

## Answer to A TO Z Question's

Majority of the questions relates to 2012, these issues should have been addressed by the chair officer during that year; nevertheless the committee have answered the questions to the best of our knowledge where applicable.

A. The point was discussed at the informal meeting and a conclusion was reached that the Entrainment Officer should have been present at the Navratri Festival events under his duty as officer for GCS. Entrainment officer accepts his duty, but to clarify as a music group was called in specifically for the festivities and the entertainment officer did ask committee at time if he could use his music knowledge and abilities elsewhere. This was duly sanctioned by the committee and in his absence the Assistant Entertainment Officer was in charge throughout the Navratri festival.

B. Does not recall any such statement. What is positive and encouraging is that within such a small community we have talented individuals who regularly give their best. As a society we should not make anyone feel undervalued for their effort.

C. As discussed and concluded in the informal meeting held at Woodingdean.

D. The catering was booked for 265 members and not for 200, as stated on the question. And there is always a percentage variation of how many members will attend or not attend. Not everything read in the papers should be believed.

E. The committee was in dispute to resolve that particular issue, the total amount agreed was thought to have included hot puris, but not according to the caterer so there was obvious delay in payment.

F. Where ever possible the payment is made by cheque, but sometimes it is difficult, due to the payees preference and other factors and may be paid by cash instead . But a valid receipt is always obtained whatever form the settlement is made in.

G. GCS always endeavour to get three quotes and this is standard practice, but it does not mean the committee has gone for cheapest price. Committee's best interest is to the GCS members, to give quality and also not to overspend.

H. This historical question is not applicable to the present committee, please address this question to the previous committee Chair officer.

I. Devesh Patel became a fully paid member later in the year and he submitted official Nomination papers to the secretary, to become a committee member and he was voted in at the AGM. Devesh volunteered to be assistant Secretary in our first meeting after the AGM.

J. Mr Chandrakant Mehta did not attend last few committee meetings and did not inform the committee that he wished to continue in the post (which we would have duly respected as a senior statesman).

President elected for the year decides on who can carry out the duties as officer of GCS to their best ability. Mr Mehta was not present at the meeting and, thus all committee members collectively made a decision that Mr Mehta is best suited for Public Relations Post. The committee members roles are universal we are all there to help each other and no significant importance should be attached to titles.

K. This is another historical question and present committee does not have facts to answer this question. Please address this question to the previous committee of 2012.

L. This rumour is not answerable by the present committee and we do not have any knowledge of these 'rumours'.

M. The decision was made by the committee on health and safety grounds, specifically at Stannmer Park, as there was problem with the water standpipe, an adequately trained Fire Marshall, parking issues and travellers in the area. It must be stressed that we are dealing with a major risk here with the elderly members and young children and at present legislation and compliance is increasingly difficult. The safety of our members is paramount and many major events have been cancelled for fewer infringements.

The committee are working to rectify these issues and are confident we can hold our annual events for 2015. Crawley Mandir kindly welcomed anyone wishing to celebrate from Brighton with open arms and this was just a logical step to extend that invitation.

N. This question does not relate to the present committee and the decision was made by the previous committee of 2012, again please address this question to Chairperson of 2012.

In elaboration particularly with food we live in increasingly legislatively controlled times especially when served to the public which have to come from approved sources to satisfy food safety and issue with hot drinks.

O. Duplicate question, please refer to our answer to your question G.

P. The nomination forms were sent out with notice of AGM, along with a newsletter to all the members.

Q. In the constitution it does not say committee members have to hold only one post. The assistant treasurer's post is voluntary and any committee member or trustee can hold two posts.

R. The President does not recall of anybody notifying to postpone the A.G.M and A.G.M most years in the past has been held in March.

S. The member in questions' application was by a letter (not through official nomination papers with proposed and seconded by) and also not officially via secretary. Even though the returning officers put the members name forward, but he was not voted in by the floor on the day.

T. The committee feels there were enough starters and food and were apportioned accordingly, the feedback from majority of the members was positive. However we will address this issue more closely in future events.

U. Was not sponsored by GCS, but was supported by GCS.

V. This was discussed in detail at the meeting, It wasn't that the Dandia's were not brought to Navratri 2013, but due to unforeseen circumstances the new Dandia's were difficult to locate, therefore they were not at the Navratri festival, which created a problem for one day of the festival, when shortage occurred.

W. The event was not organised by GCS.

X. GCS has no knowledge of any rumours being spread by any of the committee members, but it is a fact that Brighton & Hove Hindu community have been advertising their own events and members of the community are drawing their own conclusions.

Y. There has been no such special meeting for this purpose.

Z. The accounts for 2011 show an entry for legal cost for £667.00 to M Patel. These accounts were presented at the A.G.M. in 2012.

As collective committee members we feel our time is wasted in resolving issues which are in the past before the 2013, which is irrelevant for GCS to progress forward as most of the members are busy with their businesses. (BUT, present committee is answerable to anything from 2013 by any paid member) The community members should be respected, supported and

appreciated for the work they do for our community as volunteers. It takes a lot of the committee member's time, energy and selfless sacrifices to serve the GCS organisation. Present committee members of GCS may have made mistakes in serving the GCS members, which the committee member's apologise for such mistakes and we will learn from these mistakes to improve GCS for the future generation of committee members of GCS.

Any person with issues / complaints should contact the appropriate person (secretary) directly in writing..

Quote from Dr A.C. Shah Trustee for G.C.S.

Thanked the committee in acting with honesty and integrating the society through events and programmes, their voluntary effort which should be supported and encouraged.