

# Axe Valley PTFA



## Minutes of Meeting

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 9.00am

Present:	Caz Jefferies (Vice-Chair)	Jacky Lomax (Treasurer),	Kate Pemberton (secretary)
Apologies:	Jo Hawkins (Chair), Sarah Huntley Danielle Martin	Liz Lane Lisa Eastwood Jennie Cackett	Joe Daly Rachel Wiltshire

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Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Documents signed for constitution and bank.

Kate expressed a wish to stand down from PTFA committee, a new secretary to be sought.

### Financial Report

Jacky confirmed that there has been no change to the financial position with the exception of proceeds from the Christmas Concert, approximately £80.00.

Local Giving – promotion to parents did not happen since the last meeting because the match funding arrangements this time seemed too complicated for parents and too expensive. Jon Scott is preparing to promote clubs and encourage all students to participate, parents will then be encouraged to donate a modest amount to Local Giving via Parentmail.

Conventional funding applications in general considered too time consuming and bureaucratic to justify this approach. Caz has offered to look at some funding opportunities at the same time as she investigates for Jobclub.

Axminster Care Service – are very generous and provide funding that currently helps to support the school welfare fund, the Music Hive and the library.

Ian Hall – Devon CC – a fund exists to support local initiatives. Jacky to get a quote to refurbish the long jump pitch and put in an application.

Tesco – Their monthly charity boxes would be an ideal place to try to get funding to replace the ovens in the school training kitchens. Local supplier Devon Appliances has quoted £303 each for the 6 ovens, including installation.

HALFF – to be approached to see if they would come to school to run a cook club with the students. What would they charge? We think they may be able to get some funding themselves also. The charitable organisation, Nourish, may also be able to help – Caz to investigate. A link person from the school needs to be identified to help run the club and supervise the students.

The local Netball Club has applied for funding to improve the courts.

**Applications for funds** – no applications received at this time.

## Events:

**Christmas Concert** – The event was well attended. There was some confusion as to the start time and many people arrived half an hour early which was good for refreshment sales, it was a successful event with mulled wine and mince pies, the committee also offered chocolates to everyone which added to the Christmas spirit. Only fly in the ointment was the poor behaviour of a small group of young people who rudely sneered unchallenged throughout the performance, these were out of earshot of staff, the PTFA members thought they may have been former students.

**Calendar of events for the Year** - we would like to have a schedule of set events that happen every year to avoid the constant duplication of discussions of what we are going to do next and the associated need to find people to run them.

**Non-uniform Day** – Jacky to ask the Head Teacher if we can secure a date. We would like to also support local wellbeing charities ARC and The Project if possible.

**Jumble Sale** – Popular in Axminster, we would charge a small entrance fee to include a cup of tea and biscuit, have a cake stall as well as the usual jumble and books. Maybe it would help if there was a collection service for members to offer to collect jumble in their area. Jacky happy to lead the event if it's later in the year. If another member is keen to run the event earlier, she is happy to support. Kate to email parents to invite a co-ordinator and parental support for March or September.

**Spring Concert** – usually during the week before Easter. Refreshments as usual.

**EASTER Raffle** – Jo to discuss with Lisa to see if she is still happy to organise this. If so, to contact Jacky as soon as possible to arrange the gambling license. **100 Club** - This could be set-up at the same time to make the most of the license, a lead person would need to organise and manage this – Jacky or Jo to discuss with Rachel. Jo to confirm if thinks it is worth paying the fee and set-up cost.

## Minster Challenge – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

- Caz to speak to the primary school, to explain that they are not covered by our license and if they still wish to run a separate event it should be held on a different day. Axe Valley would be happy for them to use the school field and facilities (parking etc) for a sponsored run or similar event.
- A fun run would still be part of the event organised by an Axe Valley staff / representative in fancy dress possible as a promotional activity.
- Caz and Jo to formalise the list of prize categories and entry fees
- Caz to upload information onto the appropriate websites
- Dave Jefferies will be Race Director as Gary will be running this year.
- Caz to write to landowners after Easter to inform them of our plans and to let us know of any problems.
- If possible, we would like to identify a warm-up person
- Refreshments to be available: bacon butties, teas & Coffees, cake stall
- Possible location for finish line by the Arts Block
- Sponsors: Looking for a local business to support the event.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 6.30pm** – meet in **Reception**.