

# FRIENDS OF ASHLEY SCHOOL MINUTES OF MEETING Monday 14 September 2015

**Present:**

R Dunne	K Barlow	D Day	L Lavery	C Winkley	K Szabo
T Stone	C Maloney	G Warren	C Shore	S Fagg	G Szabo
S McCarthy	J Wisdom	N Grace	K Neale	J Watkins	L Cowden
M Flanders	R Peake	K Willcocks	C Long	J Long	S Kent
J Hart	K Mason	S McLauchlan	J Percy	F Moncur	L Mills
L Chamberlain	H Bedford	S Moat	K Taylor	K Brindley	
L C-Dando	B Stone	J Boon	H Lewis		

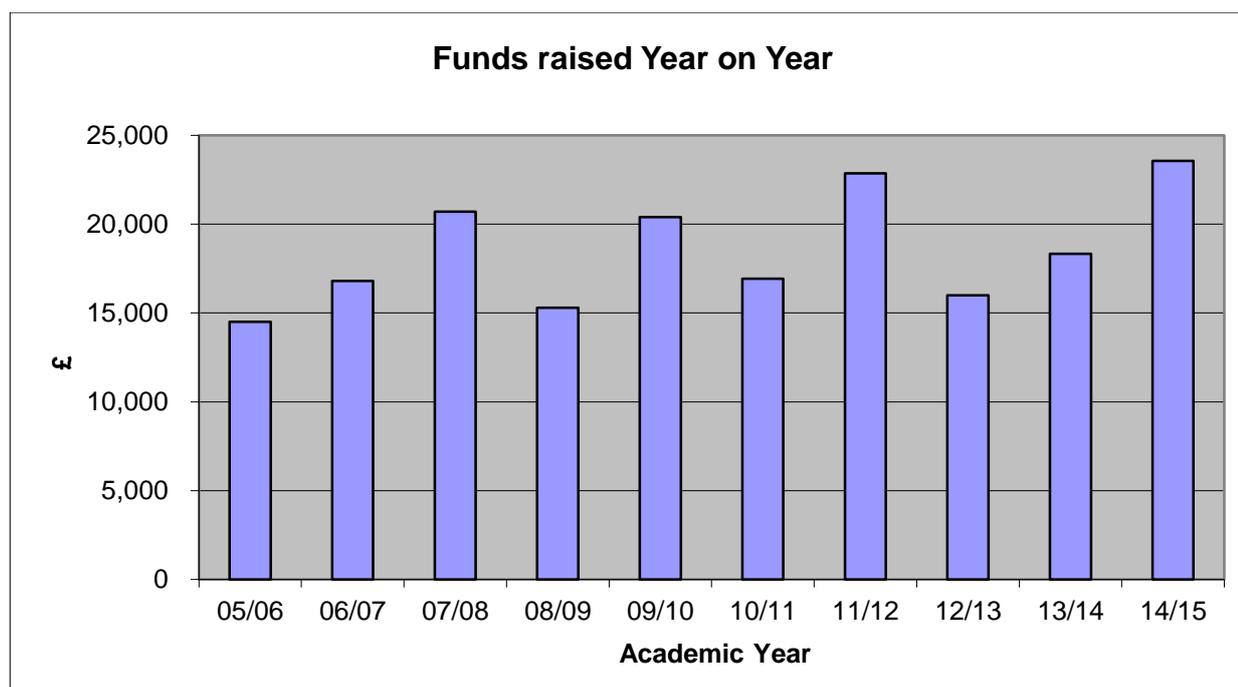
**Apologies:** C Carter      H Hathaway      A Maddocks      L Blake      S Todd

A welcome warm was extended to everyone from Lara Lavery, the secretary and a special welcome to all the new parents. The FOA is not made up of a formal committee but all the parents of the school. The only formal part of the committee is the positions of the Chair, Secretary and Treasurers who are elected annually.

Mr Dunne then explained the role of the FOA to the new parents which is to support our children in our school. He explained what the Governor's Fund is about and why it is so important and really helps with our children's education. Due to the demographics of our school we only get the minimum funding required from council allocated funds. This means that the school is run on a very tight budget and in order to keep up certain aspects of school life the Governor's Fund plays a vital role, for example the extra teaching help each class has, the constant updating of technology required etc. We are entering a new chapter in the history of our school with 420 children last year and 450 this term. The FOA is a way of supporting the school, getting involved and building a community.

## 1.0 TREASURY REPORT – FINANCIAL REVIEW OF 14/15 BY JO HART:

1.1 Jo as outgoing treasurer advised that we run a very successful PTA due to the dedication and volunteering by the parents. We head into the new school year with available funds of £25 406 of which a good proportion is earmarked for the Harmony Centre.



## Friends of Ashley AGM 14th September 2015

### Statement of Income and Expenditure 2014/2015

	£		£
Income	14/15	Expenditure	14/15
<b>Major Fundraising events</b>			
Summer Fete	4537	Class Contributions	10500
Christmas Bazaar	6293	Workshops	900
May Ball	6557	Year 6 Leavers - BBQ & Dictionaries	510
Bingo	1080	Year 2 School Ties	165
Infant & Junior Discos	822	Miscellaneous	177
Phil the Bag	692	PTA Storage & Equipment	407
Shopping Night	548		
Christmas cards	486		
2nd Hand Uniform	320		
CookBook	300		
School Fleeces	234		
DVD Sales	200		
Ashstock	-27		
Yr 6 Chamonix excess donation	518		
Uniform Commission	470		
Stampstastic & Yellow Moon	324		
House Sale Commission	200		
Sundry Income	1		
Total Incoming Resources	<u>23,555</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>12,659</u>
<b>Net Fund Raised</b>			<b>10,896</b>

## 2.0 ELECTION OF THE NEW CHAIRPERSON

Georgie Warren was proposed as the new chair and elected. Congratulations Georgie we look forward to the year ahead.

