

CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL SOCIETY (PTA)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Monday 8th November 2021

Present

Wendy Sims, Penny Rowlands, Angela Cruse, Laura Cannon, Helga Bradbury

(On zoom) Lucy Pover, Nicki Taber, Deborah Elsom, Samantha G, Kevin Slater, Julie Seeley, Gareth Beynon (Head Teacher), Sheila Williams (Chair of Board of Governors)

Apologies

Lu Wilson, Hannah Byrne, Kate Miller

Minutes of last year's meeting

These were accepted as accurate

Chair's Report

Thank you all for taking the time to join us to attend the meeting. It is appreciated.

The Society's Vision – The Power of Three

- ✚ To keep raising the profile of the Society so all parents understand who we are and what we do – Facebook, Twitter, newsletters and presence at events.
- ✚ Keep selling tickets for the 500 Club. Last year was tough as face to face gets the most sign ups but Covid restricted that. We have sold 271 tickets so still that amount to sell again. 500 tickets will bring in £650 profit per month. £7,800 per year!
- ✚ Support the school financially, allowing teachers the extras to make their classes really special.

Last Year's Overview

- ✚ We kept people informed through the Society FB page. To continue regularly using the Society FB page to keep people informed of what we are doing. We currently have 322 followers.
- ✚ We have helped the school process the lost property by collecting it, photographing it for FB and recycling when possible.
- ✚ Thanks to Helga's many hours of hard work, we now have a secondhand uniform shop. Thank you Helga for seeing something that was needed and taking the initiative to implement it.
- ✚ We missed supporting the school and parents with refreshments as the school moved online due to Covid restrictions.
- ✚ Sadly we were unable to hold the Harvest Home, Bingo, Santa Scramble and Quiz Night last year so lost a lot of our fundraising yearly total.
- ✚ Luckily, we have the 500 Club that brings in a monthly income. Thank you to all those in the community who support it.

This Year?

We hope to be able to get back to holding events and already have dates in the diary for the Bingo, Santa Scramble and Quiz Night. Fingers crossed! We will keep you informed.

The Team

Thanks to all the staff at Chew Valley School, but special mentions for the Facilities, Reception, Catering, Reprographics & Senior Leadership Teams

A BIG thank you to the committee for all their hard work, efforts and support last year –Wendy Sims, Ally Laing, Deborah Elsom, Kate Rowlands, Caroline Perrett, Angela Cruse, Nicki Taber, Lucy Pover, Sarah Warburton, Kate Miller, Lu Willson, Amy Clipson, Sam Grainger, Sam Notley and Hannah Byrne.

Goodbye and thank you to Amy, Ally, Caroline, Sarah and Kate and welcome to Julie Seeley, Helga Bradbury and Anita Beardsley.

We would like to thank Wendy for being the Secretary and Treasurer over her years of being on the team. She is stepping down as it is her final year but staying on the committee to support the new secretary, if needed.

We need to vote in the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Would anyone like to step forward for the Chair... Secretary.... Treasurer. Laura has offered to be Secretary and Deborah has offered to be Treasurer. Thank you so much to you both.

At this point Mr Beynon thanked the committee, and Penny in particular, for their support both financially and providing a link between school and parents.

Treasurers Report

Summary:

We opened the year with £17,852.59 and donated to school:

SEN Items, Food tech equipment, zen aerobics & mindfulness, maths visualizer, library books, rewards vouchers.

Total donations to school were £4,060.72 this year.

Most of the income came from the 500 Club and from donations and from Race Nation SS and Chew Valley 10K. There are also some monies raised through Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile as well as standing orders from regular supporters.

We end the year with £21,500 in the account to spend.

As we are a charity, the treasurer advises that we spend the majority of this money and keep a small buffer against urgent requests for funds.

Discussion was made about the best way to spend the money to the greatest advantage of the most children at the school. The school had requested help with an outdoor project for shelter and seating, and this was discussed and agreement made to donate to this, as well as giving teachers an opportunity to bid for donations for their departments to enhance learning in the classroom.

Re-Election/ Election of officers

- Chair – Penny Rowlands proposed by Wendy Sims and seconded by Deborah Elsom
- Secretary – Laura Cannon proposed by Wendy Sims and seconded by Angela Cruse
- Treasurer – Deborah Elsom proposed by Penny Rowlands and seconded by Nicki Taber
- Vice-Chair – this post is vacant. It would be good for succession planning if we could find a vice chair later in the year as Penny Rowlands plans for this to be her last year as Chair.

Date of Next AGM & Meeting

The date of the next AGM will be as always held in Term 1 2022 – date TBC

Our next school society meeting will be held in January to plan for Bingo Night on 28th January. Date TBC.