

NOTES TAKEN AT CARNIVAL PLANNING MEETING HELD 7TH APRIL 2017

AT DRUID INN (THANKS AGAIN FOR USE OF ROOM SAM)

(Bit long I'm afraid but it's all SO SO important!!!)

Present : Sheila Hawkes, Noel and Gay Headly, Rob Armstrong, Cllr Martin Holland, John Almond, Chris and Josh Griffiths and Sean Thomas.

(it was felt the low attendance could be due to Billys' funeral held here today – may the “old mucker” rest in peace)

1. Sheila gave an update on happenings since last meeting :-

- a. Marquee hire has been provisionally booked to part-cover the tarmac area. Thanks go to Gaz for his excellent nomination of local firm Skye Marquees - based in Cilcain. Details do need to be finalised once Noel and myself have paced out our requirements. Thanks too to Noel and Gay for attending site meeting.

Est Cost £500 - £550.**
- b. Have spoken with N.F.U. – there appears to be no issue in obtaining Event Insurance. Exact details will be required but this can be as late as one month before the event. Estimated Cost £200 - £400.**
- c. Huge thanks to Noel Headly who inadvertently , has taken on all things financial. He has set up a sub-account connected to the Village Hall to enable monies to be paid in.**
- d. Sheila spoke of a suggestion of Gareth Jaggard to set up a fund raising web page. Apparently easy to do and costs nothing. Hopefully this can be developed to link with Face Book and the like, to contact past residents of the village – esp. if they have Carnival memories. Perhaps encourage**

memories, comments, suggestions and – maybe – small donation. A “Where are they now?” display could be set up in Hall on the day? To be developed = with help!!

e. Fund Raising :-

Mega Bingo Night to be held in Village Hall

Friday 5th May 2017.

Race Night to be held in September 2017 – provisionally booked for 15th September – subject to agreement with Sam.

2. Financial Report

Noel explained the reasons for opening a sub- account with the Village Hall in preference to a separate account under the Carnival name. A separate account would require lengthy rigmarole of form filling, criteria meeting and new signatures. As it is, the current signatures can be used and are in agreement

Noel accepted a cheque for £100 pounds donated by News and Views. Grateful thanks to Paul and Shiv for getting the ball rolling!!

3. Date of next meeting: Friday 2nd June 2017 – other nights were considered with a view to increasing numbers attending meetings but Fridays seem to be the better night)

4. Mega Bingo Meeting – thought to be the priority of this called meeting but due to no planners/helpers present it was pointless to go into detail. Suffice to say general plans for the Bingo are going well and

details will be finalised over next couple of weeks. Sheila informed of some of the Prizes secured and it was suggested due to the quality that an Auction of –say – 3 of the biggest donations during the interval! Would make more money – and everyone will have had a drink by then!

5. There then followed a really useful general chat concerning the aims of the Carnival. Must be a fun day – without entrance fee- offering as much activity, fun and entertainment as we can fit in.

Sheila expressed an idea to Sean, requesting an investigation into Lottery – or other – funding. As a member of the Village Hall Committee, she is very much aware of the time and effort put forward by Rob Armstrong with regards to plans of up-grading works of the toilet, disabled toilet and kitchen areas – very little has been done since opening. The announcement of attempting to revive the Carnival – and I'm sorry, without thought to effects on other projects = left Rob deciding to shelve the up-grade to the Hall until a later date. However, I suggest we use the 60th Celebration of the Carnival as a tool to request funding for refurbishment in preparation for our big day.

Sean Thomas has agreed to undertake this but with help with objectives for the endless form filling. And also a figure to ask for – backed up with estimated costs of course.

Discussion on types of stalls needed – need to visit other local shows/ events this summer to see what is popular. Need a diary of forthcoming events. We can perhaps not just borrow the idea but the equipment as well! Also need BIG items such as coconut shy, bouncy castle, swing boats and donkey rides!!

John, Gay and Martin have access to smaller tents for use by individual stalls –glitterbugs, messy church or charity stalls such as R.N.I.B etc.

Need to meet with P.T.A. and School to determine how much involvement they would like. Perhaps kids races – not many just half a dozen. Sheila had an idea to take plant bulbs to school November and give out to plant in most imaginative container then bring to Carnival on day – instant colour!! Good idea but John pointed out bulbs would be all finished in May!! Need to rethink!

There has been interest in continuing celebrations into evening/night – great idea but someone else needs to take this on. If not, perhaps Sam could produce a “Carnival Supper Menu” to encourage people to the pub before going home – what this could develop into ..who knows!! Also , On the planned Race Night, a request for perhaps a Fish n Chips Supper available from 6pm for those who like to eat while gambling!!! Ask Sam!

John asked if there'd be anything silly.... Like Knobbly Knees comp – could ask our crowned queen to judge.....

Also suggested commemorative mug – pottery in Flint do this. Could match emblem on mug with designed beer bottle label.....

We'll need a PA system = speak with Adrian.

And a brass band –local – school?

Also, a compere and someone to open show. Preference for local personality – most a bit unsuitable tho....! Lots I've never heard of will ask Tim Rogers for suggestions and help!!

Lots of ideas for entertainment – all to be further considered.

Martin suggested a strong advert in next News and Views stating what are intentions are – and they are BIG - asking for everyone to come to the NEXT informal meeting –(FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2017 in DRUID) and give their ideas – no-one will be asked to do anything unless they offer to!!! And although I appreciate people asking me in the Garage how plans are going and saying how they really support the project, this is now not enough. What is needed is actual bodies at the next meeting so

when we present our request for funding to the big wigs, we can prove the whole community is behind this project..... and it's not just MY dream.

The meeting was brought to a close just before 9pm – and once the delicious sandwiches - very kindly and most unexpectedly provided by Sam – were demolished!! (the beef was to die for!!)