

# Compton Dando Community Association

Minutes of Village Meeting held on 7 September 2018, 7.30 pm, in St Mary's Church

**Attendees:** Hannah Maggs, Alison and Barend ter Haar, Alice Prescott, Harriette Dottridge, Liz Stanbury, Ron Waker, Steve Rendell. Liz chaired the meeting.

## 1. Apologies for absence

Mary Cashman, Lorna and Clive Howarth, Maureen Collings, Brian Vowles, Chris Dibble, Chris and Rachel Daubney, Derek Lee, John Dottridge, Cheryl Gentle

## 2. Minutes of previous meeting

Correction from Harriette – only 3 craft days in a year

Vote for approval proposed: Harriette; Seconded Hannah

## 3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

None

## 4. Chair's report

Nothing to report

## 5. Financial report

£5452 in the bank, which includes undistributed Fete proceeds share for Parish Hall and Church. This has not yet been distributed since not all fete expenses have been received yet. The organisers had obtained £650 of sponsorship. Profit looks to be ca £2500 (despite conflict with England World Cup match, and the heat wave).

**Expenditure approved:** Funding this year's service of the Church Clock had been approved by postal vote - £130; thank you gift to Fete organisers.

Further items listed below will go to postal vote – approved by committee members present, but confirmation to be sought from those who could not attend. **Action:**

### **Barend**

Bill for bell mufflers to the value of still £224.40 to be paid to Steve. **Action: Hannah will arrange**

## 6. Grants

Request that grass cutting of the stream be grant covered – Harriette agreed to make the application via the Parish Hall. **Action: Harriette**

The Youth Group grant from the Parish Council has been received.

£250 awarded from Parish Council to WW1 committee – see below.

## 7. Youth Group Report

Clothes peg animals and creatures had been the theme on 7 Sept. Poor attendance, with numbers lowered due to some regular attenders now moved up to senior school, and not back in time for the start. The age range now attending very different from the original intentions of appealing to teenagers as well.

Future events: 5 October WW1 Home Front theme – See below

November event will be on 26 October: Halloween theme to include Doughnut and apple bobbing, and designing Pumpkin faces (for cutting out at home).

Following this, on 31st October there will be a 'formalisation' of Trick and Treat activities, with participants invited to congregate at the Foyles' house (Court Hill House). Alison will let those living in the centre of the village know that if they will welcome the

participants to knock on their doors, to put on an outside light and/or display a lit pumpkin; if unwelcome, draw curtains and switch off outside lights. **Action: Alison to let the village know.**

#### **8. Website**

All CDCA Minutes are now posted

#### **9. Coffee Mornings Report**

Proceeding monthly with appreciation of Alice's baking prowess. That being said, the 11 September morning is being coordinated by alternative bakers since Alice off on an impromptu break!

#### **10. Fete Report** – see also Financial Report

Reported that it had been a success despite the competition from World Cup match being watched in the pub, and the excessive heat. The raffle was particularly strong in its financial contribution, and thanks were expressed to those who had organised the ticket sales. The contribution of the sponsors and hall teas were also noted.

However, special thanks needed to go to Ben and Becky – Hannah will be sending formal thanks on behalf of the village. **Action: Hannah**

#### **11. Craft Sale**

Alice requested this be dropped since she did not have the spare time to put into her share of the organisation. Agreed to drop for this year.

#### **12. Music in the park/village picnic**

The leader of the jazz group suggested for the entertainment was not returning from holiday until 10 September. A reply on dates available for a Saturday in September will be provided after this date. Derek Lee has agreed to provide the Audio equipment support. Still proposed as a 'pop-up' event with people bringing their own picnic and drink. Help will be needed to put up the CDCA marquees, to provide cover if weather 'inclement'. Barend coordinating. **Action: Barend**

#### **13. Commemoration of end of WW1**

**The WW1 Committee** (Joy Webb, Fiona Gregg-Smith, Alison, Brian) had met earlier in the week. Alison reported that they had been offered a grant of £250 from the Parish Council. The committee was asking the CDCA for an additional £150 to put an ad in the Mendip Times, and to cover materials for the teas. Approved by those present, but to go out for confirmation from rest of committee. **Action: Barend**

They had been successful in their application to the Armed Forces Covenant, and will be receiving 3 WW1 seated silhouettes – two will be placed in the Church and hopefully 1 in the pub, with Paul's agreement.

Frederick Light (a relative of the Pows who had lived in the village): his name has been approved to be added to the War Memorial – WW1 committee have requested Parish Council to fund. **Action: Hannah to confirm with the PC whether this has been approved**

The Bell ringers will be ringing for peace over the Remembrance weekend

There will be a 3-day exhibition in church over the weekend

On November 11<sup>th</sup> there will Singalong evening in the Hall, starting at 7.30. Tickets will be available for purchase from Joy.

Beacon basket proposed to be placed in the centre of the Village subject to permission from Mr Sparkes and the Church: Avon fire brigade need to be alerted. Lighting time at 7pm (the same time as beacons being lit across the country) ahead of the Singalong in the Hall.

Youth Group October activities will be concentrating on contributions around the 3 who gave their lives, and on the contribution of the Home front. They are also looking into creating their own wreath to add to those on the Memorial on 11 November.

**Cascade of Poppies** – Harriette reported that hundreds of poppies have already been created. Next get together day will be with Sarah Wilson and Joy Webb on 22 September and a final date on 27 October to build the Cascade. Set up date in the Church will be 8 November.

#### 14. Quiz night

Alice reported that Saturday 24 November has been agreed. Two teams have booked in already and the subjects of Geography and Local Knowledge already taken.

#### 15. Next meeting: AGM 7 November 2018

A request for committee and officer nominations to be posted within next week. **Action: Barend**

Nominations to be received by 30 September 2018.

**Officer Nominations:** Hannah Maggs, Derek Lee, Barend ter Haar have offered to continue if no other nominations come forward

**Member Nominations:** Lorna Howarth, Alison ter Haar, Maureen Collings, Liz Stanbury, Chris Dibble, Harriette Dottridge, Mary Cashman, Ron Waker additionally have offered to remain on the committee.

Cheryl Gentle had written to say that she regretted that she had to stand down since her health does not allow her to contribute as she would like.

**Brian Vowles presentation:** Brian had offered to give his 50 years anniversary of the Chew floods presentation at the end of the AGM, and this kind offer was accepted.

**Action: Barend to accept the offer on behalf of the committee, and to book the Parish Hall.**

#### 16. AOB

**Café Church Topics:** 9 September Scarlett Calveley - 'Salt'; 14 October Fiona Edwards – Plastic Reaction; 11 November Remembrance Service; 9 December Paul Baxter – The Big Question

**Open Gardens:** Possible July. Steve said that other commitments meant he could not organise this for next year, but Sarah Wilson may be able to do so instead, with his passing over the notes for what needed to be done. **Action: Barend to contact Sarah**

*(Note from after meeting: Sarah Wilson has agreed, and has set the date for 16/6/19)*

**Craft Days:** Harriette announced that the next ones would be 19 November 2018; and 12 January and 11 February 2019

**Church Yard working party:** Next date 6 October

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.



