

**Talbot PTA AGM**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 6.30pm**

Present: Becca Ahmed (RA), Laura Webb (LW), Parm Gill (PG), Helen McGrath, Claire Hazledine, Helen Sweet, Maria Pendlebury, Darren Brown, Nicola Brown, Alex Camenisch, Hilary Gupte

**Apologies:** Helen Murphy

**Chair's Welcome – Becca Ahmed**

RA welcomed attendees to the first zoom AGM meeting and gave a brief summary of the changes in committee that took place just prior to the lockdown in March 2020.

RA discussed the challenges posed by the pandemic in fundraising opportunities as well as the difficulties in getting to know new members of the PTA when everything was being done remotely.

RA highlighted the recent success of the Scarecrow trail in particular, and the PTA's role in offering activities to children, and their families to help bring the school community together in such strange times. It's her intention to continue this focus on fun activities rather than fundraising this year to play our part in supporting the school and its families.

RA thanked Helen Sweet for her energy and success as former Chair. She also thanked Darren Wall for his continued hard work, especially with this last year of organising the Christmas gifts scheme, and Laura Webb for her continued support.

Mrs Gill took the opportunity to sincerely thank the PTA and parents for their fundraising efforts pre- lockdown and advised what a difference the money has made to extending the playground surface with the astroturf perimeter.

Mrs Gill also gave a personal thankyou to the PTA for their efforts during lockdown to put on activities for the school to join in, that were aimed at bringing the community together while the school was closed to majority.

**Summary of Accounts – Laura Webb**

LW presented a financial overview for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, providing a draft annual report and summary of accounts report, for review.

A total income of £11,201 was reported, which was raised through school social events, donations, grant & match funding applications and school lottery.

LW reported that the impact of pandemic halted fundraising from March 2020 for 6 months. The PTA expects this impact to continue into 2021 so would prefer to maintain a greater balance than usual. This allows the PTA to give up to £7,500 of available funds as a donation this year, including the regular annual commitments.

PG reported that the school will be receiving a government lump sum for 'CoVid Catchup' projects. This funding means the school can fund many of the postponed activities and visiting groups directly for the remainder of this school year.

PTA agreed to maintain the annual commitments (£2,610), and any additional proposals for funding up to £7,500 will be carefully considered. The plans to add some cladding to the corners around the blue perimeter playground railing and install interactive zones/games may need to be considered in the future.

### **Election of Committee Members**

RA advised that Helen Murphy was planning to step down as secretary after current year, and advised that Maria Pendlebury had come forward as a potential replacement. As Helen Murphy was unexpectedly not able to attend the AGM the following nominations were made:

Chair – Becca Ahmed, nominated by LW, seconded by PG  
Treasurer - Laura Webb, nominated by RA, seconded by PG  
Secretary – Maria Pendlebury, nominated by RA, seconded by LW

*05/11/20 LW amendment: It is agreed that Helen Murphy will continue as secretary this year, nominated by LW, seconded by Maria Pendlebury.*

### **Fundraising & Activities for 2020/21**

A good discussion was had on the call with fresh ideas and input from many. The overall consensus was to work on ideas to make Christmas as magical as we can this year as many of the usual elements will be different in pandemic.

Discussions will continue as to the mix of festive events but all will be cognitive of national covid related guidance and school/community restrictions.

### **Other Business**

None recorded