

FRIENDS OF PICNIC IN THE PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 25/07/12

Attendance/Register

Present - Kelly MacDowell-Farrington, Stephen Spencer, Katherine Gowlett, Sonia Dyne, Jay Dyne, Jacqueline Barringer, John O'Callaghan, Sharon Brading, Special attendance of Alan Suter Picnic in the Park Chairman

Apologies - Caron Hayes, Kirsty Dempster, Roy Dodson, Alan Hooker, Becky Smith, Amanda Last.

Absent - Karen Maurice, Yoko Busk.

Welcome to new members - Nichola Hurst, Christine Cullen, Julie Waters.

Please note we did not achieve 60% attendance so no matters were voted on.

Review of last meeting minutes

SS requested adjustments to previous minutes as follows - door to door bucket collections to be carried out strictly in pairs. Suggestions for promotional material included bumper stickers and t shirts.

Leaflet drop

YB provided paperwork listing how many houses are in each street in Godmanchester

Much discussion regarding how to orchestrate this, lots of ideas put forward regarding maps/division of areas/obtaining leaflets, petitions, buckets, high vis vests/timescales for completion

In summary

Leaflet design has been agreed upon and has gone to print

SS will announce via Facebook and email when the leaflets are ready, this is likely to be Tuesday 31st July. SS will obtain collection buckets from Charlotte Oldwood. SS will obtain high vis vests from Alan Hooker. SS will also state his address and when collection is appropriate for him. Droppers will collect a batch of leaflets and sign up for a route. Should you be able to do more please feel free to do more! Leaflets must all be delivered by Friday 3rd August. Please take care when posting through doors in case of bitten fingers!

Door to door canvassing/collection - Buckets/petitions/high-vis jackets and ID to be collected again from SS at a time suitable to him. Again, routes can be selected but we must go out in pairs and during sociable late afternoon/evening hours. Please be aware donations must be placed directly in the buckets by the donator. We must not handle the money. Buckets must be returned to SS. Bucket collections to be completed by Friday 10 August. Be confident and friendly. If people don't wish to donate please encourage them to sign the petition and point how they can donate online. Please note K McD-F will be away so please contact SS regarding any questions or issues. He is contactable via Facebook or at chairman@godmanchestercommunityassociation.org

Link on GCA website SS to check with Alan Hooker to get this up and running

Easyfundraising/Easysearch/Online Giving - K McD-F explained how Easyfundraising and Easysearch work. Hopefully committee members could try this and encourage family/friends to too. K McD-F also stated that there is already £50 in the online giving account and that this is very encouraging.

Petition - CH has managed to obtain 87 signatures over 2 days in the school playground! This takes our number of signatures to over 200 therefore declaring this a valid petition. As well as the door to door it was suggested that the petitions be also placed in local shops etc. NH taking copies to local Slimming World meetings.

Waitrose tokens - It was decided that we should go ahead with this. K McD-F to fill in application form.

SITA/WREN - KD contacted both of these companies and whilst they were very helpful, they do not fund any charity events.

Jacksons - SS to approach

800 club - regarding picnic in the park becoming a beneficiary, this matter is ongoing.

Round table discussion/Brainstorming - for future fundraising

RD - Boxcar race/Boat or bathtub race/GMC photo contest with a theme

JB - Hog roast

SD - Bingo

CC - Winter Festival, Collection bucket in the Comrades club, 50/50 share basis - AS to ask CClub Committee

SS - Will stand in co-op all day (collecting)

SS - GCA to have a New Years Eve fireworks display....PiP buckets could circulate

SD - will revisit glow in the dark wristbands for other events

K McD-F - Halloween party. Could be held in Comrades club on Wednesday 31 October. Lots of possibilities. To begin planning at nearest possibility.

K McD-F - Would like an even representation of members with a affiliations to both primary schools

SD - Specially made beer. This was done for a Huntingdon celebration and sold in waitrose. SD to investigate how and who?

SB/CC - Beer festival. As the White Hart not having one this year, this could be a good idea. AS to see if Comrades club would be interested

SS - Pop-open charity cards. AS to sell on firework night.

SS-explore printing costs and availability of more blank badges to distribute to contributors/supporters using borrowed equipmen ASAP KG, to explore availability on ebay

Assignment of next meeting - Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 14th August