

# Godmanchester Community Association

## Minutes of Meeting 12 January 2006

**Present:** Stuart Bond (Chairman), Shirley Brown, Nina Collier, Martin Dachs, Lynda Heseltine, Alan Hooker, Patrick Hull, Jean Morgan, Charlotte Oldwood and Stephen Spencer

**Apologies:** Bridget Gaskill, Elwyn Hughes and Charles Looker

### Previous Minutes – 10 November 2005

No issues had been raised and these were accepted therefore as a true record.

Actions from last meeting:

- BG had contacted various groups as discussed below
- Fireworks display – items dealt with below.
- EH had been requested to write to Dr Weyell, Ann Looker and the Town Council – to be confirmed.
- MD felt there was need to contact St Anne's PSFA Chair to feedback information and gain more involvement in the local community by the school.

It was noted that only a few people had turned out for the social evening (apologies had been given by SB) and that in 2006 a more formal arrangement earlier e.g. Mid-November as a meal etc may be a better option due to constraints on time etc close to Christmas. **All to consider ideas (meal, ten pin bowling etc)**

### 1) Items to confirm for AGM

- 1.1. **AGM Date – Action: SB** to check on availability of Salvation Army Hall for last week in February.  
**CONFIRMED – Monday 20 February 2006 at 8pm, in the Salvation Army Hall, Silver Street**
- 1.2. **Officers** – SB noted that the main business at the AGM would include the election of the Officers comprising Company Director, Company Secretary, Treasurer and Minutes Secretary (excluding the Chairman, which is addressed at the subsequent ordinary meeting of 9 March 2006). In addition, agreement on the auditors for 2006 will be needed.  
**Action: SB** to confirm Officer's are willing to stand and remain as Trustees (E-mail sent)  
**Action: AH** to confirm with Bulley Davy  
**Action: All to note date will be advised by e-mail and web site**
- 1.3. With the loss of Harry Foren in 2005, the question arose regarding the position of President for the Association. It was understood this is an honorary role in recognition of contribution made to the Association and not a constitutional requirement. **Action: SB to confirm with MWR**

### 2) Bridge magazine (Peter Heseltine to note)

#### 2.1. Articles

The magazine is already under preparation. If Members have, or know others who may be able to offer, additional articles please contact Peter Heseltine. **Action: Everyone**

- 2.1.1. **Action: AH** to provide his article on the background and efforts undertaken for the Fireworks Display as per Nov 2005 meeting offer, including a half page "advert" for the Guy Competition to be opened to individuals, families and groups other than the two schools.
- 2.1.2. **Action: CO** offered an article about the Gala Parade with photographs from 2005 to promote participation.

#### 2.2. Advertisers

- 2.2.1. SB will send out the letter to advertisers very shortly. Again, any additional suggestions for new advertisers should be advised quickly, to Stuart Bond ([advert@godmanchester.net](mailto:advert@godmanchester.net)).  
**Action: Everyone**  
**Action: SB** to send copy of 2005 mag to Carol Scott.

### 2.2.2. Sponsorship for Main Event

With the change of ownership of The Exhibition, it was noted that the Boules was unlikely to take place, but the GMCCA were keen to involve the pub in the community activities. **Action: NC/ SB** will raise the question of an advert etc

### 2.3. Printing

Two quotes were obtained and Sears Publishing was much cheaper once again. Thanks were expressed to Stephen Spencer for obtaining such good value for the Association, remaining at the 2005 price of £1743. Additional costs to cover will be the prizes for the children's competition.

### 2.4. Listing of Arena events

Peter Heseltine will require the Picnic in the Park listing. **Action: MD** to supply late Feb or March.

### 2.5. Affiliated Groups

LH would be issuing the letter to the local groups shortly including a request for them to participate in the Parade and invite to put on events themselves in the Gala Week. **Action: LH**

## 3) Gala Week

3.1. What events from GMCCA? Presently with our existing resources it was felt the GMCCA could not run an additional event beyond the Parade, Gala Day, Duck Race and Picnic in the Park. If new Members come forward at the AGM this could of course change. **New Members most welcome.**

3.2. What events from Comrades Club? As no Comrades Club representatives were present, it was not possible to determine their plans. **Action: AS to advise at next meeting if possible.**

3.3. Other local groups and businesses

3.3.1. **Action: NC** to establish whether a Fun Run will take place from The White Hart on Sunday 25 June

3.3.2. **Bowls Club** – Jack Tyler will confirm position on holding the Open Bowls Competition for Sunday 25 June 2006. **Action: SS to liaise also please confirm details to SB.**

## 4) Gala Parade

CO confirmed that AS had discussed and both were willing to organize the parade again. The theme was discussed, and in light of the Gala Day arena items, the Parade theme was **Godmanchester Rural Heritage.**

**Action: All to note**

**Action: RW** – would you be willing to transport Gala Princesses?

## 5) Gala Day

5.1. Events co-ordinator – SB noted the need for a volunteer to co-ordinate the events and timing etc to assist as a focal point. **Volunteer required.**

5.2. BG had made good progress with **main arena events** and had advised by e-mail as follows.

5.2.1. She has now heard from the sheepdog demonstration people and the booking is fine. Should hear in writing pretty soon but they have had some problems with their computer.

