



RYE & DISTRICT BONFIRE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 April 2016 at the Queen's Head, Landgate by kind permission.

Those Present:

Bob Booth, Francis Warren, Neale East, Christine Chivers, Rita Kirk, Paul Carey, Charlie Carey, Wayne Wadey, Patsy Hughes, Simon Bowler, Liz Mitchell, Marion Buss, Jackie Rowe, David Lawton, Ian Foster, Brian Gasson, Malcolm Mayhew Kevin Mayhew. Sandra Warren, Tim Watson, Alisha Wicking, Willie Wicking, Margaret O'Neil, Andy Tollett, Pipa Pooke, M Stoodley.

A minutes silence was held in memory of our former Chairman and great friend John Izod.

Patsy reported that plans were afoot to hold a fund raising gig at Rye Community Centre to raise funds towards the £10,000 needed for a new bus for Rye Community Transport in John's memory. Further details to follow once confirmed.

Brian Gasson kindly offered his services with providing a lighting rig for the event.

All present also thinking of Jimper and his family at this difficult time.

1. Apologies for absence

Brian Cutting, Dave Barnes, Frances Row, Pete the Fence, James Foster

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were passed as a true record, with no errors detected.

Proposed : Paul Carey Seconded : Patsy Hughes

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

4. Correspondence

Letter of thanks received from Rye CT, Acting up in Rye and Peasmarch Recreation Grounds thanking RBS for their donations.

Email from Event Fencing and BM Ambulance both offering their services; agreed not to pursue, keep on file. Neale to respond (done).

Invite from Fletching Bonfire Society for their event on 22 October, Neale to write and accept (done).

It was agreed to hold the invite for our event for further discussion at the next meeting.

Minutes received of the BONCO AGM and meeting, available to members on request.

5. Treasurer's report

Ian circulated the Profit & Loss account to date, copies available to members on request.

6. Membership

Neale reported that there were 37 paid up members on the books.

The following applications for new members were presented and approved :

Emma Warren. Jonathan Kent & James Whiteman

Proposed : Sandra Warren Seconded : Patsy Hughes

7. Safety Issues

The following have been brought to our attention from the recent BONCO meeting:

Battle – NO fireworks to be thrown into the bonfire.

Fletching – NO bangers on the firesite,

Hastings – NO boom boxes/bins/carts in the procession.

8. Fund Raising

It was confirmed that the Auction of Promises will be **Thursday 19 May** at the Mermaid, preparations well under way, however it was noted that the contribution that John Izod made will be sadly missed. Kevin, Neale, David, Jackie & Willie volunteered to be porters. Neale to promote.

Further events planned – Clay Shoot on 10 July & Garden Party at Rae Festing's on 10 August. Further details to follow once confirmed.

It was noted that Northiam Bonfire Society have a Quiz Night 7:30pm on Saturday 07 May at Northiam Village Hall. £7.50 pp.

9. Any other business

Working party arranged for 11:00 on 17 April for final reparation of Rye Salts (Neale to arrange key).

It was agreed to purchase a marque from Brian Gasson at a cost of £100.00.

Proposed : Paul Carey Seconded : Patsy Hughes

It was agreed to await clarification of progress regarding preparation of the Beacon prior to lighting in celebration of the Queen's Birthday on 21 April 2016. Patsy will speak to Richard and report back.

It was noted that arrangements for the supply of hessian have yet to be finalized; Rye, Robertsbridge Battle & South Street all need some but as yet others have come forward. It was suggested that perhaps Bournes could be approached for help with transport. Frances is looking into.

It was agreed that members would look at designs and samples of T Shirts, Sweat Shirts & Coveralls etc. Ian will email Willie art work and Willie will bring samples to the next meeting.

10. Date & time of next meeting

Wednesday 11 May at 8pm