

GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH MAY 2011

APOLOGIES: - Nicola Rule, Charlotte Oldwood, Helen Galer, Richard Harrison

PRESENT:- Stephen Spencer (chair) , Gordon Allgood, Huw Gaskill , Dave and Wendy Underwood, Kim Davies, Nina Collier, Alan Hooker (minutes)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: - There were none, Alan and Richard had both been indisposed. Stephen to cobble up some as his memory and notes permit.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

CORRESPONDENCE: - None.

CLUB 800:- Alan reported that 756 numbers had been sold generating a potential profit for the 2012 committee of £ 4500 for this year. The prize money was currently running at £ 300, £ 60, £ 20 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd,

BRIGE MAGAZINE: - Alan reported that preparation was running a week behind due to the request of the 2012 committee to bring the commemorative mug launch forward to before Christmas. This had meant a mad couple of weeks finalizing artwork and designs to enable its launch in the Bridge Magazine this year. It was hoped to go to the printers on Monday 16th with Nina hoping to have the finished mags. Ready for working on at the weekend as planned. **It was noted how important it was that distributors get them delivered as soon as possible after receiving them as there were events being promoted for early June !!**

GALA WEEK: - CARNIVAL Charlotte has emailed a list of queries as follows:

Sorry I haven't been able to make any meetings for ages. Life's a bit complicated at the moment (in a good way). So random thoughts about the parade:

1 – Police. Is somebody writing to the police about our requirements? If so, can I put the parade in there too?

2 – St John's. Are they booked, and are they walking with us?

3 – Mayor. Is somebody writing to formally invite them? Judging is at 12.50.

4 – I'll send the route and stuff out to the people I know are coming.

5 – Gala princess – there was a lot of fuss last year about the lorry that the gala princess got – as it wasn't decorated or anything. I got quite a lot of flack about it. Can they go in a car this year, or get the lorry decorated? It did look bit rubbish.

6 – I'll drop the highways agency a note about the roads (unless anybody else has done this)

Apart from that, same as ever really.

Item 3 is covered in these minutes could other items be confirmed by those responsible.

The Mayor and deputy Mayor cannot attend to open Gala Day this year. After discussion it was agreed Alan should approach Councillor Christopher Vane Percy to find if he was available and willing.

Note:-He is honoured to be asked. He has a foreign delegation arriving at 1.30 on that day and will look into arranging things to enable his presence at Judiths Field and the Gala until 3 pm.

OFFICIAL VEHICLES: with the Mayor away, and presumably his car! we have no vehicle to carry the Mayors replacement in the carnival , nor princesses if they are not on the back of a lorry ?. Stephen volunteered to contact Steve's Taxis to see if they can spare a limo, if not **IDEAS PLEASE**. Nina suggested her and Brenda Hennessey in their little sporty numbers?

GALA EQUIPMENT -Huw and Alan are to take a ride up to the port cabin after bunting duty to acquaint Huw with the requirements for gala day that will need bringing down to the rec. On the day he will have a long wheelbase jeep available. Charles Looker and he to meet up at 9 am to go in convoy and load up and get the tents seats tables etc down to the rec.

BUNTING: - SUNDAY 5th JUNE 10.00 AM- meet on the causeway, usual team- ALAN HOOKER, HUW GASKILL, RICHARD HARRISON, KEITH CHAPMAN, Stephen Spencer threatened to give a hand.

PICNIC IN THE PARK:-Stephen reported everything was ready and raring to go. There was a little confusion as to whether the White Hart had officially been asked to provide bar facilities at this year's event. Alan to contact and confirm.

2012 CELEBRATION COMMITTEE: - Alan outlined the importance of sub committees remaining responsible to and reporting back to the Community Association given the Associations Limited Company and Registered Charity status. Nina was concerned we would be debating everything 3 times and this would put a time burden on the main committee at meetings. With there now being a steering committee overseeing 2012 this should simplify the execution of this report. It was agreed this was a valid requirement as the main committee were in turn responsible to the trustees and ignorance was not a valid excuse if the Associations protective umbrella or insurance were called upon. Stephen agreed on behalf of the steering committee to produce a 'BUZZ' report for the main committee, Alan to ensure members of the main committee get a copy of the 2012 committee minutes when they are published each month. ALL MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ASSOCIATIONS WEBSITE. Stephen gave a brief resume of the progress made to date on the various activities planned for 2012. March / April 2012 minutes attached. It was reported the **2012 Steering Committee** were working on a presentation to be given on the 2nd June to the Heritage Lottery people in the hope of generating further funds for additional projects such as the school day attachment to the Living History event, funding for a community area at Buttermill meadow the Bloomers were working on, a green 8 mile footpath around Godmanchester and other 'Legacy' items.

COMMEMORATION MUG: - Alan reported a design had been arrived at following an email shot of the club 800 offering 3 variations. The mug would be available for pro – forma purchase at £ 5 per mug.as soon as the Bridge was finished. There was a returnable sales coupon in the Bridge, the Club 800 will also be emailed with the offer. The schools would be given electronic applications to circulate.

Alan and Stephen are booked to visit GMC Community School at 10 am on Friday 20th June to present a framed copy of the Mug artwork to the winning shield designer. This was to pre-empt him finding out 2nd hand when the Bridge hit the streets. The usual presentation of Mags Certificates and prizes for the competition winners would take place as normal with Stephen covering St, Annes and Bridget Gaskill covering the Community school. Shirley Brown is organizing the prizes and can co ordinate the presentations. Shirley will also arrange for a our presence at an assembly in early December at both schools at which we shall present the actual ' COMMEMORATION MUGS' as a Christmas gift to all , including teachers and headmasters. This frees the way to making the pre purchased MUGS available. Any unsold can go into the shops at £ 6 with £ 1 as a donation the establishment for helping. Shops to be invited are Ethnic Origins, The Chemist and Crazy Glazy (Comrades Club?).

AOB: -

GALA PRINCESS: - Judging Sunday 29th May at the Comrades 7.30 applications available on the website.

KITE FESTIVAL: - Sunday 22nd May GMC Rovers ground 11am – 5 pm. details on the website

TREASURE HUNT: - Sunday 22nd May 11am from the White Hart. Details on the website

NEXT MEETING: - THURSDAY 9TH JUNE 8PM COMRADES CLUB