

# Minutes Friends of HCSC Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Attendees: Alison Holland, Helen Crotty, Debs Thompson, Alison Bratcher, Marie C-M, Neil Cleaver, Pip Moore, Sarah Lomas, Debbie Sinclair, Wendy Challis

Apologies: Amy Crotty Absent: Marie Holder

AH confirmed that Julie Whitehead has now resigned from the Friends of Hamble and from her position as Treasurer. There is now a position of Treasurer to be filled.

## Approval of Last Meeting Minutes & Matters Arising

- 1. Progress Zone to be discussed later.
- Lighting products DT has some more boxes of products so will do an inventory for these items. DT suggested we see if we can have a stall at Bursledon Mayfair on 20<sup>th</sup> May to sell some products. WC will make enquiries. In meantime DT will continue to sell products where applicable, ideally at a profit.
- 3. Friends of Hamble evening out for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Financial Report**

The balance on the accounts as 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 are as follows:

Current Acc: £27393.38 Savings Acc: £2543.55

PRS around £1000+VAT has been paid between us and the park, this has gone out. We are still awaiting our food stall money, this was paid as a lump sum rather than a percentage of the profit. We still need to pay RVCP their share of the profits, approx £10K, this will be done once all issues sorted out. AH suggested we arrange a meeting with Nicky at RVCP to cover any outstanding issues, those willing to attend: DT, AC, HC and AH.

We need to top up the reserve to cover cxl costs for future firework events.

AH will pass bank statements back to AC so she can tick off what has been paid and if there is anything else outstanding.

#### Current Funding Request

#### Progress Zone

- DT concerned that this is a lot of money on one product.
- WC & HC advised would like to speak to school council to see what students want.
- DT asked if students have been consulted, NC conf yes and students are aware furniture is waiting to be installed and there is a buzz about it. NC confirmed departments can book the room to use during the lesson/day time.

- NC confirmed that the Progress Zone will go ahead to a limited scale without our funding.
- AH suggested we offer to pay for the 30 laptops as the amount of computers in the school is very low. It will be used for exams and also to assist with language studies. Total cost of the laptops is £7350 net. All agreed that we are happy to pay this amount as it was specifically designated for the cost of the laptops. NC will let the Headteacher know. We asked if there could be a mention in the Voice Magazine thanking us and making people aware where the money has come from.

# Items of Business

- 1. Quad Garden
  - AH visited the school with her dad who is a gardener. It has been agreed that AH and her dad will be planting flowers and bushes that need minimum looking after as well as seasonal bulbs ie daffodils – in smaller plant area. Larger/deeper plant area will be designated for growing vegetables and used in the cookery department.
  - HC asked if we could put some of the benches we paid for in the Quad Garden, and also erect water butts that are currently not being used.
  - Once money comes back from the school for the original payment made of £500 for the garden, AH will go ahead and buy items.
  - NC advised they we eventually invest in tools so students can help with the upkeep of the garden.
  - Foodtech students will look after the garden.
  - PM suggested a gardening club set up to help with the maintenance.
  - DT will ask Pickwells if they have any bulbs etc they could donate in return for a mention on the Friends website.
- 2. NC put forward a suggestion to meet once every half term or two monthly during quiet periods. All happy to still carry on with once a month meetings, however if nothing to bring to meeting we can always postpone.
- 3. There are lots of boxes in the friends cupboard of paperwork and accounts. AH suggested that at next meeting once all issues have been covered, that all those attending help sort out the boxes and dispose of in confidential waste bags.
- 4. Prom date has been changed again (was 22<sup>nd</sup> June). No new date has been set yet. There is a prom committee sorting, and they have been given 5 dates by the venue that are available to book.
- 5. HC request we meet the school council so they know who we are and what we do, and if they have any ideas or requests for us.

AOB - None

Next Meeting - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March