

# GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011

**APOLOGIES:** - Dave Underwood, Nicola Rule

**PRESENT:-** Roy White, Kim Davies, Wendy Underwood, Alletta ,Helen Galer, Shirley Brown, Nina Collier, Alan Suter, Huw Gaskill, Richard Harrison Stephen Spencer ( chair ) Alan Hooker ( minutes)

Minute secretary Richard arrived late and Alan chose to continue recording the meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** - Approved Wendy Underwood, seconded Kim Davies

**MATTERS ARISING: - Bunting-**New union Jack Bunting had been purchased and was now adorning the causeway. **Ducks-** Nina had purchased 230 new ducks and they were numbered and raring to go.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** - The Town Clerk had received a communication from the County Council demanding the newly installed Bunting be removed as it hadn't received their permission to be erected! This was passed to Stephen and Alan H for comment. After a brief mobile conference Stephen rang the gentleman in question to point out that we had been doing this for at least 20 years with no problem and no one had ever mentioned getting permission. If he felt that strongly he would need to come down and remove it himself as the Bunting Team were now on holiday, hence the Bunting going up a week early. Stephen also requested he be informed of the timing of this action as he had already had a national newspaper and TV company asking to meet to record the event. The gent rang back 5 minutes later having spoken to the head of the department and confirmed it could stay. Belford Beatty are taking over the responsibility for the Towns lights in a couple of weeks and we should get permission from them next year. The committee agreed this would be a prudent action for next year.

**CLUB 800:-** Alan H reported the draw was going strong with the new First prize at its maximum target of £ 300 per month. There were 30 shares left for sale on Gala Day.

**BRIDGE MAGAZINE:** - Stephen congratulated the team on a very professional production. Various comments as to its excellence had been received. Alan H Commented that we had omitted to mention the Town Clerk in the last 2 publications while giving the impression her assistant did all the work! This was strange as it was the Town Clerk who we got to update this information each year. **It was noted not to make the omission again in the future.** Alan H had received a comment that we had not mentioned last year's Gala Princesses, **note to mention next year.** Roy White requested we make the photos larger in future as the text in some cases was larger than needed. Stephen put his publishers' hat on and commented that ideally the font style and size should be consistent throughout the magazine. Alan H said he did this when compiling the Affiliated List but had not thought to ensure it happened throughout. **Alan H and Ann Hyams to monitor this next year.** Cinta were disappointed at not having their full page advert in the magazine as hoped, Alan H pointed out that this is what happened with DEADLINES and dithering.

**DISRIBUTION:** - Nina felt that now she was nearing 60 the effort of serving 36 different people doing the rounds was getting too much. A discussion followed in which she outlined a conversation with Alan H she had and suggested we appoint 4 team leaders supporting 9 people each. They would be responsible for collecting their 9 rounds from Nina and ensuring they got to the distribution team under their wing ASAP and monitored progress. Stephen commented he could get the printer to pre box the correct numbers of magazines for the various rounds and mark the boxes / rounds 1 to 36 or whatever to ease this side of things. Nina was a bit dubious as to the accuracy of this and preferred to sort herself. **To be discussed further.**

**CARNIVAL:** - Charlotte Oldwood and Alan Suter have everything in hand. Lack of Lorries has been a problem this year although there is a last minute offer if anyone needs one. **CHAUFERS: - Roy White** has kindly offered to drive the Gala Queen and 2 princesses in the procession (1 riser seat needed). Meet at Nokia car park 12.30.

**Brenda Hennessey** is collecting our guest dignitary Christopher Vane Percy from Island Hall at 12 .25and delivering him safely to Nokia plus drive him in the procession.

**GALA WEEK:** – **Historic walks** are all sold out. Stephen has his 8 Teams for **Bowls**. Brenda is ready to **Petanque**, Alan H to drop of lights and cables directly to the exhibition on Friday afternoon. (Oak Tree Court now has a state of the art purpose built very large Petanque court. ( I have suggested they send a team down to find out how to use it.)



**FISHING COMPETITION:** - Recreation Ground Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 1.00. Alan H and Stephen to assist Stan to peg out at 8.30am

**STALLS:** - Commas to have 2 for the **Ducks**, a double would be needed to sell **CLUB 800 TICKETS** and to take presales / promote the **COMMEMORATION MUG this would need to be in a Marquee to avoid display blowing away**. Alan to get picture boards **from Nicola Rule ASAP** and to make presentations and produce a mug application flyer for distribution. No darts Tombola this year. Volunteers needed to man these = 2 teams of 3 for each to enable breaks. **JOBS:- William Looker** to come to rec at 9am with chairs and tables currently at Earning Street also collect Maypole from School ( and return ) **Huw Gaskill, Richard Harrison –Container duty**, load up with 3 Marquees chairs and anything else needed that is currently in the container, deliver to rec. For 9.30. **Keith Chapman 8am** help Alan number up stalls etc. **Stephen Spencer ET all 10 am** erect Marquees, fix stakes for arena, erect stalls, rubbish bags etc. **Keith Chapman, Huw Gaskill, Richard Harrison to act as stewards** to ensure safe arrival of Carnival in the arena at 1-55pm. **CASH FLOATS - please let Alan know the weekend before of any floats needed**. Space is needed for the **TRACTOR BOYS** vehicles to go on display.

**PICNIC IN THE PARK:** - **DECKCHAIR TRANSPORT SUNDAY MORNING. This is still not resolved!!**  
**Transport and bodies needed Sunday morning to get deckchairs from Brampton and back.**

**OPTIONS? Van hire? Suggestions please.** **Charles Looker** offered to make his truck and horse box available, needs arranging by whoever is doing/DRIVING (William not available, Charles away). **Volunteers needed to start humping Sunday between 8 – 11 am.** **Huw Gaskill** has arranged for 2 x 8 yard skips on the rec. To be delivered Friday. Latta Loo, extra Urinal not on invoice sent to Council, **Stephen to confirm it's booked.**

**2012 COMMITTEE UPDATE/ STEERING COMMITTEE:** - I have no notes but things are chugging along.

**COMMEMORATIVE MUG:** - presales have started coming in off the Bridge Mag but push to start on Gala Day. Alan H to promote on website / emails/ flyers once we have gala week out of the way. £5 in advance £ 6 in Shops from December 2011.

**AOB:-** who's round ?

**NEXT MEETING:- THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY ?**