

**Minutes of the Dalston Festival Committee meeting held on Monday 16 January  
2006 at Church House**

**1. Present:**

A Dinning, (Chairman), J Kelsey, (Treasurer), L Roadknight (Secretary), D Kelsey, B Craig, G Crozier, D Crozier, P Kirby, I Newton, S Watson, M Irving, S Dalton, M Walton J Rickerby, J Beckett, Y Harland, S Withers, C Bell.

**2. Apologies**

B Hand, A McKerrel, R Auld.

**3. Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005 were accepted.

**4. Draft Timetable**

**Saturday 5 August**

The Scarecrows are to be placed in gardens and it was decided that there should be no access by the public. Judith Rickerby will be organising this event and any help will be much appreciated. **(Be at the meeting in Church house on Wednesday 15 February at 7.30pm)** if you feel that you can help.

**Sunday 6 August:**

Gala Day to be organised by the Recreation Committee, Craig Bell will assist with the Bands which will be located on the Recreation Field. It is hoped that the Bands will play throughout the day and evening. The finishing time and ticket sales are to be arranged.

The Gardening Club have suggested a display, China Painting, Photography, Small Garden Display, Hanging Baskets and Tubs.

**Monday 7 August:** Quiz and Memorabilia in Chapel, tea and coffee will be served and there will be a small charge. Also suggested was a Pop Music Quiz. Bobby Nichol and Nan Harrison to be asked for material for display.

**Tuesday 8 August:**

The Abby Singers to perform with John Waugh and his Accordion Band in St. Michaels Church.

**Wednesday 9 August:**

Dalston Black Reds are to be asked to organise a Fancy Dress Football Match 'It's a Knockout' open to all on the Recreation Field with a trophy for the winner. This event is in the place of the Cross Country Run.

Tennis Club are to be asked to organise a Cycle Ride but there is no more information on this at present.

**Thursday 10 August:**

Dearham Brass Band have been booked and will play in St Michael's church They have asked for a donation of £100 to cover expenses. It is also proposed to ask Sally Orr if she will sing during this event.

### **Friday 11 August**

We are in the process of organising a Village Market arranged for local traders such as Clare Scott, Michael Capstick, Joy Waugh, David Moore, Hicksons Garden Centre, Elmiras Designs with stalls being set up in the Square.

It is necessary to ask for help with traffic control from the Police and Fire Service and Ronnie Auld is checking this out.

There will be a Jazz Band, Maypole Dancing, Morris Dancing and the Dalston Hand Bell Ringers have been suggested this is progressing well.

The Blue Bell has agreed to put on a BBQ and the event will start at 3.00pm with a finishing time to be agreed.

There will be a collection during the afternoon and evening with money raised, going to the local organisations.

### **Saturday 12 August**

Carnival Queen and Parade of Floats through the village, to start at Caldew School and to finish on the Show Field.

Jennifer Beckett has kindly offered to pick a Carnival Queen from the under 13s in Dalston Parish with a Page Boy and either 4 or 6 attendants.

There will be an Easter Disco in the Victory Hall to choose the candidates.

**(Look out for details in the Parish Magazine and posters throughout the Parish.)** Bryan Craig to organise advertising.

## **5. Issues Raised**

- a) Ronnie Auld has kindly offered to look into Policing and issues with closing off the Square and other measures associated with the weeks events
- b) First Aid is to be looked into.
- c) John Kelsey agreed to seek quotes for insurance for the events and this is in hand and progressing well.
- d) Grant applications are being submitted to recover costs not covered by the local organisations

## **6. Dates For your Diary**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Valentines Dance in the Victory Hall 7.30pm (Bar , Disco & 60s Band)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Duck Race in the Mill Race at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 15 February

Meeting to plan Scarecrows and Floats in Church House at 7.30pm.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Junior Disco up to 12 years – 7.00 to 9.00pm

Easter Disco to be confirmed.

## **7. Next Meeting**

**The next meeting would be held on Monday 20 February 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in Church House.**