gave a big thank you to the local constabulary in enabling this popular parade to happen again after the previous year's omission due to red tape.

Picnic In The Park – A very successful day including a toddler's picnic – Community service Duck Race – Day of bands, sun and sangria!!

The Bridge Magazine – Stephen commented on the progress over the years from its humble beginnings started by Anne and Charles Looker on their Gestener machine. Then upgraded to a glossy with adverts by Alan Hooker assisted by a typewriter and prit-stick. The next faze happened when Stuart Bond introduced us to the computer and all the benefits this bought with a year's break letting Peter Heseltine take the helm. It is hoped that 2012 will see a special commemorative A4 all colour version.

November 5th – The annual extravaganza held at Judith's Field every November 5th deemed by Kimbolton Fireworks now to be the largest display in the area.

www.godmanchestercommunityassociation.org – Stephen outlined all the sections that were available on the new community website which includes a 'scrapbook' section encouraging locals to set up their own photo albums and a 'forget me not' section to commemorate those locals who have passed on.

5-COMPANY SECRETARIES REPORT: -

Mike Westcott – Rudd outlined the legalities involved in the way the community association was now set up. With the increasing growth of our litigious society the committee felt it could no longer risk its member's financial wellbeing a registered charity. In 1999 the Association became led by guarantee. The current set up is as follows:

1. **Godmanchester Community Association LTD. Co. No. 3769694** -3 Directors – Mike Westcott-Rudd (Company Secretary), Alan Hooker, Roy White. These directors oversee the association is run in a legal manner compliant with company rules- this gives the association members protection against personal claims. The directors delegate the running of the Association to the trustees of Godmanchester Community Association – registered charity no. 274712. Trustees: Stuart Bond, Nicola Rule, Roy White, Mike Westcott-Rudd, Alan Hooker, Stephen Spencer. The trustees are responsible for the association running in accordance with the charity rules and regulations and conduct business in a transparent manner. The trustees in turn delegate the day to day running of the Community Association to its members. Mike presented a Trustee report (attach 1)

6-TREASURERS AUDITED ACCOUNTS REPORT: -

Alan Hooker produced the associations profit and loss summary and balance sheet (attach 2). He explained this was produced on a cash basis to enable it to be easily understood. He ran through each item explaining its content. As the association is a Ltd. Company the accountants Bulley Davey has to prepare the accounts on an accrual basis (attach 3) showing assets and accruals. The simple balance sheet now showed these elements to enable a comparison with the avoided accounts to be easily made. The accounts were proposed to be accepted by Stuart Bond and seconded by Eric Kynoch. They were passed on a show of hands.

Questions – Charles Looker asked that given the association's policy of aiming to hold 3 years working capital @ £9200 in hand what would happen to the reserves once over the £29,000 target. Alan Hooker confirmed once we had this sum in the pot in would be up to the committee if it wanted to give it away. He pointed out that the association had never intended to be run as a fundraising group but was tasked with investing time energy and funds into developing a strong community in Godmanchester. It had given away £1700 last year but this was not its prime purpose.

6.1- ELECTION OF AUDITORS: -

Alan Hooker proposed Bulley Davey for the year 2010-2011 this was seconded by Nicola Rule and passed by a show of hands.

7- ELECTION OF OFFICERS: -

Stephen Spencer noted that none of the officers (- company secretary – company directors – treasurer – vice chair- minute's secretary) had offered their resignation therefore he proposed their re-election on block Stuart Bond seconded this was passed on a show of hands

8- FUTURE ACTIVITIES:-

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS- To be held 8th May

2012 COMMITTEE- Stephen outlined this new sub-committee's objections and aspirations (details available as 800m committee minutes on the website in the 'committee' section). Alan Hooker pleaded for more willing hands to help organize the 'living History Medieval Market' weekend (The weekend prior to Gala day 2012). David Busk explained the concept of the Community Coffee shop for Godmanchester and invited anybody interested in helping this sub-committee to contact him at the vicarage.

CLUB 800 – This is a very important fund raiser with leaflets available to download on the website. 800 £1 monthly shares to be sold by the end of March with a £300 1st prize £75 second prize and a £25 3rd prize every month. Profits from this over the next 3 years would go towards funding the 2012 committee activities. Kim Davies asked for confirmation of draw method. Alan Hooker confirmed the town council would do this at its monthly town meeting starting this April.

BUSINESS CARDS- The association now had an official business card to give to interested parties – participants when our members are out and about.

CHRISTMAS CARDS- A set of 4 Christmas cards were being worked on in readiness for inclusion in the Bridge Magazine and for sale on Gala Day.

9- AOB: -

Mary Stokes informed the meeting that ‘Godmanchester in Bloom’ were organizing an Open Garden Day on June 20th 2010 with 20 Gardens so far committed and teas to be available at the Godmanchester museum. She also announced a scarecrow competition with the theme ‘TV Film Characters’ this project would run from June 20th through to Gala Day with prizes for the most exciting entries.

Anglia In Bloom – The regional judging will be during the 2nd – 3rd week of July 2010

10 CHINWAG: -

The meeting was called to a close to enable new and old members to catch up with the gossip.

Next meetings- Comrades club 8.00

Weds 10th March Bridge Magazine

Thurs 11th March General Committee 1st meeting

Mon 15th March School competition Judging

Mon 15th March 800 committee meeting venue to be announced

Tues 23rd March Picnic in the Park