



RYE & DISTRICT BONFIRE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 April 2017 at the Queen's Head, Landgate by kind permission.

Those Present:

Bob Booth, Neale East, Vanessa Smith & Peter Mackay, Simon Bowler, Jackie Brooks, David Lawton, Francis Warren, Rita Kirk, Brian Gasson, Paul Carey, Paul Wolley & Liz Oliver, Jaquie Rowe, Debbie Vliers, Seana Lanigan, Mr Timothy Watson Esq. Marion Buss, Robert Draper, Patsy Hughes, Ian Foster (21)

1. Apologies for absence

Sandra Warren, Brian Cutting, Francis Rowe, Pete the Fence, James Foster, Heidi Foster, Andy Tollett, John Kent, Charlie Carey, Julian Cheese, Ruth & Ray Palmer, Emma, Hannah & Charlotte Moon, Kevin & Malcolm Mayhew, Caren Draper, Irene Cuthbert, Joan Ridgers, Robert Draper, Mags Ivatts, Margaret O'Neil, Timberlina, Irna Mortlock, Christine & Lawrence Chivers.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

Proposed : Paul Carey Seconded : Simon Bowler

3. Matters arising

Neale reported that he had tried to make contact with Cliff Bonfire Society; however it is understood that they are having a change of key posts on their Committee. Revised contact details will be circulated after their EGM.

4. Correspondence, Secretary & Membership

Invite rec'd from Northiam Bonfire Society for their event on 21 October – Neale to write and accept.

Notice rec'd for Rotherfield and Mark Cross for 30 September and Eastbourne for 07 October, invites to follow in due course.

Neale agreed to circulate latest list of 2017 events to all at the next meeting.

Representation and Participation in Rye Mayor Making - It was agreed to ask Christine if she would represent Rye Bonfire as President, if not Neale would as Secretary (as Francis will be at Jack in the Green).

The drummers will be available to lead the procession from the Town Hall to the Tilling Green Community Centre.

Patsy reported that the dedication of the John Izod bus will be conducted by Canon David Frost outside St Mary's after the church service.

Need to parade at the Town Hall at 12:00 for 12:15.

Neale to confirm with Town Hall.

Hessian - It was agreed that Rye would purchase 4 pallets of Hessian direct from the suppliers. Frances will liaise with Pate Claridge.

Neale reported that there are currently 41 paid up members, with two potential new members to be agreed next month – Jackie Brooks & Graham Foster.

5. Treasurer's report

Ian tabled the accounts to date, copies available to members on request.

6. Fundraising

Bank Holiday Boot Sale – all in hand, meet at Jempson's (Peasmarsh) for 07:30.

Auction of Promises

- Are invites in the pipeline or been distributed to V.I.P's? – Ian, yes.
- Posters around town? – Neale reported that local artist, Oliver Brooks, had kindly agreed to design a poster for the event, hope to be done by the end of the first week of May.
- Are tickets ready? – Ian confirmed cloakroom tickets would be available.
- Joan and Ruth/Irene - are you OK to be at the entry desk to collect money and will there be a staple ready to clip tickets to the free drink cards? – Joan has confirmed that this is in hand.
- Ian, what time do you want Paul to pick up promises from the shop to take up to Mermaid? – Ian confirmed 1pm.
- Tudor rooms are available to us all day but if it's locked just get Reception to let you in. – Noted.

- Hopefully Charlie will set out the table with Promises & numbered labels (Rita will help where she can but have Ruth or Joan got half an hour to give us some instructions about what items have been promised by what people. It does help us with matching the auction list with the physical promises. (Charlie will return from work in Paris the day before the Auction to be sure to be there to help). – Noted.
- Ruth arranged sound system set up with Timmy Phillips last year - he just needs reminding I believe Ruth? – Ruth to liaise
- Paul to speak to Geoff Boudreau about permission to borrow the sound equipment and stool for Jimmy Hollands and pick them up Wednesday afternoon/evening if possible from Community Centre. – Paul agreed to liaise with Geoff under Rita's supervision.
- Charlie & Rita will be on the table pm dishing out index cards and keeping records. – Noted
- Margaret O'Neill may be able to join me to collect money afterwards releasing Charlie to hand out paid for 'Promises' – Noted
- Paul will be standing at the table of Auction Promises to hand them to distributors as Jimmy calls them out – Noted
- May we ask for helpers to walk items round to show to the customers as items are called by Jimmy? (Malcolm, Kevin and Neale) – Neale confirmed, Francis to ask Malcolm & Kevin.

Neale will coordinate PR for the Auction via Rye News, Rye Observer, Facebook, Membership newsletter etc.

Number of items to go on the Promises list including decorated iced cake - a Charlie and Claire 'special' and a bottle of single malt House of Commons/House of Lords Whisky signed (hopefully by Jeremy Corbyn) purchased for us by a very kind member who works at the House.

Charlie has obtained a bottle of Champagne from the British Embassy in Paris, a box of French home made chocolate from Alain Ducasse a Michelin Starred chef..

Neale to write to Rosti to ask for a painting – done, Rosti will be happy to help (he has something special in mind for next year..).

Neale agreed to contact SkyBus Ballooning to ask for a voucher for a balloon flight.

Francis agreed to donate a cord of logs.

Need to confirm the offer of a ride on a Harley Davidson bike with Mags – now confirmed.

Brian offered a free light show.

Marion reported that she had spoken to Timmy and he seemed up for doing a concert at the Rye Community Centre. It was agreed to carry forward to the next meeting for further discussion.

It was agreed to put the idea of running a Horse Racing night on hold for the time being.

Clay Shoot pencilled in for Sunday 16 July. Marion agreed to do the catering. Neale to ask Willie Wicking & John Kent to confirm progress with risk assessment.

7. Any Other Business

Charitable Donations

It was agreed that the following groups would be put forward for the 2017 round of donations:

Rye Community Transport
Peasmarsh Recreation Ground
Rye Day Centre
Rye Community Centre
Playden WI Hall

Air Ambulance
Rye Cubs & Scouts
Canterbury Oast Trust (Rye)
Rye Sea Cadets

Letter has been received from a Guide from Guestling & Pett Guide Unit requesting funding towards attending an international camp in Ireland; it was agreed outside our area, perhaps try Hastings. Neale to write.

It was agreed to formally agree the above at the May meeting, with a view to presentations in June. Neale to add to the Agenda

It was agreed by all to authorise Ian to engage the services of Inspire.

Proposed : Paul Carey Seconded : Marion Buss

It was agreed that some financial provision will need to be put in place for the 2019 Bonfire, being the 25th Anniversary of the 'new' Society. It was agreed to start to think about how best take this forward. Neale to add to the next Agenda.

8. Date & time of next meeting

Wednesday 10 May 2017

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