5.2.2. Shepreth Wildlife Park (supplying small petting animals and insects!) have advised that they can only let us know much nearer the time, as it will depend on how many volunteers they have that day, to see if there are enough people available to come to our Gala Day. BG asked them to put it in writing anyway.

5.2.3. Raptor Foundation unfortunately are still not able to commit to the date as it is pretty busy for them. They do have a big RAF display on that date too. Again it depends a bit if they have enough volunteers available on that Saturday for some to be able to come to GMC. The Secretary

has advised that we should know more in a couple of weeks.

- 5.3. **Additional Arena Events** in the arena were discussed at some length regarding what inclusive events could be offered to involve the children from Godmanchester. Those present expressed a wish to include all children but noted that the Community School has always been more willing to provide specific events for the arena than St Annes. It was fully understood that it was not possible for the two schools to practice together due to the problems of moving children between locations.

Therefore the following was agreed:

- ShB will ask whether the Community School can provide a Maypole display **Action: ShB**
- Open inclusive activities will be considered at the February meeting which any children present can join in with, such as tug-o-war, over-under balloon games etc. **Action: All to consider**

- 5.4. **Sponsorship** SB noted the change of Campbell's Est Agents to Bennett Sanders which may impact upon the ability obtain sponsorship for Gala Day which has in the recent past allowed us to have better main arena events.

**Action: SB** will write to the local large businesses to seek their support (e.g. CDT, DHL Excel etc on Cardinal Way).

**Action: SS** to advise new contact details for Bennett Sanders (done)

- 5.5. **Arena assistance** – **ShB** offered to provide the required assistance for AH in the arena, especially at the start with the Parade arrival and judging of the entries.

- 5.6. **Affiliated stalls / Concession stands marshal** to organize on arrival and collect monies required. **Volunteer needed**

#### 5.7. Fund Raising

As agreed in 2005, it was decided that GMCCA fund raising would focus on the Duck Race which is so popular. This would allow more people to assist in the selling and registration of entrants making the task less of a burden. **Action: NC to confirm assistance needed and numbers required at any one time.**

- 5.8. **Equipment** – PA etc all stated to be ok by AH. However, it was AGREED that 5off headsets to go with the radios, would be obtained to ensure communication could be maintained at Picnic in the Park (which is very difficult near the stage area) and for use at the Firework Displays. **Action: AH** to obtain price and advise to allow purchase in February.

#### 5.9. Craft Stalls

LH will write to the owners of local craft stalls based on the initial interest from last year and expressions of interested given to CO at the Community School Event. **Action: CO & LH**

### 6) Picnic in the Park

- 6.1. Progress – MD reported good progress for 2006. GMC Town Council had not provided the full funding that had been requested, but the amount available meant the event should proceed. In this regard MD noted that the cost of the deck chairs was sufficient that if not used this year could allow additional security to be there. Whilst this was recognised, it was felt that the chairs are an attraction and make the day more comfortable for many people. MD was asked to discuss with the team.

- 6.2. Requirements left – obviously stewards will be required and all were asked to consider their availability to offer support. MD noted concern at the number available and need for paid additional stewards.

### 7) Timing on Sunday 2 July 2006

In order to improve timing of Picnic event, it was agreed to move the Duck Race to 1200hrs, with Picnic in the Park starting at 1230hrs (better for young hungry children) and ending 1830hrs. Sound check would be 1100-1200hrs immediately after the Churches of Godmanchester Open Service.

**Action: CO** will consider feasibility of the Tots Time event for 1030-1045hrs

- 8) Common items for both days

8.1. Bar – SB noted the need to make arrangements and possibility of The Marex not being able to provide the service. CO advised she was soon to meet a local group interested in providing the service.

**Action: CO to advise**

In addition, NC highlighted the need for the GMCCA to obtain the required license for alcohol sales under the new legislation. **Action: PH stated he would arrange same for both days with Gregory Peck at HDC**

8.2. St John's – PH would arrange cover for both days. NC noted her tent would be on site and could be used for privacy if needed to treat minor incidents. A very clear offer and scope of facilities provided would be noted in the letter to St John's. **Action: PH**

9) Fireworks

9.1. Training refresher / new staff training – SB suggested to AH that Kimbolton Fireworks be contacted regarding their safety course for refresher & new recruit purposes. **Action: AH**

9.2. Support required – AH responded to SB's question about numbers of people helping with the set up and pyrotechnics, that at present he was comfortable they had sufficient members in the team.

10) AOB

10.1. Stephen Spencer presented the Association with a cheque in the sum of £225 from the funds raised by the "Last Night of the Proms" event in 2005. SB thanked Stephen for his support and on the event.

10.2. SS proposed holding a further night with the Foss Dyke Band and will initially approach St Anne's School regarding the venue and participation. He offered to pay for the band if the CA would contribute the cost of the coach (AGREED). He suggested that MAGPAS be the primary beneficiary and the CA agreed this was an excellent choice.

**Action: SS to advise on details**