

Godmanchester Community Association

Minutes of Meeting 13 January 2005

Those present were: Stuart Bond, Nina Collier, Harry Foren, Lynda Heseltine, Elwyn Hughes, Patrick Hull and Jean Morgan.

Apologies received from: Bridget Gaskill, Charlotte Oldwood and Alan Suter.

AGM

SB reported that he had failed to make contact with the Salvation Army. JM volunteered to arrange for the AGM on any date they had available in late February. As soon as this was booked, the date would be promulgated.

Action AH: Accounts to be prepared in readiness.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: SB apologies for not noting the need to elect officers at the AGM, and at the subsequent normal meeting thereafter The Chairman. Anyone wishing to step forward please advise SB, who will also canvass existing Officers.

MWR: Please provide a short summary on Charity returns and any items arising regarding Trustees etc.

NC raised the issue of the use of funds held in CA accounts. She was aware of concerns that the funds were not being used other than to pay for our present activities and thought that the policy of the CA needed to be explained with greater clarity.

Action SB/AH: to provide such clarification at the AGM.

Gala Day 2005

SB had a cheque from the Senior Citizens to put into the account as well as a contract for the Vikings which required AH's signature. **Action: AH to advise SB when he can sign these**

SB met the Ousekjarr Viking Group in December to review the layout of the arena. He had advised AH of the requirements electronically. He has written to the Town Council asking for permission for the Vikings to camp overnight. It was reported that the Vikings required about 100 Kgs of logs for their fires. Possible sources were suggested: EH, CL or the Council's parks/gardens unit.

As well as the Vikings, SB thought additional activities were needed. PH suggested the sheepdog trainer from Bedford. **Action: SB** to provide contact details to EH. It was agreed by those present that a limit of £200 would be applied to this item.

HF suggested that if there was a TA unit in Huntingdon, they could run a recruitment/display event.

JM would raise the idea of a mass participation event with the schools, SB suggesting skipping / football skills etc to provide maximum opportunity for all children to join in. **Action: JM**

Local Craft stalls had been raised by CO seeking confirmation on:

Pitch fee - £15 (for these small one person operations of larger concessions which contribute more)

Cheque – payable to Godmanchester Community Association

Contact all 15-20

Action: CO to contact CW and RW with the details of the Balloon Race.

Action: NC to organise the Duck Race clearance with NRA via Richard Morton. All other aspects were in hand.

AS/HF reminded the meeting that a licence would be needed for the use of collection buckets. **Action: SB to contact HDC.**

Parade

Action: AS to contact REACT to check on their participation this year.

CO had asked for suggestions about possible contributions of lorries and drivers for this year's parade. NC suggested DHL. FC was suggested as a contact for a haulage firm in Wyboston, (the combined brains of the meeting couldn't recall the name). She was reminded that as the lorries will park on the Causeway they would not be limited to 7.5 tonnes.

Gala Day 2006

SB asked for suggestions for possible bookings for 2006. A Roman Re-enactment group was suggested, and it was noted that these events set the GMC Gala Day apart from other "village fêtes" and that this is one area of expenditure that should be highlighted to the AGM when questioned about the fund allocations.

Action: SB/CB to contact Roman group which has displayed at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park. Other suggestions most welcome.

Picnic in the Park

Following the vandalism last year and threat to public safety regarding the portable toilets, Landsman have refused to provide these toilet facilities again. Therefore provision will be limited to six chemical toilets on the field.

NC reported that The Eye had been booked as the main band as well as En Route, brass bands and the school choirs.

Bridge Magazine

SB noted that PH was already active and articles were under preparation. CO and LH to co-ordinate

Last Night at the Proms

Action: SB to contact SS about the event.

It was suggested that fliers be given out at the AGM.

Action: SS to attend the next meeting of the CA if possible please.

AOB

SB noted that information received for circulation via the web site etc had been done electronically including the notice regarding the commencement of the A14 Traffic Calming (Village / Market Towns).

In addition, European Jazz Vocal Ensemble had contacted SB, who had passed this to PH. Patrick had discussed with Peter Moger the possibility of hosting them, but the audience size of 300+ was too large for GMC to handle.

Future Meetings

As always, the meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Thursday each month, hence the future meetings to May are:

10/02/05

10/03/05

14/04/05

12/05/05

SB noted his apologies for the next meeting, and highlighted that he may also miss April & May.