

# MINUTES FOR GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING HELD AT THE COMRADES CLUB 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 AT 8.00PM

**APOLOGIES:** - Nina Collier, Nicola Rule, Huw Gaskill, Helen Galer, Keith Chapman, Richard Pease.

**PRESENT:** - Stephen Spencer (chair) Kim Davies, Richard Harrison, Gordon Allgood, Alan Suter, Alan Hooker (minutes). Mike Westcott Rudd (in the bar afterwards)

**APPROVE MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:** - Approved Richard seconded Stephen

**MATTERS ARISING:** - Alan H had been tasked to investigate arena requirements for the **low wire act**. This had not been done yet and would be looked at for the next meeting.

**The purchase of 220 Ducks and more Bunting** had been deferred until the next financial year. This starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> February – 31<sup>st</sup> January. Nina and Alan to organize in readiness for Gala Week.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** - Stephen had received a request for a charity stall on Gala Day and Picnic in the Park from a lady in Huntingdon raising funds for widows from the Afghan war. Alan H confirmed they were £ 10 with a 3meter frontage on Gala Day, the committee didn't feel it appropriate to have stalls at Picnic in the Park. Stephen to forward this information. THE BLUE VISION TWIRLERS had need to increase their fees from £ 75 to £100, it was agreed to re –book them for this year as they were a colourful addition.

## **AGM:** -

**NIBBLES AND WINE-** Alan to contact Roy and Christine White and confirm if they had planned to be involved this year as in previous. If they had decided to have a rest Kim Davies and Richard Harrison volunteered to organize this. **A working budget of £ 70** to be earmarked for whomever. Alan Suter confirmed the Comrades could supply sufficient wine glasses. The bar would be open during the meeting for other beverages (not free).

**TIMING-** Date Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February - setup 7.00pm - doors open 7.30 for informal introductions and nibbles – 8 /8.15 meeting called to order and business of the evening conducted, Alan H to research order of Agenda. Mike (the company secretary) said he would prepare a brief report for Stephen to read in his absence as he would be ski-ing. Alan H to make available copies of the **Company Account Balance Sheet** on chairs from the outset and invite questions to shorten this presentation. Kim felt the key points still needed to be outlined for the benefit of those present for the first time. Social intercourse would be encouraged at the end of the meeting. **PROMOTION** – Alan H to dig out wall sign and amend and install on vicarage wall. Alan H to produce a flyer for Shirley Brown to circulate before the end of term both in the satchel and via email. Alan H to email the flyer to the Club 800 members. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS-** Co Secretary, Company Directors, Treasurer, Minutes Secretary. Bonnie has indicated she does not have time for the minute secretary

post. **Richard Harrison has offered his services, Alan H requests he take on this roll at the AGM.** Alan H will circulate last year's minutes and make some available on the night.

**CLUB 800:-** Alan H reported we were half way there with the renewals and admitted it had been a mistake to put a March deadline on this as it was proving a lot of work updating everything with so many more to go. Although a lot of additional shares were being requested and new members coming forward nothing could be done until all the current members had confirmed and paid. The gaps from cancelled memberships had to be filled before new shares were sold. **Everyone needed to send payment post dated to the 17th March, ASAP to Alan.**

**PICNIC IN THE PARK:** - Stephen reported an agency had contacted him on behalf of FLORA requesting consideration of their involvement at the Picnic this year. They had in mind a demonstration stand to show off new products. The committee felt they could be invited as main sponsor with the opportunity for a banner on the stage and bridge. This would make a good shot for them when the ducks were launched! It was agreed a desirable addition depending on funds on offer, Stephen to negotiate with them. Alan Suter Confirmed Big 10 had been booked and a Simply Red tribute act was being pursued. Stephen confirmed auditions/ rehearsal were to be held (SUNDAY 13TH FEB. 1.30 PM) in the main hall at the Comrades for an early spot on the day for young local divas to show off their talents at Karaoke. There were 3-4 local girls in particular who had been impressive at recent events held at the Comrades which had prompted the idea. Alan H confirmed he was in discussion with a rapping DJ to act as link man between the groups and act as compeer for the event using computerised mixes and all that modern stuff. **Next PIP meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 8pm Comrades Club**

**GALA WEEK:** - It was agreed the FISHING COMPETITION should be repeated as it had been such a success last year with nearly 30 families taking part. Gordon could not be available on the day but would set things up with Stanjay re an article and free inscription on the winners Shield we had had made (Stephen to retrieve for re-use). It was agreed we have a straight 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> this year based on weight caught, these would receive a trophy. All participants with a catch would receive a medal and Alan H could probably think up categories under which those with empty nets could receive a medal also. It was agreed the date of the match would be Saturday 25th June. Arrangements to be confirmed Alan H and Stephen to organize on the day. Alan Suter to confirm Comrades willingness to host the prize giving at 4.30 on the day. Keep nets had to be used this year, buckets are not acceptable for storing living creatures needing oxygen. Stephen promised not to make any children cry by missing their award. **HISTORIC WALK-** it was agreed to hold 3-4 this year as the 2 last year had been oversubscribed in a week and we had turned people away. Gordon would confirm his ladies willingness to run a different walk on alternate evenings covering different ground. Alan H to confirm with Ken Sneath his willingness to present a talk walk for 2-3

days using a variation to the route used last year. Black Bull to be approached for catering and a written quotation obtained. **The SEA CADETS had requested - Affiliation-A Stall-Involvement in the procession. Stephen to forward contact details to Lynda Heseltine who was currently recruiting.**

**BRIDGE MAGAZINE:** - a spreadsheet outlining plans and intentions had been circulated as update on progress and requirements to all committee members.

SCHOOL COMPETITION- Richard had been asked for confirmation of the copy deadline to assist the competition committee plan the competition and judging. Alan H confirmed ideally the final shortlist should be ready for a last judging at his house? Mid- end March. The format should be a shield on which to design an emblem for 2012 to be used on commemorative items. Alan H to provide a brief outline (nicked from Ken Sneath) of the 2012 significance to guide the entrants on relevant matters.

**2012 COMMITTEE:** - Stephen reported a first meeting had been held of the sponsorship committee to which all were invited. Alan H confirmed he had produced minutes and an outline proposal for this committee and would be distributing it to everyone as an update prior to the next 2012 main meeting to be held on MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 8-15 PM Q.E.SCHOOL. The living history committee were meeting on TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 5.00PM AT 2 EARNING STREET. Gordon to attend to discuss the 'Historic Market / Country fair' needs and issues. It had been rumoured the flood defence scheme had been scrapped and along with it the offer of a free Town sign.

**AOB:-**

TRUSTEES- Mike W. R. Confirmed it was normal practice to have a meeting of the trustees prior to the AGM to discuss any weighty stuff needing attention and to be able to produce a minute of its being held.

Current trustees. STUART BOND, ALAN HOOKER, NICOLA RULE, ROY WHITE, MIKE- WESTCOTT RUDD, STEPHEN SPENCER.

TRUSTEES MEETING CALLED FOR SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY. 12 MIDDAY AT THE EXHIBITION PUB LONDON ROAD

Anyone not available please offer apologies.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:-**

AGM 24-02-2011, COMRADES 7.30

Ordinary meeting THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 8PM COMRADES