

Rye & District Bonfire Society
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 October 2015
At the Queen's Head Landgate Rye by kind permission

Present : Frances Warren, Bob Booth, Malcolm Mayhew, Wayne Wadey, Charlie Carey, Kevin Mayhew, Ashley Booth, Irene Cuthbert, Christine Chivers, Joan Ridgers, P Hughes, Simon Bowler, Brian Gasson, Willie Wicking, Alisha Wicking, Paul Carey, Enid Ahlstrom, Neale East, Vanessa Smith, Margaret O'Neil, and Ian Foster. Non-members Mother Teresa & Monica Lewinski (Elvis having already left the room).

1. Apologies : Marion Buss, Rita Kirk, Ruth Palmer, Pete the Fence, Sandra Warren , Dave Barns, James Foster and Brian Cutting.

All present wished Marion all the best on hearing about her accident, and best wishes to Rita for speedy recovery from her operation.

2. Minutes from the last Meeting & Matters Arising

There were no minutes presented due the Marion's unfortunate accident and no matters arising.

3. Correspondence

- St John Ambulance quote less than last year, likely have to pay by direct invoice next year.
- Email from BM Ambulance Services Ltd from Ashford re tendering for medical cover for next year; **Neale** to respond asking for quote.
- Email from Jon Crafer from W. Tollett (General Builders) Ltd. asking for opportunities for sponsorship. Agreed to ask for contribution towards torches (£250 since pledged).

4. Treasurers Report

- Accounts currently with the accountant.
- Accounts in good order - 2 x vendors have paid £300 each, £100 donation from Marino's Chip Shop, £33 from counter box at Adams.
- £2,800 spent so far on Fireworks.

5. Membership

- 109 Paid up members, 40 yet to pay.
- One new member proposed, Max East (aged 12), proposed by Neale East, and seconded by Antonia East. Agreed.

6. Safety

- New & fully compliant signs made, to be posted to incoming routes two weeks before event.
- A259 Road Closure order applied for between 20:00 and 22:00 (Simon however has reservations on keeping A259 open until 20:00).
- Bus companies aware of times, Ian has been liaising.
- Risk Assessments completed and submitted to Rother.

- Burning Dragon risk assessment needs to be updated. Willie Wicking and Paul Caray will do.
- An all agency meeting (SAG) has been called by RDC for 22 Oct when it is sincerely hoped that Southern Railways will attend especially as BTP (British Transport Police) have already sent apologies.
- Discussion took place around re-deploying Inspire staff from Fire Site to the Landgate Arch to help marshal this known 'pinch point'. **Simon** will be meeting with Inspire, will discuss and report back..

7. Fundraising

- Next Quiz night is Sunday 06 December at the King's Head (Rye) request to bring Secret Santa and wine for the raffle please.
- Christine reported that Bonfire will run a stall at Rye Christmas Fair at St Mary's Church on 29 November.
- Need volunteers to sell Christmas Raffle tickets, names to Ruth or Joan please.

8. AOB

- It was noted that more societies than usual had booked in (Rye does not clash with so many others this year) this could cause issue with having enough torches. It was agreed that we need approx. 1,200 to cover the event, approx. 500 needed just for the start.
- Neale reported that he has arranged for a set of keys to be made available from Rother.
- Hastings Bonfire – Rye Fun Bus will leave Rye Station at 18:00 (Rye banner in Ian's porch if late back).
- **Frances** to liaise with skip hire company for clear-up of fire site.
- Pallets – Rye Oil will deliver on Friday, **Simon** will liaise with Rod Chapman and others for the rest.
- Eileen will operate the 'welfare unit' as previous years.
- Patsy reported that she had 50 buckets available for the night, list now open for collectors, please speak to Patsy, will bring list to next meeting.
- The new logo for t-shirts and badges was approved, **Ian** to circulate to **Neale** to update web and liaise with **Willie** re production of branded T-Shirts and possibly overalls etc.
- Ian reported that the program was underway, it was agreed that it would be dedicated to Peter who worked so hard for Bonfire before passing away. **Paul will write tribute for program.**
- Water Barrels, **Paul** to liaise with **Ray**.
- It was requested that whoever Rye Fawkes is this year be available for a briefing at the Fire Site at 11:00 on the day. **Patsy will liaise.**
- Ian agreed to scour the internet and hat for a replacement black cape for Rye Fawkes to replace the cape AWOL from last year.
- Moon Marine have offered a 20ft replica of the Hornblower, yes please, **Paul will liaise.**
- Ian remarked that he has a supply of hats in stock at Adams suitable for Bonfire at a cost price of £17.00, Cinque Ports badges can be purchased from Rye Heritage Centre.

There being no further sensible business to discuss the meeting closed at 21:32 and members retired to the bar for refreshment.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 28 October** at 20:00 (8pm) at the Queen's Head.