



## **RYE & DISTRICT BONFIRE SOCIETY**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 06 February 2017 at the Queen's Head, Landgate by kind permission.**

### **Those Present:**

Bob Booth, Neale East, Simon Bowler, Francis & Sandra Warren, Patsy Hughes, Rita Kirk, Brian Gasson, Paul Carey, Ruth & Ray Palmer, Paul Wolley & Liz Oliver, Kevin & Malcolm Mayhew, Vanessa Smith & Peter Mackay, Jacquie Rowe, Tim Watson, Joan Ridgers, Robert & Caren Draper. (20)

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Brian Cutting, Francis Rowe, Pete the Fence, James Foster, Andy Tollett, John Kent, Charlie Carey, Julian Cheese, Marion Buss, Dave Barnes, Hannah & Charlotte Moon, Willie Wicking and Alisha Wicking.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were passed as a true record.

Proposed : Paul Carey                      Seconded : Bob Booth

### **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

### **4. Correspondence, Secretary & Membership**

Neale reminded members that Margaret Stoodley's funeral will take place at 11:00 on Friday 10 February at Rye Harbour Church.

Email received from Rye Town Council asking if Rye Bonfire would like to be involved in Mayor Making on May Bank Holiday. It was agreed to run a stall at the fete at Tilling Green and the drumming group proposed to lead the procession from the Town Hall. Neale to respond (done).

Email received from BONCO to advice that the ESK Container was broken into and fireworks stolen, please report to the Police any suspicious sales enquiries!

Neale tabled details of the BONCO AGM on 01 March and BONCO Annual Dinner on 22 April along with the latest 2017 Bonfire dates.

Quote received from Inspire for this years security for the Rye event; total £1035.43 (+4% on last year). All agreed to proceed as quoted. Neale to pass to Ian for action.

Letter received from resident of Magdala House to complain that the Dragon is at the rear of the procession rather than the front. Noted.

## **5. Treasurer's report**

None.

## **6. Fundraising**

A group of members will be attending the Horse Racing evening hosted by Northiam at the Rose & Crown in Beckley on Saturday 25 February to see how it is done.

Clay Shoot scheduled for last weekend of July (tbc). It was noted that the Risk Assessment, First Aid kit, provision for radios for each station, and safety brief for all involved would need to be in place. It was agreed that the event should follow the guidelines/standards set by the CPSA (the national governing body for Clay Target Shooting in England).

Ruth reported that the Standard have offered to run a Pub Quiz for us, details and date to follow.

Date yet to be set for Garden Party at Ray Festing's, Ruth will confirm.

Preparation under way for Auction of Promises at the Mermaid on Thursday 18 May 2017.

The World of Legend theatre in the Mint has offered support, details to follow.

Boot Fair planned for Easter Monday at Jempson's in Peasmarsch, details to follow.

Details of fundraising gig in the Community Centre awaited from Marion.

## **7. Social**

Rita reported that 34 members have booked (50 max). It was agreed to keep to members and VIP guests rather than open to other societies.

Ruth reported that the drumming group currently has about 12 members and was going well.

## **8. Any Other Business**

It was agreed carry forward proposal to invite Cliffe Bonfire Society, for a probationary period, to a future meeting when input from Parade Marshals can be considered.

Patsy retorted that she had been presented with the trophy for the top collector at Northiam – beating Jimper!

Patsy reported that fundraising ongoing for the John Izod Memorial Bus with nearly half of the £8.5k needed in place. It was hope to have it on the road for dedication at Mayor Making on May Bank Holiday Monday.

**9. Date & time of next meeting**

**Wednesday 06 March 2017 (AGM)**

**at 8pm in the Queen's Head (booked).**