

Godmanchester Community Association Minutes 13/11/03

Those present were: Stuart Bond, Shirley Brown, Nina Collier, Harry Foren, Brenda Hennessey, Linda Heseltine, Elwyn Hughes, Patrick Hull, Geoff Larcombe, Jean Morgan, Will Morton, Chris Mosely, Christine White and Roy White.

Apologies were received from Fred Carter, Charles Looker,, Richard Morton, Charlotte Oldwood, Nicola Rule and Alan Suter.

Fireworks Evening

SB reported that there had been an overall profit for the evening, and awaited confirmation from Alan Hooker that a sum approaching £1,900 would be generated.

LH suggested that next year the time for lighting the bonfire should be brought forward as early arrivals had been bored. SB said that if the bonfire had been lit earlier many people would have missed it as the queues had been so long. He thought that the promotional material next year should stress the benefits of purchasing tickets in advance in order to avoid the queues.

Action: 2004 Advance Ticket notices to highlight “Avoid the queue!”

NC asked about the restrictions on bringing sparklers to the evening. It was stated that there were no restrictions on sparklers, merely that a decision had been taken not to sell them on site.

There was a discussion on the pricing policy, mainly because of the difficulties experienced on the front gate because of the need to provide 50p in the change. NC suggested £5 for adults and £2 for children.

It was decided this would be revisited in August 2004.

RW thought there was a need for improved lighting on the front gate, possibly some local lighting on the table so that change could be identified more easily. He also thought a divider for change in the boxes would be helpful.

SB thought six people were needed on the front gate. Someone was needed to advise people in the queues about having the correct change ready and for those with tickets to go to the front. It would also be helpful for someone to walk the cash to the bar.

WM suggested that it would help to have the prices displayed on a sign at the car park.

HF praised the quality of the guys. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to take photos of them next year.

PH suggested that the Association should formally thank the staff of both schools for their efforts.

Actions: **HF** to write to the Head Teachers of the schools.
 SB to write to MM thanking her for her efforts in the bar.

GL reported that the bar had run out of soft drinks very early on in the evening. SB had discussed this with Ted Malone who thought this was because they had undercut the concessions not because of a lack of stock. Same quantity for 2004.

Action Next year the arrangements with D Zoric for cleaning need to be made well in advance.

Action SB to check with AH for date of AGM and check availability of Queen Elizabeth School.

Gala Day

ShB indicated she would like to stand down from organising the parade. FC would therefore need a couple of assistants.

Action SB will ask for volunteers at the AGM.

Action FC to give SB the contact details of hauliers prepared to assist in the parade.

HF suggested that the Gog Magog Molly Morris Dancers were prepared to take part in the parade and do two sets in the arena. Final Confirmation of the booking is awaited.

SB thought that the chances of having a Police Dog display were quite promising, but was awaiting a reply from the Police.

LH suggested that the theme of the parade should be "Giants" as it would fit in with Gog Magog.

Action ShB and JM to decide on the participation of the schools.

SB wanted someone to volunteer to take responsibility for the fund raising ticket sale.

Action: NC suggested that she would contact Doris Anderson. (Note: Required quickly for renewal of license)

Action Need for better display boards for scratch cards. SB to write to Marex Inn to ask for a contribution.

Comments were made about the unsuitable nature of some of the stalls which were commercial but selling clothes etc. ShB promised to make her list of participants at the school Christmas Shopping Evening available.

Picnic in the Park

PH read the minutes of their meeting.

ShB to find out if Hinchingbrooke School Steel Band is still in existence.

Gala Week Activities

GL will ask about Music for a Summer's Evening.

SB will ask Police if they wish to put on a youth event such as Skate Boarding

LH to ask about the Bowls event.

The Bridge

SB appealed for help with The Bridge; a number of articles are forthcoming but more will be needed to fill the 64 pages. He wanted someone to take responsibility for advertising and commissioning articles. LH volunteered to contact the local affiliated groups wanting to be mentioned in the magazine.

Action SB to check with AH and SS about the suggested youth music event at Judith's Field in late January.

There was no other business.

The next meeting will be held at the Exhibition at 7.30pm, 11th December. SB suggested that Kitty should put in an appearance.