

CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL SOCIETY (PTA)

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 17th October 2024

6pm. The Library, Chew Valley School

1. Apologies

Carole Reed, Lizzie Langdon, Ruth Donlevy, Bryony Skipworth, Ann Booker

In Attendance

Gareth Beynon, Julie Seeley, Deborah Elsom, Claire Dellbridge, Chrissie Graham, Lu Willson, Laura Cannon, Kate Alvis, Vicky Gallett, Rachel Cooper.

2. Acceptance of Minutes of last year's meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. Chair's Report

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Thank you all for taking the time to join us today.

The Society's Vision

- ✚ Support our children's education.
- ✚ Support the teachers.
- ✚ Support the school.

2017/18 £12,500
2018/19 £12,780
2019/20 £13,814
2020/21 £6,541
2021/22 £17,737
2022/23 £18,405
2023/24 £13,534
Total £95,462

Last Year's Overview

It's been a tough year as we had a very small committee and no Chair or Vice-Chair so we lacked the time to innovate. However, the team have really grown over the year with lots of new members, who bring both expertise and friendship, and it's now a really fun team to be part of. We've had some really successful events with lots of helpers.

The second-hand uniform sales continue to be a big earner for us and are very popular with parents. At the last one, we made £180 in 2 hours. We've started doing these at in-person events such as tutor evenings and the year 6 information evening and this seems to be a good strategy to get in front of lots of parents.

We held both Bingo Night and Quiz Night. These were fun evenings but not as well-attended as in previous years. Perhaps the new committee can look at ways to encourage more uptake or plan some different events.

The 500 Club continues monthly and is a good regular fundraiser, but numbers are falling, so we need to focus on publicity to existing parents this year to get the numbers up.

Support To The School

In the last year we have supported a wide range of requests including:

Pentathlon, Business Enterprise, Library books, WW2 Workshop, Technology for Drama Productions, Maths textbooks, Headphones for MFL, Science Isotrak, History Culture Club. We have also been really glad to support some of the renovation works at Marmion House, which was opened last Friday.

We currently have a healthy balance of just over £16,000 in our account, so the new committee have funds to distribute.

The Team

Thanks to all the staff at Chew Valley School, but special mentions for the Facilities, Reception, Catering, Reprographics, Senior Leadership Team and The Marmion House fundraising team.

A BIG thank you to the committee for all their hard work, efforts and support last year especially Deborah Elsom, who does so much to support us. Lu Willson has been a brilliant 500 Club promoter and Trustee and has kindly offered to stay on for a few months to train up the next person to run this. Thanks to Julie Seeley, who sorts out the school side of the committee. And to the whole team, Bryony Skipworth, Kate Alvis, Karen Heverin, Lizzie Langdon, Claire Dellbridge, Chrissie Graham, Leanne Degregorio, Carole Reed, Claire McCarthy, Ann Booker, Georgina Bishop, Jan Cloes, Kate Miller, Peter Danko, Vicky Gallett and Ruth Donlevy.

We'll now have the Treasurer's Report and then vote in our new committee for next year.

4. Treasurer's Report

Eric has been doing our accounts for the last few years. He has now had to step down. We thank him for all his support over the past years. We would like someone to look at the accounts for us, just to have it double checked. It is not a legal requirement but we would like to have this check in place. If we know anyone, or could ask parents, that would be good. Someone independent of the school would be ideal. Chrissie knows someone at work who may be able to help. Post meeting this has now been agreed.

Our Bank Account is with NatWest.

It was suggested that we consider a savings account to hold the balance of our funds with the same bank and transfer between current and savings.

When asked, Julie Seeley and Gareth Beynon said that school is considering a social area, with shelters in a similar design to the others we supported. This would be in the heart of the school outside the library, where the flower beds have been removed. We could consider supporting some of this project. In total it would be in the region of £75,000.

The Income and Expenditure report is attached below.

5. Re-Election/ Election of officers

- Chair (Joint) Chrissie Graham nominated by Laura Cannon seconded by Deborah Elsom
- Chair (Joint) Claire Dellbridge nominated by Laura Cannon seconded by Deborah Elsom
- Treasurer Deborah Elsom nominated by Laura Cannon seconded by Lu Willson
- Secretary Kate Alvis nominated by Chrissie Graham seconded by Lu Willson
- Vice Chair (Joint) Bryony Skipworth nominated by Claire Dellbridge seconded by Chrissie Graham
- Vice Chair (Joint) Laura Cannon nominated by Claire Dellbridge seconded by Chrissie Graham
- 500 Club coordinator Lu Willson will continue until someone new can be trained.
- Committee Member without portfolio – Ruth Donlevy nominated by Laura Cannon, seconded by Deborah Elsom.

Welcome to the new committee.

6. Any Other Business

Send 500 Club info to Gareth Beynon for Head Teacher letter for tomorrow's newsletter to parents. This went out to parents on 18th October.

We agreed to promote the Chew Valley Parents and The Chew Valley School Society pages on Facebook to parents too through Class Charts.

We agreed to do a push on other forms of Fundraising, e.g. EasyFundraising, donations, standing orders.

We agreed to do some publicity on what has been spent to encourage people to get involved and buy 500 club entries.

We agreed to ask Gareth and Julie to encourage teachers to make bids.

Gareth Beynon thanked all the members of the committee on behalf of the school for their support. He said that most secondaries do not have this level of commitment and it is really appreciated.

Date of Next AGM & Meeting

The date of the next AGM will be as always held in Term 1 2025 – date TBC