



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021/22

Date: Monday 14th September 2021

Time: **AGM** 20.00 – 20.25

Meeting 20.25 – 21.00

Venue: Green Lanes School - Main Hall

Present:

Jen Lomas – (Outgoing Chair)

Veena Rabadhe

Abi Hooper

Ms. Johnson – (Head Teacher)

Andy Noble

Kevin Hodgson

Stuart Thornhill

Robert Dissington

Caroline Lindars

Joolz Joseph

Nikki Roberts

Dave Roberts – (Outgoing Charity Coordinator)

Emma Flin

Ria Chessum

Dee [Bee] Chessum

Pete McCorkindale – (Outgoing Treasurer)

Apologies:

Karen Ware, Ian Kirby, Jen Kirby, Gill Taylor

Head Teacher's Update:

Ms. Johnson noted that it had been a tricky two years and that it was so lovely to be back in the room together. Ms. Johnson congratulated the team and passed on her thanks for continuing the events, even through lockdown, which wasn't necessarily about raising money but more to raise the morale of the school community. A huge thank you from all the children and the school for what you did whether that was putting the Easter Teddy Bears around or keeping family quizzes going. It

wasn't about funds in the past year, it has been about community so just a huge thank you for everything you've contributed to that.

Ms. Johnson recognised that we should still be realistic about the year that we're going into. When we look at what is going on currently, the approach should be more gradual and the committee should look much more towards summer for the big events. We may still have restrictions coming as we head into the winter months but anything that we can do to get the community spirit going would be great. The children absolutely loved the 80th Anniversary Teddy Bears and the t-shirts on them were so special for them and it was a fabulous thing to do. I'm surprised you were able to keep it secret and what was really nice was that lots of the kids have come back this year saying 'I've got my Fizzy' and have brought them back in their happy bag. I think it was really special that you were able to do that and a huge thank you for everything you've done.

Chair agreed with the comments and thanked Ms. Johnson for ongoing support.

Chairperson's Update:

The previous year's AGM minutes were reviewed, and no actions were required.

Chair presented her summary of the year;

I just want to say thank you to everybody for the commitment you've to the Committee over the last twelve months and I acknowledge that it has been hard work. It is so rewarding for me that there are so many like-minded parents at the school willing to get involved, even when times are tough.

I often ask you to write down why do we do this, why do you want to be on the GLSA and we always say the same thing – to see the children's smiles on their faces when having a great time, but we haven't physically had that for quite some time. Knowing that when we do it's going to be epic – when we get there with the discos and the summer fair they really are such a lot of fun. It's not all about raising as much funds as we can, we really do try to make it accessible for all because we know that there is a range of families at the school with different needs and circumstances so we do try to make sure that everybody can come.

For me the highlight was the Easter Bear Hunt – again with all of these things there are trials and tribulations with a few Teddy Bears going missing but we tried really hard to make that event a lot of fun and there was a lot of activity about it on Facebook which kept us going. We raised just over £2k for the year – a lot of that thanks to Mrs. Badger doing her virtual London Marathon but there were little things like Christmas Cards which we can continue to keep doing this year among other ideas. Just keep going and supporting each other.

A huge, huge thank you to Andy, Stuart and to Gill, who cannot be here tonight, for their continued commitment over these years as well. Individually all three of them have held me up because we all have our moments, especially in the middle of an event, and there is always somebody to support you. They have given of themselves over and over again in the years that they have been on the committee. They leave a very lasting legacy behind, so thank you.

Treasurer's Update:

Unfortunately, 2020/21 was probably the easiest year to manage as Treasurer given Covid with the limited number of events held. Net funds raised were £179. The main fund-raising events were Mrs. Badger's virtual marathon with over £1,000 raised which was amazing and over £600 raised

through Bags to School from around 10 tons of clothes donated. Smaller activities included funds raised from Christmas Cards, Christmas Trees from the Premier and Amazon Smile. Main costs were the 80th Anniversary Teddy Bears which everyone appreciated. Overall, not too much in terms of adding to total funds but, as Ms. Johnson has said, this year was about adding to the community spirit. The Bear Hunt over Easter was a great success, and we will continue to provide money to the school on an annual basis for the operation of the minibus among other special projects.

In comparison to previous years there has been a decline in funds raised due to the impact on events from Covid. 2019/20 included the Winter Fair and a couple of discos and the 2020/21 school year was all throughout Covid so we were down 98% from last year's net funds raised.

I also wanted to note my thanks to Andy and Eileen Noble for teaching me the ropes as Treasurer since taking on the role in 2019 – the last summer fair we had in 2019 I shadowed Eileen around the field; this year has passed with no cash, no counting so it has been straightforward for me. Thanks again to you and Eileen.

Brian Pearson, an Independent Accountant will be conducting an annual review of the accounts. David will submit the Charity report to the Charity Commission as per previous years.

Elections:

At the AGM, all members of the committee are required to state their intention to remain members.

The Executive positions were elected as follows:

Jen Lomas to stand as Chair, seconded by Pete McCorkindale

Karen Ware to stand as Secretary [in writing], seconded by Rob Dissington

Pete McCorkindale to stand as Treasurer, seconded by Andy Noble

David Roberts is to stand as Charity Coordinator, seconded by Nikki Roberts

Jen noted that this will be her final year as Chair; in future meetings we can discuss who is willing to do what in support.

The ordinary members staying with the committee are as follows:

Abi Hooper, seconded by Kevin Hodgson

Kevin Hodgson, seconded by Rob Dissington

Rob Dissington, seconded by Caroline Lindars

Caroline Lindars, seconded by Joolz Joseph

Joolz Joseph, seconded by Nikki Roberts

Nikki Roberts, seconded by David Roberts

Ian Kirby, seconded by Jen Lomas

Jen Kirby, seconded by Jen Lomas

Those joining the committee this year are as follows:

Veena Rabadhe, seconded by Abi Hooper

Emma Flin, seconded by Jen Lomas

Ria Chessum, seconded by Pete McCorkindale

Dee [Bee] Chessum, seconded by Pete McCorkindale

Those staying on as advisory committee members:

Stuart Thornhill, seconded by Jen Lomas

Andy Noble, seconded by Jen Lomas

Of note the below persons will remain as trustees:

Andy Noble

Stuart Thornhill

Jen Lomas

David Roberts

This closes the AGM portion of the meeting – meeting closed at 20.25pm.