

CAMBRIDGE VENUE GROUP

Unconfirmed minutes of meeting held at St. Philip's School, Ross Street, Cambridge on Wednesday 11th June 1986, at 7pm.

Chair: Alisdhair Currie-Crawford.

1. Apologies: Jane Gallienne, Jay Taylor, Cathryn Raffan, Hamish Currie-Crawford, Pete Hannan, Mark Watch.

2. Minutes of last meeting: Approved.

3. Matters Arising: None.

4. Treasurer's Report: We have no money at the moment. The Council has about £1160 worth of receipts, and Mark has asked Jay to ask David Chance to hurry things up. Will see Bank about overdraft in the meantime. The 100 copies of the report ordered from the Council will cost around £400.00 - only £250.00 is budgeted. We owe the CDA another £70.00 plus for photocopying.

5. Editors Report: The report was handed in to the Council before noon on Friday 6th June (round of applause). Pete Hannan has made a few copies, which omit the detailed survey results, detailed facilities report, and Cllr. Howard's views (all Appendices). Not sure when the Council will have our copies printed.

Progress on lobbying: Hasn't arranged meetings with City Cllrs. yet. County Transportation sub-committee is on Thursday. Has spoken to Melanie Johnson, who says that neither the Alliance nor the Tories are supporting the E. Way idea, and that the Labour group doesn't have a collective view. If the local ward councillor, Anne Campbell, objects, they will probably support her: she says that she doesn't like the idea and knows that local residents are concerned. She doesn't intend to speak at the meeting. Pete has delivered copies of the Study to both these councillors. The Officers Report recommends that the sub-committee say no, because: the roundabout is already overloaded with traffic, access will be difficult, they plan to install traffic lights, and in the long term there may be a need to reconstruct the roundabout completely to cope with heavier traffic flow (the East Road dualling proposal). The City Council has asked for a definite answer, so a postponement is unlikely, and decisions of sub-committees are more likely to get through full council unchanged on the County Council than on the City. The best we can hope is that their views are expressed in a non-final way that can be modified by other committees. One possible lobbying angle is that Cllrs who oppose the dualling of East Road might support the Venue simply because it would kill that proposal.

6. Strawberry Fair/Petition: all went well at Strawberry Fair, and a lot of signatures were obtained. John Bruun volunteered to count them. All signatures must be in for the meeting on Wed. 25th June so the full petition can be presented to the City A&R meeting. The police are planning to ban the Fair next year, and all Venue Group members are asked to write to their Cllrs, the CEN etc etc to show their support for the Fair continuing.

7. Arbury Carnival this weekend; Dawn will attend with petition.

8. St. Matthews local planning meeting tomorrow night. John Bruun said it was important that there was a strong Venue Group

presence at this meeting, as local residents had a lot of wrong ideas about the Venue, and were being stirred up by some local councillors.

9. Events Group: had a meeting on Monday - 4 attended, not enough! Discussed possible venues and are investigating various angles - w/e event at the Guildhall, Chesterton Community College etc. Long discussion on the image of CVG promotions - should we be hand in hand with the Council or not. General view seemed to be that CVG should present its own image strongly, while promoting events that benefit the City and keeping the support of the Council if possible. CCAT SU have offered us a benefit gig (unofficially till its approved finally). University SU is planning an open-air freshers event, possibly on Midsummer Common - Meeting, Monday 16th June 2pm Jesus Coll. Party Room.
Very long discussion about role, scope, responsibilities and funding of events group. Nothing finalised, but it was stated that constitutionally any subgroup can take its own decisions and can spend up to £25.00 without asking the approval of the Treasurer or the General Meeting. Possibility of a float was discussed. David Gower offered to provide front money if necessary through Musclemans Music. Next meeting of events group: Monday 16th June 7.30pm 235a Chesterton Road.
10. Summary of Feasibility Study: Pete Hannan and other editors will do this as soon as they can. Also needed is a short summary for local residents, who also need to be kept informed and invited to an open meeting soon. Pete Robertson will check on the availability of the Alex Wood Hall for July. It will cost about £25.00. Another summary needed for potential sponsors. Dave Mantripp will draft a letter to local residents.

Meeting closed 9.15pm.

Elected chair for next week - Alisdhair (going for a record).