

Godmanchester Community Association

Minutes of Meeting 12 April 2007

1 Attendees

Stuart Bond (Chairman), Keith Chapman, Helen Galer, James Leet, Barry McGregor, Jean Morgan, Roy & Christine White

2 Apologies

David Brown, Nina Collier, Huw Gaskill, Alan Hooker, Elwyn Hughes, Stephen Spencer and Alan Suter

3 Previous Minutes

AH had requested a correction to the previous Minutes noting that the team listed as item 1) under "Gala Day Activities" was actually the team for the bunting on 17 June.

4 Vice Chairman

SB noted that this again had not been filled and RW recommended that potential candidate(s) be approached directly by SB. **Action: Any Member interested in assisting in this capacity please speak to SB**

5 Key Roles & Actions

SB highlighted this was a joint effort from everyone having sent details previously in the form of tabulations etc. Again, this would be ideally addressed later in the year, but all members are requested to review the tabulations and annotate.

6 Gala Week

SB reviewed the previous Minutes and actions therein, thus:

6.1 Comrades Club

The information from AS will be provided to SB for the Gala Magazine in the next week to allow inclusion in the week's timetable of events.

6.2 Gala Princesses

The Comrades Club have discussed this and HG advised it was expected to take place on the usual basis as previously of selection on the Sunday of the Late Spring Bank holiday at the end of May. **Action: AS / HG to confirm to SB for the events listing on the web sit**

6.3 The Exhibition Fun Run

The Exhibition was yet to confirm if they intended to have a fun run this year. Paul Dyer needs to be contacted. **Action: NC / SB so date can be in The Bridge if it is occurring.**

6.4 Boule / Petanque

Similarly, there was need to confirm if The Ex wished to run the Boule / Petanque and could source equipment etc. PL advised that the Cricket Club had enough sets to run 4 parallel games of two teams each (with four people per team). **Action: NC to confirm with Paul Dyer and advise SB & PL so date can be in The Bridge with contact details to allow residents to join in.**

6.5 Royal Oak Bowls Club

HG confirmed with Jack Tyler that the Bowls Club was willing to host the annual open bowls competition for residents on Sunday 1 July. **HG to confirm contact details to SB for inclusion in The Bridge, to check on receipt of JT's text**

6.6 Cricket Club Event

JL and AS need to liaise on the night for the Quick (kwick??) Cricket so that this can be arranged and

incorporated in the listings in The Bridge. **Action: JL and AS to discuss and advise SB of timing etc**

6.7 Future "Events" Coordinators for Gala Week and Gala Day Arena

One area where SB noted we could benefit was in the allocation of specific roles for the coordination of events and timing in Gala Week, plus liaison with Parade and arranging Gala Arena by gaining input from the team and then collating information on timing etc so these can be included in The Bridge in time for publication. **Action: Volunteers sought to be the focus of activity supported by the other members.**

7 Gala Day & Picnic in the Park Set up, Stewarding and Strip Down

ALL MEMBERS please check your availability to assist with the events on the weekend of 7 & 8 July so we can firm up on allocation of specific responsibilities at the next meeting. Thanks!

8 Gala Day Parade

The Hohenfeld band will require an "escort" on the day to guide them at Judith's Field and the Rec. **Action: to be confirmed role at next meeting.**

Accommodation: SB was advised that there was still anticipated to be a need for hosts for the band members. SB to contact Malcolm Lyons (done)

SB noted that there was an ideal opportunity for new members (or long standing ones!) to "shadow" AS, CO and ShB now, particularly with the arrangements at Judith's Field so they can learn the ropes for the future. **Action: Volunteers sought.**

9 GMC Mayor Participation

SB noted that he had written to the Town Council earlier in the year with all the key dates and invited the Mayor to participate as per the usual annual basis. Presently it was unclear if anyone was willing to become Mayor in 2007, so SB will check with Town Clerk. **Action: SB / Town Council**

10 Arena

1. JM confirmed that the Community School will perform the traditional Maypole Dancing
2. Craft stalls; SB noted this was not his recollection of an action on CO who has many commitments presently! **Action: SB to check on contacts / GMCCA member with details** (Done – LH)
3. Insurance. Need to ensure that all groups have their own insurance in place for any activities / stalls etc they have on Gala Day. **Action: AH to confirm to Affiliated Groups requesting pitches**
4. Arena event by After School Club – this is from the Community School. **JM will liaise to confirm content**
5. ADDITIONAL EVENT: one further event is needed in the arena, previous suggestion of an Aunt Sally requires information on the equipment etc. BMcG suggested children's welly throwing. **Action to be confirmed at the next meeting latest.**
6. All, please look out for suitable attractions for 2008 within a budget we can afford and appealing to a wide range of interest and children.

11 Picnic in the Park

HG gave an update on the position for PinP, all being well in-hand and final arrangements will be discussed at the next meeting of the working group. Timing was noted for Music as 1230-1900 with a request that bar be serving 1230-1830. **Action: SB was asked to contact Chellie Fox regarding latter modification to the timing of that advised so far.** (Done, awaiting reply)

It was noted that a fee would be asked for boat rides this year for people over a certain height. SB noted that all stewards needed to have the same briefing to respond to the inevitable questions from the public for this change. **Action: PinP Working Group**

Turning to the question of height this was subject to much debate, noting 9yr olds may be 1.36m or more. A suggestion was made that use of a "garden" arch to give the frame and a bar within could allow ready assessment.

Police communication: SB confirmed that the Police had received the general information earlier but that a specific letter on the requested actions from them would be beneficial. HG would like a copy of previous version to then send (SB request, please cover all requirements of Gala Day and Picnic in one letter for ease of reference).

12 Churches, Tots Time and Duck Race

The annual Churches Open Service will take place 1000-1100, Tots Time (tbc timing 1130-1200?), Duck Race 1200-1230

13 The Bridge Magazine

SB reported that the magazine was coming together with DB and EH looking after the advertising this year. SB was Editor and the team had obtained or were about to provide, articles to SB. The next (and final) meeting will be on Monday 16 April for judging the children's competition entries and to finalise content.

14 Next Meeting.

The next ordinary meeting will be 2000hrs prompt on Thursday 10 May 2007 at The Comrades Club.