

# Godmanchester Community Association

## Minutes of Meeting of 11 March 2004

**Those present were:** Stuart Bond, Shirley Brown, Nina Collier, Harry Foren, Bridget Gaskill, Lynda Heseltine, James Holmes, Alan Hooker, Elwyn Hughes, Patrick Hull, Chris Kemp, Charles Looker, Jean Morgan, Chris Mosely, Charlotte Oldwood, Stephen Spencer, Christine White and Roy White.

**Guests: Chris Campbell and James Holmes – Campbells Estate Agents**

**Apologies were received from:** Ann Hyams, Geoff Larcombe, Alison Leggett and Ted Malone.

### Election of Chairman

As this was the first meeting since the AGM, The President, Harry Foren, temporarily took the Chair. He offered warm thanks to Stuart Bond for his untiring efforts over the course of the past year and proposed that he should take the Chair again. This was seconded by Chris Mosely. There were no other nominations so SB was re-elected unopposed and thanked the team for their support. HF also suggested that there should be a new position of Vice Chair to take over when SB was unable to attend a meeting. It was decided to hold this over for the next meeting. **Action: HF to raise at next meeting.**

### Gala Week

- 1.The Blue Vision Twirling Team have confirmed that they will perform in the Parade and the Arena. They will also have a pitch (free as part of this booking). **AH and LH to note**
- 2.ShB has tried, without success, to contact REACT. Action ShB to try again.
- 3.SB felt there was a need for a volunteer to organise the Parade and to liaise with the Comrades Club. It was agreed that this should be the **first action at the next meeting** but in the meanwhile ShB will respond positively to any enquiries she receives. **Action CM to email information about the Princesses to SB.** He will also confirm the Comrades Club Gala Week activities after the meeting next week.
- 4.St John's Ambulance would be needed for the Parade. As they will also be needed for Picnic in the Park, PH volunteered to arrange it for both Days. **Action PH**
- 5.SB would send a letter to the Police requesting their support during the Parade, on Gala Day and Picnic in the Park. Specific mention was made of the need for coning during the Parade and for their presence up to clear up time for Gala Day and Picnic in the Park. **SB (done)**
- 6.The Gog Magog Dancers will provide two separate performances in the arena. **Action HF will call to remind them and check on receipt of SB letter.**
- 7.Maypole and Country Dancing have been organised by ShB and JM respectively.
- 8.Action SB will send a letter to the Police about a possible performance by the Dog Display Team. (done) **BG to chase up reply**
- 9.Maggie Middlemiss has organised a **Fun Run on Sunday 27th June and a Boules Night on Friday 2nd July.** NC appealed for participants for the Fun Run as numbers had been down last year. Action NC to produce posters publicising the Fun Run.

10. **The Bowls Tournament on 27th June is being organised by Jack Tyler.** LH to liaise via SS.

11. The Treasure Hunt will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 30th June for school children **CO**

12. Action Confirmation of the Duck Race required. **Richard Morton to advise if help needed**

13. Godmanchester Rovers will run an event on Gala Day. CA suggested Beat the Goalie competition but this has to be confirmed with Roger Coxhead. **SS to contact Roger**

14. The Huntingdon branch of the Bee Keeping Association may put on a demonstration. **SB to check for contact**

15. Action SB to contact the Armour Demonstrator (Dean Gordon) from Hinchingsbrooke about setting up an Archery event. **SB call** (Done – will offer normal price as there is a capacity limit anyway. Awaiting letter to confirm). **AH to note**

16. Drew Calvert has offered a number of hard back Sci Fi books which could be sold for, he suggests, £5 per copy. It was suggested that this was too high a price but CL said that it would be advisable to discuss this with Drew in advance as he might be offended if they were offered for less. **Action SB to contact Drew. (Done – Drew happy if we consider lower price but not give away. May be nearer 300 books)**

**ACTION: Person(s) required to get books and man stall**

17. **Prize / Fund Raiser** The HDC lottery licence hasn't been returned. Action RW to contact Gregory Peck. HF and Dai Morgan volunteered to assist with ticket sales on the day. SB suggested the range of prizes should be £1, £5 or a bottle of wine and a top prize of £30. Action RW to check the legality of the wine with Greg Peck. Action SB to send the Lakeland brochure to C and RW.

18. An event for tots to replace the Teddy Bears Picnic would be held. **CO to confirm the details**

19. CL was asked to investigate the cost of using Shire Horses in the Parade. CK suggested that local businesses would find the idea of sponsoring a horse an attractive proposition, particularly if the company's name or logo could be displayed on the horse's livery. A local promotional company, Jamy, could be asked to produce such materials. Action CL to report back to the next meeting.

20. The Health and Safety Executive have been advised of the dates of Gala Day, Picnic in the Park and Fireworks Night. Action AH to provide any information they request.

21. It was confirmed that LH would be responsible for looking after Affiliated Groups, AH for organising the stalls and AL for organising the Craft Stall Holders.

22. Action EH to contact Town Council for consent to use the Recreation Ground.

23. SS would assist AH on Gala Day and PH to assist CL with tables and chairs. PH has organised the collection of rubbish and the use of re-cycling bins.

**Sponsorship**

Campbells Estate Agents were formally thanked for their generous sponsorship of last year's events.

Chris and James stated that they intended to once again provide sponsorship to the Gala Day events. SB thanked them for the support and that this was very much appreciated, helping us to meet

insurance and event costs. **SB to discuss in April**

### **The Bridge Magazine**

SB reported that SS had provided the best quote for printing the magazine. **Action SB to send images of the Gog Magog Molly** in 300 DPI to SS who, it was confidently asserted, would actually understand what was going on and would therefore use it for the cover page.

### **Any Other Business**

ShB suggested that the Community Association might like to buy a display board as a birthday present for the school. The idea was agreed in principle. There was some discussion about the amount the CA were prepared to spend. **Action ShB, AH and SS to provide quotes for the next meeting.**

SB suggested that the next meeting might like to fill in the gaps on the roles document. RW suggested that there should be "shadowing roles" rather than a buddies system.

PH reported that there would be a Burger Bar and Ice Cream cart for Picnic in the Park but appealed for some more imaginative ideas for catering outlets.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th April 1945 for 2000hrs at The Comrades Club**