

## Minutes of the Aldryngton PTA meeting 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014

### 1. Present

Simon Feist; Anna Neffendorf; Elaine Stewart; Julia Franks; Kay Blackaby; Claire Connell; Philip Byrne; Michaela Thomas

### 2. Apologies

None

### 3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

- Wokingham do not have a policy for promoting external linked events we can follow, Radstock have a policy we may be able to adapt **JF to chase up again**
- New code for the PTA garage lock – unfortunately as a result of the change in code the lock seized and had to be replaced. **AN to investigate changing code.**
- Companies that offer matched funding for fundraising – definitely worth further investigation. **To be included in next PTA newsletter**

There were no other matters arising and the Minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014

### 4. Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was discussed and will be available on the PTA page of the school website. There is currently around £30,000 in the bank accounts, of which approx. £12,000 is committed, leaving about £18,000 to take forward into next term. The meeting was agreed that this money should be spent as required by the school for the benefit of current pupils.

### 5. School funding partnership

The pool cover has now been replaced, but its replacement has highlighted that the cover roller is very old and in need of replacement by an easier to use model. Quotes are being obtained and the purchase has been **approved in principle.**

### 6. Events this term

Triathlon – Sponsorship was down this year, despite a paper form being sent home with every child. Ideas to improve this next year included nominating a specific project that the try-a-tri funds will be spent on, and improved communication before the next event.

Happy's Circus – This was a good evening enjoyed by all who attended. We sold enough tickets to profit, and the stalls did reasonable business. We discussed whether there should be a one or two year gap before the next circus, as historically there has been more money raised by the summer fayre, but the effort involved is much greater too, and the circus is a

nice event for the school community. It is also difficult to get helpers on a Friday afternoon as many parents are working. It was suggested that maybe we could have the circus on a Saturday. It used to be that to have a weekend show there had to be two performances, but this appears to have changed. **Action SF to investigate and provisionally book for 2016**

The 2p trail raised £147; Coconut shy was not able to be used – coconuts to be donated to the leavers party; SF has a buyer for the remaining beer that was unsold at the try-a-tri and circus.

A family ticket to Wookey Hole was donated to the PTA by Happy's Circus, which we will raffle at the Christmas fayre

## **7. AOB**

Jubilee event - to take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October using the marquee that will be on site for the school jubilee celebration. It was agreed that if possible we will have a children's movie afternoon **action AN to investigate licensing; SF to check out equipment needed** Following this we will have a family evening event, most likely a bingo evening **action PB**. It is possible we could organise fish and chips if pre-booked, a bar will be planned. Working group to meet on Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm venue TBC to finalise details.

Newsletter items – as discussed at the meeting Michaela Thomas has agreed to take on editing the newsletter and the following items were suggested to be included in either the next or future newsletters, space permitting:

- Corporate matched funding
- Review of events this year
- Advertise for treasurer **action CC to send details to MT**
- Date of AGM (see below)
- Successful projects this year include the painting of the hall paid for by PTA, and painting of the Lower school reading area by Vodafone volunteers and funded by PTA. Funding of the astroturf around the outdoor stage, new pool cover. Items for the new national curriculum also funded.
- Future events e.g. Xmas Fayre 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, Wrap a Present in the week before
- Volunteers to help with Christmas card scheme.
- Grounds working party 27<sup>th</sup> September

## **10. Date of AGM**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7pm in the school hall.