

COMPTON DANDO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting Thursday 19 February 2009

APOLOGIES

Peter & Pam, Steph

PRESENT

Peter M.	Alison	Liz	Maureen
Anne	Ian	Lorna	Ron
Steve	Alice	Nan	

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Accepted

MATTERS ARISING

Ref. Noticeboard. Somer Housing has donated £50 towards the cost of the Noticeboard. Secretary to write a thankyou letter to Pat Woodman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer explained that the accounting year was now October to September. Accounts previously circulated and now filed with these Minutes are from 19 October to present date. These were fully explained by the Treasurer at the meeting but, in summary, opening balance was £2,309. Income to date this year is £1,652. Taking into account expenses and expenditure, closing balance in the current account is £2,282. The Deposit Account holds further monies of £1,031.

BURNS NIGHT

Net profit from Burns Night was £620 showing a major increase on all previous years (this does not take account of some additional expenses but figure remains significantly higher than ever before). The meeting congratulated Maureen and her team on a job well done. Maureen also expressed thanks to everyone who had worked hard to make the evening a success and especially to Lesley Pearse for contributing the raffle prizes once again. Secretary to write to LP.

In 2010, Burns Night falls on a Monday. It was proposed that the event be held on Saturday 30 January. However, subsequent information is that the piper is not available that night so the event

will be held on Friday 29 January. It was also suggested that there might not be a disco next year but that the piper be asked to do more. He, apparently, would be more than happy to do so.

VALENTINES

The meeting voted unanimously to cancel Valentines Supper/Dance in 2010 as it is always too close to Burns Night and tends not to be well attended. The 2009 event was cancelled. Alternative events for later in the year were suggested:-

- a. Disco night
- b. American supper
- c. Earlier start, simpler food, involve children.
- d. Make Halloween earlier and more family focussed with a cut-off time when children leave and adults continue. The meeting voted unanimously to look further at this idea.
- e. Link a village lunch with litterpick day (traditionally day after Valentines). Perhaps have soup/ploughmans. It was further suggested that we look at a date later in the month, e.g. 28 Feb. Peter M. has spoken to Harriette and she is happy with this idea.

LITTERPICK

There was less litter than last year largely as a result of people collecting throughout the year. Everyone who helps is to be congratulated.

FUTURE EVENTS

24 Feb	Parish Supper – pie and pancake in the pub
8 March	Parish Brunch in Parish Hall. Bookings essential via Lorna.
19 March	CDCA Meeting
21 March	Coffee Morning in Parish Hall 10.30 – 12.30 (NB Alison spoke of the success of the last one when 25 people attended including more young families.)
29 March	Parish Walk, starts at Millennium Green 11am. Lunch can be booked in pub afterwards. Details Alison or Liz.
26 April	10K race and Village picnic. 10K race organisers asked for a representative from Compton Dando to attend their next meeting. Lorna volunteered.
13 June	Racenight

FETE SUB-COMMITTEE

Fete to be held on Saturday 4 July 2009. First sub cttee meeting was 12 February. The theme for this year will be Country Style and the event will be renamed Village Fayre for this year. There will be a Fayre poster competition, a Fancy Dress competition, Duck Race, Childrens' games and a Mens' preserves competition. The feature display is under discussion. Next sub-committee to be Thursday 12 March when stalls & stallholders will be discussed.

Please note that (good) bric a brac can be donated from now on at our monthly Thursday 7.30pm CDCA meetings – March 19th, April 16th, May 21st, June 18th.

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Ian to investigate cost of new skittles as the old ones are no longer serviceable. He will also look at table skittles. Perhaps Steph could try ebay for these items?

CHRISTMAS TREE

Liz brought in the new plaque which Steve kindly offered to mount on a block and a stake. There was also a £5 voucher from the garden centre who produced the plaque and this has gone to Ron either to use to replace dead plants in the trough (liaising with David) or to buy additional plant(s) for the churchyard garden. Ron has volunteered to help with watering the Christmas Tree and applying a spring feed.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

Gary has asked for people to send their pictures of the village in the recent snow for the site. Also noted that CDCA Constitution entry needs updating – Alison and Liz to liaise. Everyone is asked for their thoughts on the CDCA entry on the website.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Steve reported that there were difficulties in sorting out a churchyard mowing rota and that the Church will probably employ Mark to cut the grass fortnightly. If they need help with the costs, they will advise the CDCA.
2. Two Beatrix Potter figures left over from the Christmas Cracker bric a brac stall were sold on ebay for £31. Steph kindly took no commission so this sum now goes to Church funds.
3. In response to a Parish Council enquiry ref. the Noticeboard, Chairman advised that she is still looking at possible sources for grants towards the cost. However, whatever the outcome of these enquiries, the Noticeboard will be purchased by the end of June.
4. Parish Plan – notices going up soon advising progress with analysis of survey forms. Report will follow.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12 March	Fete sub-Committee 7.30
19 March	CDCA meeting 7.30
29 March	Village Walk 11am