

Buxted Bonfire Society Monthly Meeting Minutes



Date: Monday 13th November 2017

Location: Buxted Football Club

Attendees: Debbie Elliott –(DE)(Chair), Monica Ross (Costume Coordinator) (MR), Sue Ovens (SO) (Sec), Alex Butcher (AB), Hayley Elliott (HE), Jan Hiscock (JH), Mandy Dasilva (MD), Kevin Clarke (KC), Angela Clarke (AC), Jim Ovens (JO), Mick Gosden (MG)

Agenda:

1. Introductions
(Chair –Debbie) Introductions around the table
2. Apologies
3. Confirm minutes of last meeting.-on Facebook
4. History of the Society for new members.
5. Our Vision and any updates – EXCITING NEWS, Carol concert
6. Bank Account is now live and Paypal live
7. Memberships and new member sign ups
8. New Invitations (confirm who is attending Robertsbridge)
9. Costumes and ideas (any updates)
10. Light Switch/Kids Party
11. How is everyone doing?
12. Summary /Conclusions/Closing Questions
13. Next Meeting date
14. AOB

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1.	Attendees introduced themselves around the table.
2.	Clive Hiscock, Jackie Love, Emily and Will Timlin, Rick and Sabrina Mudie, Adrian and Georgina Foster, Ellie Musham, Jack, VP's
3.	Minutes of the last meeting correct HE and KC seconded. Items carried forward from last meeting Cart for torches - AB not keen on carts prefers carrying but DE pointed out that this does not work for those with children. AB also pointed out that a cart needs transporting – yes fair point. DE perhaps we get one and hope for a member with an estate car! We have a year to worry about this so defer until June 2018 meeting. Cases of Beer – DE not purchased yet. Contact Scouts – DE/MG will sit down with them in January. SO had some feedback from scouts firework event that it was held too early for some. DE if BBS have an event it could not be so early as other societies could not join us in time. The road closure would also not be allowed so early. DE suggested we could maybe go on another Society's night, possibly Burgess

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	<p>Hill as this is not too local. MR has met David Hollings from Fletching BS who was possibly proposing a merger of the 2 societies. It was generally thought this was too far away to be practical for a merger. (Contact no. 07919 207972 Davidhollings@farming.co.uk)</p>
4.	No visitors
5.	<p>DE – News. Email today from Carol Arnold Watts (Secretary for the Sussex Association of Bonfire and Carnival Societies) re: Carol Concert/Parade Sunday 10th December BBS invited to attend in full bonfire costume with banners, lanterns. 14.15 form up for parade. Service to be followed by tea at the Civic Centre. There will be a presentation for the Societies that have accumulated the most points over the season for the Best Dressed Society. There are 3 places to be awarded. Cups will be presented at the Civic Centre.</p> <p>We are expecting 2 new members to join BBS from other Societies.</p> <p>Tree Lighting – The Buxted Inn will not be providing a bar for the evening on 2nd December. JH should we not try to talk to the White Hart again? Yes DE, we need to sit down and talk to the pubs again. KC asked if we should do some photos outside the Buxted Inn, but DE noted the Football Club has been very welcoming and supportive, they also have a display case for trophies so would be a good partner to host BBS meetings.</p> <p>Uckfield FM want to do a piece on us.</p>
6.	Bank account live and Paypal
7.	<p>As stated previously there are 2 prospective new members. MG Suggested there maybe some kind of award / incentive for parading members. For clarity membership renewals are at the end of March. New members who sign up before then will have their membership expiry at the end of March 2019 as the parading season is ending next week.</p>
8.	<p>Robertsbridge is next week Saturday 18th. Pick up for minibus is Buxted Inn at 17.00, then on to the Uckfield pick up point, which is by the Applegate Dental Practice in Newtown. Details to follow by email.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Lewes parade should be adults only from a safety point of view.</p> <p>MG said to get the number of invites and wins in our first year is amazing. JH, JO, MD said DE should take credit for making things work and pulling the team together. A Fantastic first year. MG we have amassed a lot of experience and can build on it. It gives us a track record for next year's fundraising.</p>
9.	MG to assist supply of antlers for JH to make some head dresses. Over the coming period everyone should trawl the charity shops and bring items to meetings to swap/sell/donate.
10.	<p>Light Switch on/Kids party – DE, Wilderness Wood is kindly donation a tree 10—12 feet. They suggest to not anchor it, but use tubing. AB was anticipating that we needed equipment for a 20 ft tree. Craig at Scantech is supplying posters and support so please support this company where possible. The bar is sorted, a mobile bar Wonderbar. They will also provide mulled wine.</p>

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	<p>A BBQ will be provided by Coopers Farm Hadlow Down Raffle Tickets have been purchased Road Closure has been applied for. Marshalls will be required for each end of the road closure. Gazebos will be required for BBS and Members stall DE has bought tubs of sweets from Tesco 6 Collection buckets will be needed “Jack Sparrow” will come in costume An electrician is required with 17th edition certification to work on a cherry picker and install electrics. Approx 1 hour work but needed when parts arrive. All agreed to order the electric parts. May apply for Neighbourhood Watch funding in retrospect relating to the electrics, which will be left in place for the village. SO/AC both have possible electricians they can contact. SO to try first. We have been let down by the carol singers. If need be we will have a practice at the house of JH but also continue to try and find singers. SO contacting friend in the Uckfield Singers. Do we want to ask Pentacles? Or email Bonco for carol singers? Jan Turner, a VP member has brought us a very generous box of raffle prizes. HE will contact “Off the Wall” as they owe us a raffle prize. Raffle Tickets can only be sold on the day or else we need a gambling license. Letters distributed to those willing to ask for raffle prizes. MG sorting advertising signage (sponsorship by Taylor Tofts) DE/HE dealing with the event on Facebook 4 x 4 Assist to be spoken to about road closure. Every effort will be made to find a suitable ‘celebrity’ to open the event. Gary King is keen, maybe with “Jack Sparrow”? DE/JO/MD/SO will deal with the letter drop on the new estate regarding the road closure. Posters regarding the Tree Lighting and kids party handed out for distribution to agreed locations. AB has some red fabric for HE to use for party</p>
11.	DE how are we all doing, is everyone OK? Yes all happy.
12.	No closing questions
13.	Next meeting date Monday 11 th December at the Football Club.
14.	<p>AOB – There are still 3 vacant roles Vice Chair Treasurer Torch Captain These roles need to be filled, not necessarily by parading members.</p>

Other Agenda Items/Action Points

- Remember the **BBS Christmas get-together** on Saturday 16th December at the Cinque Ports Club
- **DE/MG** Contact the Scouts regarding future collaboration and a possible date for the 2018 Buxted event.
- **All members** let **DE** know if they can parade on December 10th
- **DE/MG** talk to 2 Buxted pubs re collaboration in events
- **HE** talk to “Off the Wall”
- **MG** sort advertising signs

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- 4 x 4 Assist re road closure
- DE / MG talk to Bonco about lower age limit for torch bearers
- SO/AC follow up on electrics
- SO follow up on carol singers. DE contact Bonco re the same.