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EGM HELD IN THE GREYHOUND HOTEL  
ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

**Present:** Andrew Powell (Treasurer) Angela Davies, Angharad Woodland, Anna Jarvis, Becky Jeremy, Caroline Walsh, Carrie Crompton, Celia Jefferies (Secretary), Elin Non Ennis, Gafyn Blakeway, Karen Probert, Kathryn Sufflebotham, Lorna Reeves, Maggie Stewart-Brown, Melinda Kennedy, Nia Ballard, Sarah Hill, Sarah Wheeler.

**Apologies:** Amy Jones, Angela Slatcher, Louisa St Bartholomew-Brown Morgan, Lyn Brown (Vice-Chair).

**Welcome:** In the absence of the Vice-Chair, Celia Jefferies (Secretary) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those present for their attendance.

**Quorum** – Celia J noted that this meeting was quorate.

**Officer resignations** - Celia J explained the Friends of BWHS has had no Chairperson for the past two years, as no-one has been prepared to take this on. The 3 officers, Lyn Brown (Vice Chair), Andrew Powell (Treasurer) and Celia Jefferies (Secretary) are all governors of the school. Lyn and Andrew are Chair and Vice Chair of the Governing Body and of the three officers, only Andrew still has a child in school (yr.13).

Celia informed those present that Lyn Brown had submitted her resignation as Vice Chair via email. Celia and Andrew also both offered their resignations as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

**Election of new Officers**

Chairman – Angharad W nominated Kathryn Shufflebotham, seconded by Maggie K.

Vice Chair – Anna J nominated Sarah Wheeler, seconded by Celia J

Secretary – Celia J nominated Maggie Keville, seconded by Sarah W

Treasurer – Kathryn S nominated Angharad Woodland, seconded by Maggie K. Andrew P and Angharad W to liaise regarding the transfer of the necessary documentation –

**Action : Andrew P and Angharad W**

The above elections were agreed by those present.

Kathryn S took over chairing the meeting. She thanked the outgoing officers and committee for all their hard work over the years.

Kathryn S talked through the minutes of both the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015, and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016, with Celia J adding some background information. These minutes were approved as a correct record.

**Consultation meeting at BWHS re Schools' Reorganisation**– all present were encouraged to attend the meeting at the high school on 13<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm. The consultation document is available from the home page of the Powys County Council website. It is a ticket only event, and these are primarily available online. However, if you don't have a printer or smart phone, tickets can be reserved by phoning county hall.

**Allocation of funds** – Andrew P explained that the main objective for the Friends in the allocation of funds is to get maximum benefit to the maximum number of students, whilst also reserving monies for occasional large projects such as the laser cutter.

Andrew reported that the balance in the Friends bank account was currently approximately £12,000. Once a year, the school departments are invited to put in requests which are considered by the committee. At the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015, a total of £6,339 had been allocated to a number of projects. At this point in time, the school has not presented invoices to the Friends for these projects. It was agreed that Angharad as Treasurer would approach Jo Price, Business Manager at the school to clarify the situation.

**Action : Angharad**

- i) Tablets/iPads to support pupils' learning in class – the ICT development group in the school had been approached prior to the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> March to provide an update to the Friends on this request but no proposal has yet been received.
- ii) Café Carpe Diem – funding request from a Yr 11 pupil re Cafe Carpe Diem, a team enterprise project for pupils CoPE level 2 & 3 qualifications. The request was for funds for the Café to purchase equipment to run the business more efficiently. A copy of the 'wish list' is filed with the minutes of this meeting, and it included items such as plates, cutlery, mugs and chopping boards. Melinda K outlined the many benefits that this project brought to those pupils involved, in addition, the profits from the Café helps fund overseas trips for the students. The sum requested was £448.20 and this was approved by the committee. **Action : Kathryn** to write to the Jo Price, Business Manager at the school confirming approval of this decision.

**Polli-Nation** - Melinda K briefly talked through the Polli-Nation project, the aim of which is to make the school more insect friendly to encourage pollination. The school had received Lottery funding for this nationwide project, and is heading up a local cluster with 3 feeder primary schools, Builth, Llanelwedd and Franksbridge. The next workshop is on the 25th April at 1.15pm, and will be hosted by BWHS. It was agreed that once a timetable of activities and planting has been set, the Friends will aim to support the project.

**Royal Welsh Litter Picking** – Andrew P gave a brief overview of the Friends involvement in this task in the past. This activity has raised significant funds for the Friends and the school over a number of years (approx. £7k profit pa), however at the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014, it was agreed that due to a decline in the number of those attending meetings of the Friends, the school would be asked to pick up the day-to-day responsibility of coordinating this task. The question was raised whether or not the Friends wanted to resume this responsibility, and it was agreed that Kathryn S and Sarah W would approach the school to request that this be returned to the committee. **Action : Kathryn S, Sarah W**

**Communications** - the meeting discussed the many different ways of communicating the activities of the Friends, including the setting up of a Facebook and/or Twitter page. It was agreed that Maggie would research the legalities of the setting up of an open and closed Facebook page. **Action : Maggie K**

**Planning ahead** – the summer fayre will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> July, and Kathryn S will liaise with Sian Dyke to discuss the involvement of the Friends. **Action : Kathryn S.**

Other events such as a Christmas carol/drama concert, fashion show (which could involve local shops) and design competition were briefly discussed. It was agreed that a meeting to plan an agenda of events would be held on **5<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm** in the Greyhound. A pre-meeting for officers would take place at 5.45pm.

A further discussion took place which looked at whether or not the Friends should submit a response to the consultation. Some present felt that it would be appropriate for the Friends to have a political voice, whilst others did not. It was agreed that this would be further discussed at the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> May, which would allow all parents / carers time to read the consultation document and give everyone the opportunity to contribute to a Friends' response.

Meeting closed at approx. 8.30pm

**Next Meeting: 6.30pm, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Greyhound Hotel.  
Officer pre-meeting at 5.45pm**