



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ~ Wednesday 5th October 2016

Present: Oonagh Dockley, Lorraine Beck, Tom Postlewaite, Alison Stanton, Jes Sharpe, Gillian Brind, Rose Weston, Hilary McNeil, Rachel Bowey, Roya Sadeghi, Debbie Carter, Dagmar Irwin, Rebecca Berger, Kate Davies, Jane Renouf, Sev Knight, Melanie Booth, Max Garrety, Deidre McLaughlin

1. Apologies: None

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM:

Proposed: Rachel Bowey **Seconded:** Debbie Carter

3. Constitution:

The new constitution was voted for unanimously. This will be lodged with the Charities Commission for their approval. OD has kindly offered to liaise with the CC as required.

Proposed: Rachel Bowey **Seconded:** Alison Stanton

4. Treasurer's Report:

(See attached Treasurer's report)

Incoming funds were significantly down on last year in part due to diminishing disco attendances and low attendance at the Summer Celebration.

Bank accounts have been consolidated into one account with Santander.

£23.6k was paid out to the school – it was felt we should better publicise our funding.

5. Chair's Report:

I have been a member of the PA for 5 years and for the last 3, it has been my pleasure to serve as your Chair. My primary objective was to leave the Committee in a strong position and with a sense of purpose for the year ahead. Looking at all of you, I think I can quietly tick that off my list. The work on a new constitution will be key to modernising our governance and I am proud of all that together we have achieved.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for your commitment, dedication, good humour and hard work. We have worked together not always in the easiest of circumstances to provide funds to expand the horizons of the students of this school.

Campbell will speak to us about the money but I want to take a moment to reflect on different successes. Roya – the craft fair brought Christmas indoors and was a committee and school success. Lorraine – your idea to enliven the Christmas Carol Service has put more bums on seats and made it an even more special event for student, staff and parents alike. The Quiz – I love this event. Mr Bell has made it his own and it brings our school committee together in a fun and informal way. Debbie – your tenacity in providing a social occasion for our younger students has not gone unnoticed and Alison, Hilary and the SC team - the hub space was beautiful and I know that you gracefully stage managed the event despite many changes in plan along the way. It is your will that makes this group so very special. And the staff – Jes thank-you for your support, wise words and calm head. Please



extend my thanks to the many members of staff who have given freely of their time to enable discos in particular to happen and to all of those who have directly supported our work.

Looking forward – I would urge you to rely on each other as I hope I have done over the years. New challenges await you – be bold, try new things. Retain what works and ditch the rest.

6. Election of Officers:

A post may be held for a maximum of 3 years

Chairman: Lorraine Beck (Proposed: Rachel Bowey; Seconded: Debbie Carter)

(1st year – elected Sept 2016)

Secretary: Rachel Bowey (Proposed: : Alison Stanton; Seconded: Roya Sadeghi)

(2nd year - elected Sept 2015)

Treasurer: Campbell Smith (Proposed: Lorraine Beck; Seconded: Debbie Carter)

(2nd year – elected Spring 2016)

9. Election of Committee Members

The committee was elected as follows:

(Have deleted OD – ok?) Lorraine Beck, Hilary McNeil, Roya Sadeghi, Alison Stanton, Debbie Carter, Gillian Brind, Sevil Knight, Rose Weston, Tom Postlewaite, Rachel Bowey, Jo Fagan, Dagmar Irwin, Melanie Booth, Max Garrety, Jane Renouf, Campbell Smith.

Ex Officio: Julia Mortimore, Jes Sharpe.

10. Any Other Business:

Jes thanked the PA for the work that they do, and for the opportunities the funds they raise give to the students in the school.

Next AGM: Wednesday 2017 at 7pm