

COMPTON DANDO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting Thursday 21 February 2008

APOLOGIES

Gary, Jenny, Wendy, Gill, Nan, Sarah

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Read and approved

MATTERS ARISING

1. Tables for Hall. The Hall Committee do not anticipate replacing any tables at present and therefore do not require extra funding. It was thought that the only real requirement for "outdoor" tables would be for the Fete. Members of meeting to look at hiring or borrowing from other villages, e.g. Pensford (Steph to investigate) or Marksbury (does anyone have a contact there?). Minimum requirement would be 12 tables and we would need to specify that they were for outdoor use.
2. After the Churchyard Working party cleared the paths, as suggested by John Paget, a letter from CDCA has been sent to Parish Council reference re-tarmacing the public footpath by Church endorsing the need for this work, and in an effort to make use of monies available at year end. This item to be brought forward to next meeting as no response as yet (Council have only just met).
3. Although it had been thought that Burns Night and Valentines could not both attract enough support, it is now agreed that the joint income of almost £1,000 is well worthwhile and both should be continued. Maureen hopes Chris Dibble might be available to assist with Burns Night 2009 and she also plans to try to book a Saturday. Lorna also offered to help organise for 2009. Alison and Liz happy to continue to help with Valentines and it is suggested Judi Dowling might be "recruited" for help. [NB: Maureen has now confirmed that the piper has been booked for Friday 23 January 2009.]
4. Horse-race game planned for May or June. Suggestion is that it is to raise funds for a specific cause rather than general CDCA funds. Bring forward to next meeting when somebody more involved will hopefully be available.
5. Harriette's report on the Litterpick was read. At least 25 people turned up and around 30 bags of litter were collected plus a large quantity of fly-tipped material. The date clash with the Church service was mentioned. In order to fit in with post-Valentines (availability of refreshments), it may be better to ask Harriette if litter-picking could be after the Church service, rather than changing the date and missing out on refreshments. Follow-up at a later date.

PARISH PLAN

No representative available. Chairman gave rough outline of next stage, i.e. questionnaire to be drafted and circulated to every individual, including sections specific to each village.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY VILLAGE PICNIC/PENSFORD 10K – 27 APRIL

As pub is likely to be changing hands before the event, they will not be approached for involvement at this stage. Last year David bought wine & beer and Matt donated a barrel. This year we may need to pay out more but this is not a profit-making event, it is rather one for the whole village to enjoy. Contributions to food and drink would be appreciated from the village. **Steve** has agreed to draw up designs for posters and possibly leaflets. **Liz** to request a diary line in Parish Magazine. No further publicity considered desirable as event is really for inhabitants of Compton Dando. **David/Ian** to look at Gazebo, BBQ and other arrangements. Finalise next meeting.

CHRIS DAUBNEY'S IRISH WALK

450 miles, starting 7/8 June to around 5/6 July. His original walk (Lands End to John o'Groats) was started as a Church charitable event and as such attracted Gift Aid. Gift Aid cannot be allowed for non-charities. **Chris** and **Clive** need to discuss. **Peter Middleton** has kindly offered to help with sponsorship. **Other volunteers needed here**

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY – 5 APRIL

Steve is organising publicity as before which proved very successful. **Liz** to organise Parish Mag. diary entry.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Burns Night profit confirmed as £441 and Valentines as £519.35. Total of £3,681 currently in CDCA funds plus £1200 firework money. £1010 is held in a low-yield instant-access savings account. Meeting suggested more funds could be held on a savings account and perhaps a higher yield account could be investigated. **David**. David has also provided a Mandate form to alter signatories on our Bank Account to Alison, David and Liz.

FUTURE PROJECTS TO FUND

1. The meeting agreed that CDCA would donate £300 towards Chewton Keynsham's appeal for a mobility vehicle for Lesley's husband. **Ian** will make the offer to Chewton – could we please have the exact account name for the cheque and the address to which it should be sent? Also mentioned that Chewton are organising a Golf Day on Sunday 2 March and an Auction of Promises at Chewton Place on Friday 25 April from 7pm to 10 pm. Anyone who would like to become involved in the Auction please contact:-

normandliz@btinternet.com (Norman James)

Robin.Snart@btinternet.com (Robin Snart)

2. Movement of Transformer in Glebe field. This turned out to be too expensive for CDCA. **Suggestion to be referred to Village Plan.**

3. Nathan. Believed it was agreed to maintain his sponsorship until he is 18.
4. Church suggested CDCA might purchase a lapel microphone and loan the Church their amplifier, plus purchase a roving microphone to save £30 a year hire charges for the Fete . Both organisations could then benefit from all the equipment and it would be put to greater use than at present. CDCA would have absolute priority for their events. *Clive* to produce full costs of both purchases for next meeting but CDCA has agreed in principle to fund subject to final costs.

FETE COMMITTEE

Next meeting 13 March. Progress was briefly reported including the Rector's agreement to open the event. If anyone knows anybody who might like to take part in whatever way, please contact the Fete Committee:-

Alison, Steph, Judi, Nigel, Clive, Steve, Charles, Secretary – Lorna.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Liz to ask *Gary* if CDCA Minutes could regularly be put onto the Compton Dando website. There is a Parish Council website which will eventually carry their Minutes – meanwhile, *Ian* has offered to put them on the Compton Dando website.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

As the next scheduled meeting would clash timewise with the Maunday Thursday service at the Church, it was decided to start the CDCA meeting at the later time of **8.15pm on Thursday 20 March 2008**. Everyone is most welcome.