

GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2009

PRESENT

Nina Collier, Kim Davies, Alan Suter, Gordon Allgood, Stephen Spencer, Alan Hooker, Huw Gaskill, Keith Chapman, Richard Halliday, Bonnie Hooker

APOLOGIES

Shirley Brown, Dave Brown, Nicola Rule, Stuart Bond, Rich Milns, Helen Galer, Janice Suter, Roy White, Christine White

The minutes from the last meeting held on 11th August were approved. MATTERS ARISING: MAGPAS

Nina Collier suggested we donate £500 to MAGPAS as it is a cause that would benefit everyone in GMC. Stephen Spencer suggested we have them as a chosen charity and look at events in the pipeline and designate any monies raised to them. Nina felt that we could use money from funds and Alan Hooker agreed that MAGPAS could probably do with the money sooner rather than later.

Nina proposed that we give MAGPAS a £500 donation, Richard Halliday seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the motion was carried. Alan Hooker Suggested MAGPAS also be the nominated charity for the rest of the year which was agreed by the committee.

Nina felt that we should have a picture in the Hunts post as the council did on giving their donation. It was felt that we should try and get more publicity as we raise money and donate it to local charities yet we never publicise the fact giving the impression it is just stock piled. It was suggested that we have a designated 'publicity person' – Alan Hooker suggested **Nicola Rule** for press officer!

GALA week/weekend

- Charlotte Oldwood had responded via e-mail to the comments regarding the toilet stop in the carnival procession agreeing that it had indeed been a nightmare and it would try to be avoided next year.
- Dave Brown has confirmed that the White Hart was happy doing the bar. Stephen from the White Hart had e-mailed Stephen Spencer thanking him for letting them do the bar and hoping we would consider them for future events.
- Stephen is to write to Sue Worthington from the Bowls club and say thank you for the Bowls
- Nina reported that the cost for new ducks was 62p per duck. Huw is putting masses of ducks through a shredder at work for an open day, he said some should survive the

process and we are welcome to have them! It was agreed in principle to enlarge the flock for next year!

- Huw and Nina felt that we should have a higher budget to spend on arena acts for gala day, Alan Hooker said he was not sure that just spending more on acts for the arena would improve the day for everyone and any additional spending would be better directed at support equipment for Huw, Richard and Barry for their arena act. Kim and Bonnie felt that there should be more from the local groups and local talent in the arena as they felt that people didn't generally go to Gala day for the arena events unless it was to watch their children performing! Kim suggested that we could do an annual assault course and the local groups/affiliated groups could enter teams.

Website

Alan was pleased to announce that the community association website was now up and running. (www.godmanchestercommunityassociation.org) A big thank you to Rich Milns. A gentle reminder to **Shirley Brown** who was going to provide an authorisation form for use of photo's that the school used.

Container

Although Alan H has the authority from the committee to order the container he is still awaiting an official written quote from **Roy** and a response from **Huw** on the matter. A quote had been received from Nicola but it was for a second hand container and the committee had decided at the last meeting that it wanted to buy a new one. Alan has received the costings for the sleepers from David Brown.

Christmas Cards

Stephen was thinking of using 4 scenes and getting 1000 of each and selling mixed packs. Gordon asked if he had decided on images and the question was raised how was he intending to package them to show all the designs in the pack. It was decided to all get the cameras out during the white periods for card images! Target date for publicity would be next years Bridge magazine.

CORRESPONDENCE

- John Thackray from GMC in Bloom had e-mailed with an update of what is happening with them. The GMC in Bloom committee are planning an open garden weekend event for 26/27 June 2010 which they hope will become an annual event, also a scarecrow festival and a GMC in Bloom calendar for 2010. They will be holding their AGM on Thursday 1st October at the QE School, 7-7.30pm. Contact and information for these is confirmed as being available from Sarah Wilson on 01480 412747
- Stephen Spencer has received an e-mail from Sam Edmunds, a local chap, regarding the first aid provision at Gala day and Picnic in the park. The company is called Event

Paramedics and Stephen feels that we should use them in future, the rest of the committee were in agreement. Stephen said he would speak to Sam re Nov 5th.

- Stephen is still waiting for the school holiday dates from Shirley with regards to the e-mail from the Foss Dyke Band about booking them for next years last night of the proms. Stephen was hoping to hold it around St George's day. **Alan Suter** is to look into when the Comrades hall is available and confer with Stephen. **School holiday dates are from Friday 2nd April to Monday 19th April 2010**

NOVEMBER 5th – BONFIRE NIGHT

- Stephen Spencer has received an e-mail from the people who do the Huntingdon LIVE publications wanting to know if we wanted to advertise the fireworks in their publication at a cost of £115. It was agreed unanimously that no we did not.
- Training update with Kimbolton fireworks has been booked for Saturday 3rd October for Alan, Bonnie, Stephen, Gordon and Jonathan Wilson. Meet at Stephens at 9.15am
- PRICING – Alan Hooker suggested that the prices go up on the gate to encourage pre-sales of tickets and take the pressure off the gate. He felt that the gate prices should go up from £3.50 to £4 for an adult on the gate, with the childrens gate price staying at £2.50. Tickets in advance prices to stay at £1.50 a child and £3.50 an adult. Gordon suggested that we do a family ticket but Bonnie said that she felt that you couldn't say that 2 adults and 2 children make a family, some only have 1 adult, 1 child, lots with 3 children etc. It was agreed to stick with the current policy
- Nina said could **Roy White** please change the price grid for the gate reflecting the new prices
- Nina felt that we needed better signage on the gate showing ticket holders and cash only rather than people shouting at the queue! She felt these would be best placed on the verge in the bushes before you got to the front of the queue.
- Stephen ran through Roy White's form updating the list of duties and responsibilities for volunteers (copy attached)
- Nina is to collect the 'bag of tricks' from Alan at 4pm and be responsible for distribution of jackets, walkie-talkies, floats etc
- Helen Galer to be in charge of sweeties!

WEBSITE

As mentioned earlier the website is up and running.

Alan was wondering how to manage the forget me not page once it gets more content, ie categories?

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The Community Association would like to send its deepest sympathies to the families of Bill Looker, Darren Marsh and Rex Wells on their bereavement.
- Nina Collier announced that Sheena Kynock would be holding a champagne tea on 20th September in aid of the QE School. £6 per head which includes champagne and a cream tea. Contact Nina for tickets.

NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 8th AT 8PM AT THE COMRADES CLUB