

# **Chew Valley School Society**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

### **Monday 19 November 2018**

#### **Present:**

Penny Rowlands, Wendy Sims, Ally Laing, Lynne Matthews, Derek Hollomon, Deborah Elsom, Caroline Perrett, Katie Kingdon, Nikki Taber, Sam Warnecke, Lucy Pover, Brian Wibberley, Gareth Beynon, Kate Rowlands and Lorraine Pearce.

#### **Apologies:**

Nicola Ainger, Gen Moat, Vicki Payne.

#### **Minutes of last year's meeting:**

The minutes were accepted as accurate.

#### **Chairman's Report:**

Penny opened the AGM and presented her Chairman's report, as follows:

##### **Chairman's Report 2018**

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

Thank you to Helena for all she has done for the Society and we wish her the best on her new ventures. The committee voted me in as Chair at the meeting following Helena's resignation in January. Nicola was voted in as Vice Chair. Ally Laing put her name forward as secretary. Wendy volunteered as treasurer, replacing Kirsty.

A huge thank you to Kirsty for her many years' service. She has been a fantastic asset to the Society and will be very much missed.

A BIG thank you also to the team for all their hard work, efforts and support last year – Nicola Ainger, Wendy Sims, Ally Laing, Vicki Payne, Caroline Perrett, Angela Cruse, Katie Kingdon, Gen Moat, Sam Warnenecke and Deborah Elsom.

##### **Chairman's Vision**

- ✚ To raise the profile so all parents understand who we are and what we do – Facebook, newsletters
- ✚ To grow the small but efficient committee team and create a background of helpers that we can call upon when we need – So far we have grown from 5 to 11 and we have 15 background helpers
- ✚ To set up an informative Facebook page
- ✚ To reach out to all the parents to help us fundraise – Standing Orders
- ✚ To keep the events fun and easy for us to do as we are all trying to fit this voluntary role into our busy lives
- ✚ To support local community events even if it raises only a few pennies – Harvest Home

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## **Last Year's Events**

- ✚ The Santa Scramble was a new event organised by the Chew Valley 10k team that we supported by selling refreshments to all that attended. With over 500 entries, it was a great event. Winford Ford donated mince pies and parents made cakes. We made hot dogs and bacon baps as well as tea and coffee.
- ✚ The Bingo was well attended by lots of members of the community. The hamper donations were down which meant we spent profits topping them up. We also had 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' and raffle tickets. Gareth was the bingo caller.
- ✚ Quiz Night was a ploughman's and a quiz organized by Nick Hammett. The tickets went fast at the last minute, and we nearly sold out.
- ✚ Social Event was a new event at The Pelly and about 25 people joined us.
- ✚ Supporting the school on various events providing refreshments for the parents and visitors.
- ✚ Harvest Home - supporting the local community by selling crepes.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

The new treasurer, Wendy, presented her report to the AGM as follows:

### **Treasurers Report 2018**

We are currently in a strong financial position. Our spend for 2017/18 was to assist in funding:

- Lap Tops for Geography Department
- Supporting the school counselling service
- Purchase of a school mess tent
- Media & IT equipment for English GCSE & Media A Level
- Learning software for MFL & ICT
- Supporting Yr11 Easter revision courses
- Outdoor shelter

Our proposed spend for 2018/19 is to fund:

- SEN reading scheme
- School Counsellor
- Easter GCSE revision course
- Improving behaviour rewards
- Microscopes

## **Changes to the Constitution:**

Wendy proposed a number of minor amendments to the Society's Constitution, as follows:

- **Section 6** - Management of the association  
Remove Area Representatives
- **Section 8** - Quorum shall be amended to 4 of the committee
- **Section 12** - add in Vice Chair as someone who can chair AGM in absence of actual Chair
- **Section 24 - new section to layout process of changing the constitution**  
No alteration to this Constitution may be made except at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. No amendments or alterations shall be made without the prior written permission of The Charity Commission to clauses 2, 22, 23, 24 and 25 and no alteration shall be made which could cause the Association to be a charity in law. Alterations to the Constitution shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an AGM or SGM.
- **Section 25 - new section to layout process of dissolving the Society**  
The Association may be dissolved by a resolution presented at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. The resolution must have the assent of two thirds of those present and voting. Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets remaining after satisfying any outstanding debts and liabilities. These assets shall not be distributed among the members of the Association but will be given to the school for the benefit of the children of the school, or in the event of a school closure to the school to which the majority of the children of the closing school will go, in any manner which is exclusively charitable in law. If effect cannot be given to this provision, then the assets can be given to some other charitable purpose.

**[Attached is the amended Constitution in full]**

## **Re-election/ Election of officers**

- Chair – Penny proposed by Wendy and seconded by Caroline
- Vice Chair – Nicola proposed by Katie and seconded by Wendy
- Secretary – Ally proposed by Katie and seconded by Wendy
- Treasurer – Wendy proposed by Ally and seconded by Deborah

Gareth took the opportunity to thank the Society, for all they did. He said he was aware of how busy people were, and that to have a team of volunteers fundraising for the school was a real strength, and massively appreciated.

### **Any Other Business**

None.

### **Date of Next AGM & Meeting**

The date of the next AGM will be confirmed shortly and advertised on the school website.

Our next school society meeting will be held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019, at 7.30pm.** The Chairman will host.