Tracey Stone and Catherine Winkley were re-elected as treasurers and Lara Lavery was re-elected as secretary for the next year.

## 3.0 FORWARD PLANNING Autumn term:

### 3.1 New Parents Welcome Tea – Saturday 3 October 2pm to 4pm

The year 1 class reps advised that preparations were in hand and well underway.

Sam Fagg advised that there are a couple of cookbooks left and that they would be available for parents to purchase on the day.

**Year 1 Class Reps**

### 3.2 Christmas Shopping Evening – 19 November 2015

The shopping evening is where outside stall holders set up in the hall for a fee per table and Parents & friends get to shop for Christmas gifts. We need to start preparation immediately as the stall holders get booked up. Again we had a great volunteering session. An organising team & the Bar organising team all volunteered on the evening. The Bar will be run by Brian Stone, Sam Fagg and Stuart McLauchlan. Catherine agreed to lead the team again and immediately had volunteers agreeing to be on the organising team. Please contact 1 of the organising team if you know of anyone interested in having a stall.

**Catherine Maloney Y4,2; Jo Hart Y4,2; Denise Day Y6,4,2; Kirsty Wilcox R, Jennie Wisdom R**

### **3.3 Christmas Bazaar – 5 December 2015**

The Christmas Bazaar is one of the highlights of the year and thoroughly enjoyed by children and parents. Last year it ran without an organising team and was very successful, however the FOA believe that an organising team co-ordinating this lovely event is necessary.

Sharon Moat & Helen Bedford stepped forward to form a team and Katherine Taylor & Jennie Wisdom immediately joined the team to co-ordinate & plan this event with the class reps.

It was agreed that the BBQ would be run by Lara & Rory Lavery. Denise Day will run the very popular face painting stall again.

There were discussions about Class Hampers, Silent Auctions & PA equipment etc. The organising team are looking forward to receiving ideas and support. Congratulations Team we look forward to carols and mulled wine already.

**Sharon Moat 3 & 1, Helen Bedford 3 & 1, Katherine Taylor 3 & R, Jennie Wisdom R**

### **3.4 Children's Christmas End of Term Disco 18 December 2015**

The disco is loved by the children and since the FOA meeting, we now have an organiser – thank you Claire Sabri, backed up by Georgie Warren. We are now just looking for a team to help on the day. Please speak to Claire Sabri or Georgie Warren and offer up your services – a number of helpers volunteered on the evening.

**Claire Sabri Y2**

### **3.5 Christmas Cards & gift tags**

Jo Percy agreed to take on this wonderful and much loved service for the FOA & School with Sylvie Kent in support. The children will all produce a wonderful Christmas themed piece of art to go on bespoke and authentic Christmas cards that can be ordered and sent around the globe. Look out for the Art & order forms in the children's book bags soon.

**Jo Percy & Sylvie Kent**

### **3.6 Christmas Puddings**

Sophie McCarthy agreed to take on the co-ordination, ordering and delivery of the much loved Christmas Puddings which are actually gorgeous chocolate & plum puddings with a lovely Ashley C of E label on. They make lovely gifts to special people in the Children's lives, the kids love them too. Look out for the order forms in the children's book bags soon.

**Sophie McCarthy**

### **3.7 Phil the Bag – Saturday 7 November (same as Parish Fireworks)**

Kathy Neale agreed to co-ordinate and organise this wonderful recycling fund raiser again for the school. Clear out all your unwanted and old clothes – put them in a black bag & bring them to school. The FOA then gets around 50p per kg and it's a great way of recycling & getting some cash for the school.

**Kathy Neale**

### **3.8 Uniform update**

Raine Peake gave an update on the School uniforms. Uniform sales have raised an amazing £1,156 for the school since we changed providers. The FOA gets a small commission on each item ordered. It could not be easier than logging on to the website (the link is on the school website under Parents), ordering what you require and it arrives through the post 2 days later. Thank you Raine.

### **3.9 Stampastic**

A very easy way to name your kids clothes just raised £324 for the school. Ashely school is signed up and together all the parents that bought this great product contributed to raising funds for the school.  
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## **4.0 SPENDING REQUEST:**

**4.1 Harmony Centre** commitment carried over from last school year.

**4.2** We have enough funds available for Autumn class contributions of £250 per class totalling £3 750. The funds are used by the Teachers to cover activities for the children in school and out of school related to learning so that the parents don't have to fund it.

## **5.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **5.1 Ideas for future consideration**

- **Tea towels** – Sophie McCarthy mentioned that she has a kit if anyone is interested in taking this idea forward.
- **Easyfundraising** – this would need co-ordination and publication

**5.2 FOA shed** requires a good clear out – Sophie McCarthy is looking for some volunteers to help with this much needed task. It was agreed that this will take place at the next working party.

**5.3 FOA Equipment** There is now a book that needs to be signed for borrowing & using FOA equipment. Enrika in the office holds the book. Sign out the equipment and sign it back in again verifying that it is in the same condition and clean upon return. People are to advise if there are any defects or breakages, that way the equipment can be replaced or fixed when needed.

### **5.4 Red Nose Disco – 24 March 2016**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 9 November 2015 @ 8pm

**ALL**