

Godmanchester Community Association

Minutes of Meeting of 9 January 2003

Present:

Stuart Bond (Chair), Lynda Heseltine, Shirley Brown, Nina Collier, Mary Stokes, Gordon Allgood, Jean Morgan, Patrick Hull, Charlotte Oldwood, Geoff Larcombe

Apologies:

Nicola Rule, Fred Carter, Alan Suter, Stephen Spencer

Minutes of last meeting

The last formal meeting was 10 October 2002. These were accepted as a true record.

AGM / Open Meeting

In the absence of Alan Hooker and no response on acceptance of a date SB suggested 25-27 February and Harry Foren later confirmed QE School available for **AGM Thursday 27 February – arrive 7:30-7:45pm for 8:00pm start.**

SB - Information advised to Patrick Hull for the board outside the Vicarage and Shirley Brown for a few A4 notices for the schools and shops – (DONE).

Ted Malone – please advise availability to provide summary on Picnic activities.

SB – advise local groups etc. (DONE for those on e-mail (inc Town Council) – needs letter to newspapers)

Harry Foren: Has confirmed that Kevin and Kate Robinson can provide wine and a few cheese nibbles.

SB has since e-mailed proposed agenda to Nicola Rule, Mike Westcott Rudd and Alan Hooker to ensure compliance with our Articles of Association and Constitution. Whilst we need to cover retrospective aspects this meeting is seen as the best means of encouraging input from the wider community and as such an emphasis will be placed on the other groups and options for more involvement in 2003.

Gala Week

SB noted that in response to the letter sent to all affiliated groups, positive replies had been received thus:

1. **Bowls Club:** Offered continued support and new ideas. GA advised the consideration of a knock-out fun event. Possibly a Bowls Club Member per pair of non-Members to assist, encourage and participate.

LH to liaise with Roy Leighton

2. **GMC Rovers:** Roger Coxhead had suggested that the Senior Team could provide a Gala activity of "Beat the Goalie" or other football activity. SB will follow-up

3. **GMC Baptist Church:** Geoff Larcombe noted the idea of a musical event in a neutral venue. **GL to discuss with Fred Carter availability of The Comrades Club**

4. **Community School/PTA** – suggestions received and subsequently discussed by CO and ShB. The PTA will run a Teddy Bear's Picnic (CO will co-ordinate). A local walk/guided walk is under discussion with Huntingdon & Godmanchester Historical Society and The Friends of QE School.

ShB to provide update on walk and organisation

CO to arrange **Teddy Bear's Picnic (Sunday 6 July** using Community School grounds) & discuss with Peter Heseltine "games" ideas for the small children and parachute.

ShB to book school.

Gala Day

As noted in earlier meetings **Clown is booked (MS to copy contract to SB)** and **Kick Boxing is booked (ShB to confirm a minimum 20 minute slot, to Jeff Scott, but noting the Sealed Knot confirmation is awaited and this will influence requirements)**

Sealed Knot

SB spoke with Sealed Knot and expects confirmation by end of January regarding the availability of sufficient of their local regiment to ensure a good event in Gala Procession, two arena re-enactments and small living history area. **SB to check before next meeting**

Dogs

NR to be aware of possible need to contact in mid-Feb

Marching Bands

FC will be confirming information and prices on possible marching bands.

Bunting

AH was asked to check if there was any unused bunting as all that which has been used previously is life expired. If necessary, purchase replacement.

SB to check on the installation of bunting for approximately 22 June.

Toilets

AH needs to urgently look at the minor alterations required. **PH** will check progress.

Marquee/tent

SB noted concern over the security of both the borrowed tent and our hired equipment from Friday to Sunday.

CO will gain estimate of typical costs for security cover (Picnic-in-the-Park funding to cover this).

Ted Malone to note

Huntingdon District Council funding for 2004

SB has since contacted the HDC but received a negative response that the events we arrange would not be eligible for support. Concern here over future funding.

Bar

SB had confirmed bar available for the two days provided by the Marex Inn, Ramsey Mereside, as per last year. **CA** MUST provide the tent, Marex will get occasional license, own generator etc.

Picnic-in-Park Brass Band

MS noted that RAF Wyton was unfortunately unable to participate and was waiting on Ely group(s).

MS to note the alternative leads Clare Bond has for others.

Bridge Magazine

SB noted that there had been a good suggestion from **GA** last year on Businesses which used to be in the town, how these had changed etc.

Discussion included the Town walk and an idea to include photographs of features people may like to look out for during their walks, either guided or independently at other times.

SB to check with SS on the possibilities for reproduction and some colour

CO will be running in the London Marathon this year (GOOD LUCK!) and offered an article on preparation and the experience.

PH noted that with Bill Tatman's retirement last year, it would be appropriate to include some words reflecting on his contribution as a well known "character".

NC offered an update on the made things she and Tex get up to in a 2CV (racing, that is....) and the championship

AOB

It was noted that Buckden etc had much better Christmas lights than Godmanchester, and that we fail to capitalise on the attractive aspects of the lighting reflecting on the river.

SB was requested to write to the Town Council in this respect.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 8PM COMRADES CLUB **SB** noted apologies in advance.