

Godmanchester Community Association

Minutes of Meeting 10 November 2005

Apologies were received from Stuart Bond, Nina Collier and Lynda Heseltine.

Those present were: Shirley Brown, Martin Dachs, Bridget Gaskill, Alan Hooker, Elwyn Hughes, Patrick Hull and Alan Suter.

Gala Day 2006

BG confirmed that she had contacted Shepreth Wildlife Park and the Raptor Foundation about providing animals for Gala Day. She is waiting for responses from them. Wood green were unable to supply animals for the petting farm but would like to have a stall.

She had contacted the Sheep-dog demonstration and reported that the cost would be £375. This had been noted to the Chairman and Treasurer in advance, was agreed by the CA as acceptable and that a booking be made.

Fireworks Night

It was felt that additional security on the perimeter was needed.

ShB reported that the feedback from parents had been very positive. Many of them had said they enjoyed the traditional aspects of Fireworks Night. In particular, they would like to be able to purchase mulled wine.

It was suggested that next year we should sell sparklers on site.

It was also felt that we should discuss the possibility of having other sales/entertainments available before the fire is lit as there was quite a long wait in between the gates opening and the fire being lit. ShB suggested an open Guy competition being held in the car park.

PH commented on the large numbers of helpers wearing Hi Viz jackets.

The need for help clearing up on the morning following Fireworks Night was stressed.

AH presented a breakdown of the finances of Fireworks Night which was very well received. He was complimented on the quality of this year's display.

Action: EH to write to Dr Weyell, Ann Looker and the Town Council, thanking them for their help.

AH suggested that we should provide an article to the Bridge about Fireworks Night

MD felt that there was a need to feed information back to St Anne's School. He volunteered to contact a member of the PTA to be co-opted on to the CA.

BG's work in presenting prizes to the schools for the Competition in The Bridge was recognised.

AH will represent the CA on Remembrance Sunday in the Chairman's absence.

MD gave a report on the plans for Picnic in the Park. The format will largely build on existing foundations but there will be some changes to the line-up. A number of Tribute Bands had been contacted, all of whom will require time to set up their systems.

AH reported that Godmanchester Rovers FC had asked if the CA would make a contribution towards the purchase of a minibus to be used for taking the Ladies and the Youth teams to away matches. It was felt that this was exactly the sort of community action the CA should support and a sum of £500 was suggested and unanimously agreed. It was further suggested that as part of the decision, the minibus should have an acknowledgement of the CA's contribution on its side and that it should be used in the Gala Day procession.

The next meeting will be at the Exhibition at 8 pm on December 8th.