

GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 8th October 2009

PRESENT

Nina Collier, Kim Davies, Gordon Allgood, Stephen Spencer, Alan Hooker, Huw Gaskill, Keith Chapman, Richard Harrison, Roy White, Brenda Hennessey, Shirley Brown, Charlotte Oldwood, James Taylor, Stuart Bond, Bonnie Hooker

APOLOGIES

Alan Suter, Christine White, Helen Galer (Helen is available from 6.15/30 on 05.11.09 and is happy to do sweets)

NEW MEMBER

James Taylor was welcomed into the fold Mob.07872 838860. Email address will appear on distribution list.

The minutes from the last meeting held on 10th September were approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

MAGPAS - £500 – thanked – photo shoot to be arranged by **S. Spencer** photos A.H.

Bowles – Stephen Spencer has written to Sue Worthington at the Bowles club to say thank you.

Ducks – Huw bought a duck, which was one of the ducks rescued from the shredder at work, to show what is what like and to see if the association wanted those which had survived. Nina said that she didn't want them as they were rubber ducks not plastic ducks! Nina and Richard have received quotes for ducks. £127 for 50. £185 for 100. (+ vat ?)

Container –

- Stephen Spencer asked Roy about getting a written quote from his cousin. Roy reported that his cousin had had swine flu so it was not high on his list of priorities
- Huw had received two quotes, one from speedy and one from Stamford. **Alan Hooker** is going to go and have a look and if he is happy with them he will order one from Stamford @ £2300 inc vat. Inc delivery + sleepers.
- Roy pointed out that the container from his cousin would be insulated and epoxy coated and asked if the one's that Huw had received quotes for were
- Stephen Spencer said that he wanted the container to stop keep appearing the minutes and reiterated that Alan Hooker had the Authority to decide on a container and order it.
- Alan Hooker said that he is intending to go to the football ground with Keith Gabb and see exactly where they are intending to put the container.

Last night of the Proms – Stephen Spencer admitted to not reading the last minutes when he announced that he was still waiting for the holiday dates from Shirley, Bonnie pointed out that they had been included in the minutes!! Shirley gave Stephen a list of all holiday dates until 2011. Stephen said that he now needs to speak to Alan Suter regarding availability of the Comrades Club

Nov 5th –

- Training was done on Oct 3rd by the pyrotechnic team
- **Stephen Spencer** is to get in touch with Sam Edmunds at event paramedics re first Aid provision at bonfire night
- Roy agreed to re-vamp the pricing grid taking into account the new charge of £ 4.00 for adults on the gate and to change the sign on the gate
- Alan Hooker agreed that a sign positioned down the queue regarding ticket holders having a different queue was a good idea and would implement.
- Stephen ran through the job list and updated where necessary (**ATTACHED**)
- Alan Hooker confirmed that the fireworks had been ordered, the fair had been arranged and he was waiting to for Peter Irving to get back to him about when the sign can go up
- Stephen has contacted the police re coning off London Road and the A1198
- Huw agreed to be MC on the night
- Richard agreed to man the fireworks in the afternoon and be the 'linkman'

Website : In memoriam – Bill Looker has been entered on the web page. Alan Hooker has asked his wife to contact Darren Marsh's family regarding an entry for him.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from John Thackray regarding 2012 celebrations. The 2012 committee has asked if the 2012 celebrations can be a part of Gala week and if they can have fireworks (by the pyrotechnic team)

- Brenda suggested that there be a 'proms' on the recreation ground on the Saturday night finishing with fireworks
- Kim suggested telling the 2012 committee that they can have use of the stage on the Saturday night to do what they want with
- Alan Hooker stated his concern that the Community Association might get overstretched if organising the activities for the 2012 celebrations
- Huw, who had attended an initial meeting of the 2012 committee, suggested that the 2012 celebrations be spread out over the entire year, to the agreement of those present
- Kim asked when the Charter was signed and suggested that something be focused on that date. She also said that she felt that if the 2012 celebrations were merged in with

the Gala week celebrations the people of the town would probably not realise that there was anything special going on.

- Stuart pointed out that the Community Association needed to decide whether it wanted synergies or to be separate. Bonnie asked how to spell it.
- The general feeling from those present was that the Community Association wanted to be separate.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Barn dance 12.06.2010 – Alan Hooker has been in touch with ‘Ock-n-Dough’ who have said that they will perform at a cost of £350. He pointed out the need for a sub-committee to organise the event. Volunteers were Kim Davies, Charlotte Oldwood, Brenda Hennessey and possibly Bonnie Hooker.

The Meeting was closed

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER AT 8PM AT THE COMRADES CLUB

Apologies in advance from Bonnie Hooker

SUPPLEMENTARY EMAIL DISCUSSION

It has come to light that the deposit account requires 2 signatories to withdraw and those currently registered are Alan Hooker and Harry Foren. As Harry is no longer with us additional signatories are required. Stuart Bond felt signatories on all accounts need reviewing with the chairman’s inclusion, to be discussed further.

It was proposed and agreed that the National Savings Deposit Account, in addition to Alan Hooker, should have Steven Spencer, Shirley Brown and Nina Collier as additional signatories.