

## Minutes of the Dalston Festival Committee meeting held on Monday 11th of September 2006 at Church House

### **1. Present**

A. Dining (chairman), B Craig, S Brown (secretary), A McKerrel, Ian Turnbull, M Walton, J McBride, M Cogan, Y Harland, J Beckett, S Withers, A Dickinson, R Auld, J Kelsey

### **2. Apologies**

Mrs D Kelsey, J Rickerby

### **3. Recognitions**

A big thank you from the Committee goes out to Linda Roadknight who retired as secretary for all the hard work that was put in towards the 2006 festival.

Suzanne Brown was elected by the committee to take over the role.

A special thank you also went out to Alan Dining as Chairman.

All was agreed that the Festival 2006 week was a great success and the sum of approximately £1697 was raised and should go in the kitty towards the next festival.

### **4. Letters**

Letters of thanks have been received from Dalston Agricultural Society for the committee's support towards this year's show which received the greatest number through the gate than ever.

Also from St Michael's Church for the £100 donation and from Barras House for the money given to them towards expenses of their float.

### **5. Festival 2007**

The main discussion of the evening was whether to hold another festival in 2007 and if we had enough funds and support to hold it for a week.

Discussion led to a decision that the festival would be held for a week from Saturday 4th August to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of August and the proposed itinerary would be as follows:

Saturday Scarecrow Competition / Teas / Art Club/ Flower club Display

Sunday Gala Day

Monday Quiz Night

Tuesday Male Voice Choir

Wednesday Football / Tennis competition

Thursday Brass Band

Friday Barbecue/ Band/ stalls/ Kids entertainment/ Line dancers all in the Village Square on Friday night

Saturday Parade of Floats\_& Saturday Night Dance

### **Other Proposals**

It was suggested that the Drama society may liked to be involved next year and others organizations such as Raughton Head Young Farmers.

It was also suggested that other churches as well as St. Michael's may like to get involved in holding a flower festival such as Cumdivock, The Methodist Chapel and Raughton Head. However the question was raised who would fund this so further research was going to be done.

A number of sub committees needs to be arranged at the next meeting, i.e. float committee

It was proposed that the Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Dance would be held at the Show field using a marquee from the show which would reduce the costs greatly. However some concerns were expressed with regards to possible aggravation that may arise, this will need to be discussed with the show committee and the police

### **6. Funding**

The 2006 Festival was funded largely through sponsorship & lottery funding and concerns were mentioned that we may not receive them again.

Last year it was decided that each organization that were involved in the festival would decide what they could do with their profits – i.e. to keep them or share them with the festival fund. Some expressed concerns over this but it was decided that the same approach would be kept at the 2007 Festival.

Grants will be applied for after a budget has been proposed and money will be raised through fund raising.

### **7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at Church House.

