

GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2010

APOLOGIES: Nicola Rule, Kim Davies, Charlotte Oldwood, Devon Wallwein, Bonnie Hooker, Roy and Christine White.

PRESENT: Brenda Hennessy, Nina Collier, Linda Heseltine, Shirley Brown, Stephen Spencer (chair) Richard Harrison, Gordon Allgood, Huw Gaskill, Alan Hooker (minutes)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – MATTERS ARISING: Proposed as a true record by Richard Harrison, seconded by Huw Gaskill.

2011 ARENA ATTRACTION: - Nina proposed that Jez Avery and his motorized bike show be engaged for this purpose at a cost of £ 795, this was agreed. Nina to confirm available arena size as 50m x 30 meters (as opposed to the ideal 80m x 40) **CONTAINER:** racking out had been completed at a cost of £ 318-94 inc. Labour.

HI VIZ JACKETS: 20 had been purchased at a cost of £ 151-52 inc. Printing. It was agreed they were a great success and even XXXXXXL was too small in some cases! **DUCKS:** Nina had found a duck supplier and it was agreed to purchase 220 for £ 70 +vat before the vat rate went up. Huw commented on our previous intention to purchase additional **BUNTING** next year and the sense in doing this before the vat hike. It was agreed to purchase 11 more lengths. Stephen requested Union Jacks, this was agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CAROLS: Alan had received a letter from the Baptists stating that they were running the Councils Carol Service this year and the COMMASS PA and assistance would not be required.

Stephen had received an email from ex Mayor **Malcolm Cohen congratulating** everyone on a magnificent display. The contract for **OCK'N'DOUGH** had been received and confirmed to play on the 11th June 2011.

NOVEMBER 5TH EXTRAVAGANZA: Stephen thanked everyone for their commitment and industry that had made this year the most successful display to date despite the nonstop rain. A special thank you went to **RICHARD PEASE** on his first encounter with the event. He had stuck manfully to the jobs given him by task master Alan all day despite being wet to the skin and having shunned Alan's offers of waterproof clothing. A discussion followed on the events merits and pitfalls. Roy White had requested **more £ 5 notes** at the front gate for floats next year and requested we consider a more **permanent set of signs**. It was agreed to get some permanent polyurethane ones made **Roy to confirm** exactly what signs were needed. Alan requested a proper ticket / queue sign be commissioned to go in London Road – approved. **Alan to arrange** signs be made once their content had been agreed. It was felt that next year a **bucket collection** might be useful for those watching outside of the complex on the A1198 and at the back gate which had not been manned initially this year. Alan commented at the low key start to the **BONFIRE** in its new position. Brenda suggested the use of **GARDEN OIL LAMPS** would make the positioning of the BONFIRE more apparent prior to its lighting. It was agreed Alan to purchase these for next year. **THE PA SYSTEM** had become very inefficient when water got into it and protection needed considering. It was felt a mini marquee would be problematic if windy. Huw suggested it go into the football changing rooms. Gordon suggested an external aerial would improve reception. A new PA was suggested but Alan pointed out that an improvement on what we already had would cost in excess of £ 3000. Alan to arrange a service for the PA and a suitable all weather aerial for the remote mike be sought. Kim had commented on the soaking situation at the front gate, with a marquee not practical it was felt the use of someone's **PATIO UMBRELLA** complete with table would do the job, whose umbrella remained to be decided. Richard commented on the swinging umbrella being in use mid crowd was obviously dangerous. Alan to ensure it is secured properly next year. Alan requested in future we have **FLOATERS** with radios specifically to be free to fill in when problems arise. Richard pointed out that we needed more bodies on the ground anyway and Brenda said she would pressgang her son Tom and his mates for a couple of hours next year. **EVERYONE** to try and enlist someone for a 2 hour commitment next year it was felt the **WORKING SHEET** should be revamped in readiness for next year to reflect some of the issues raised and include a more detailed breakdown of activities. Alan to review and circulate for further input (ATTACHED) Alan presented an initial financial account of the event showing a profit of £ 2900. **POLICEING** it was noted that the PCO's had left as soon as the fireworks finished when they had been requested to

remain until 9pm to ensure the Teens behaved them. Stephen to bring this up when arranging next year's police cover.

REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY: Ann Looker had the wreath ready for Stephen to collect and use in his role as representative of the COMMASS. The Town Council had requested volunteers to police the crowd and ensure they stayed off the road when traffic was moving. **VOLUNTEERS** Richard Harrison, Huw Gaskill, Gordon Allgood, Barry McGregor, Tom Hennessy and friend.

MEET AT MEMORIAL 10.30 TO BE ISSUED WITH XXXL FLO JOES.

BRIDGE MAGAZINE: MEETING 6TH JANUARY 2011 COMRADES 8.00PM
IDEAS FOR ARTICLES TO BE EMAILED TO ALAN AS THEY COME TO MIND

Already in consideration: Nature reserve in Cow Lane. (Alan) Humphrey's hollerings (Alan), Mr Sampson's 40's house, possible photo essay (Stephen). Godmanchester Roman Road, what in my back yard (Pipers Lane) (Nina).

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS: It was felt we should give this a miss in 2011 and gather enthusiasm for a show in 2012.

CHRISTMAS MEETING: It was agreed it should follow last year's successful format with a Chinese buffet and whip round for the bar. Partners and helpers welcome. **9th DECEMBER, COMRADES CLUB 8.00 PM Alan** Suter pointed out the usual hall was being used for a darts tournament but we were welcome to use the main hall.

AFTERTHOUGHT DO WE WANT TO CONSIDER WED 8TH OR FRIDAY 10TH IF THE SMALL HALL IS AVILABLE THEN? IS IT FREE ALAN?

AOB:

Stephen pointed out that street closures would be free if booked early enough. It was considered we didn't need closure for the Carnival procession and Alan pointed out the 2012 causeway closure was a non starter.

AGM: Stephen to seek available dates in February

1ST MEETING OF NEW YEAR THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY 2011 COMRADES CLUB 8.00PM