

Minutes: Whittingham PTA and Friends

Monday 21st September 2015

Present: Julia Dods (JD- Chair), Nicola Wood (NW- Secretary), Emma Manners (EM-Treasurer) Steph Whinn (SW), Derfael Stevens (DS), Morag Herdman (MH), Belinda Athey (BA), Gayle Hibbert Johnson (GHJ), Louise Hodgson (LH), Sue Parker (SP), Sally Hedley (SH)

1. **Apologies:** Liz Knox, Sophia Chinn, Helen Lewis, Cheryl Chisholm

2. **Minutes of last meeting** - Agreed correct

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Fundraising for Sport

JD mentioned that Liz Knox had raised the point of more fundraising for sport facilities. BA said that we currently get £8000 to put towards sport facilities. GHJ mentioned a grant available from sports for all, GHJ to email details. It was suggested that Liz Knox may like to look into this further and BA suggested that Ruth Oldfield as PE Governor may be able to help.

3.2 Treasurers Report

The balance of the account is currently a very healthy £8210.18

SW asked if the books had been audited recently, EM to look into this.

3.3 Fundraising

3.3.1 Boden Party - Tuesday 20th October

To be held at Low Prendwick NE66 4UZ. JD suggested running something alongside it. GHJ suggested selling Christmas cards. EM suggested asking Lorna Jackson to come along with Phoenix cards. NW suggested doing some form of food for people coming in the evening. All ideas to be considered.

DS kindly offered to distribute the fliers again.

3.3.2 Christmas Shopping Night or Bingo Night- Friday 13th November

JD mentioned that quite a number of previous stall holders are unable to attend this year and suggested doing something else. A Bingo Night was suggested. It was agreed that this was a good idea. It could be run with some stalls and a PTA stall.

GHJ said we would need to think of prizes, EM and LH suggested cash prizes would be the best option.

GHJ mentioned that there is normally a bingo night at the end of November in the village hall and agreed to find out when it is.

BA suggested that if the Bingo Night clashed with the other one then maybe a disco for the children could be a good option.

A decision will be made once we know the date of the other Bingo night and if we think this will be a problem.

3.3.3 Pop Up Shop

JD has been in touch with the owner of Collectables to see if the shop would be free early December. If there is no tenant by then we will be able to use it.

The concern is we may not have a huge amount of stock, so other ideas were considered.

MH suggested selling food, it was wondered if there would be a health and safety problem.

SW said if all ingredients are displayed then that is fine.

SW suggested a school calendar to sell.

SW suggested an after school club to make cards and other things, possibly to sell. GHJ thought this was a good idea.

4. Other business

4.1 Air Ambulance Bags - Collection Monday 9th November

GHJ or NW to send letter out asking for volunteers

SH offered to distribute bags in Glanton

DS offered to distribute bags in Whittingham and surrounding area.

GHJ offered to pick up bags in Glanton and Whittingham.

4.2 Harvest Festival

PTA to do a raffle and Teas and Coffees

4.3 Christmas Shopping Morning- hopefully Friday 11th December

GHJ and SW to run

GHJ asked if it could be done in the village hall for extra space and time, JD agreed that this was a good idea.

Meeting Closed at 3.20pm

Next meeting Is Monday 9th November at 1.30pm. It would be lovely to see as many parents there as possible with some new fundraising ideas.