

**Broadway East
PTFA
10th July 2017**

Minutes



Chair: Orla Glassey

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Attendees: Orla Glassey, Jen Scott, Kim Forrest, Suzanna Paterson, Heidi Barnes, Helen Jeffers

Apologies: Stephanie Fenwick, Fiona Padgett, Priyanka Surdhi, Helen McKenna, Katy Veal, Sarah Hughes, Roksana Rutherford, Nikola Sarkar

1. Minutes of last meeting & matters arising

The Chair and 2 Vice Chairs will be stepping down in Sep – no volunteers yet, has been in newsletter

2. Events Review

- a) Reception Cake Sale 14th July - promotional slips and posters out already
Need helpers from reception – **Suzanna to ask Lisa and Priyanka to drum up helpers for the afternoon**
Conflict with Yr 4 craft sale - **Orla to speak to Mr Burnett**

b) Summer Fair Saturday 8th July

Great success on the day, profit looking like over £2000!

Lots of leftover books. School to check if want any and rest to be sold on Friday at the cake sale, then remainder donated to St Oswalds. **Orla and Suzanna**

3. Committee Business

Treasurers update - current total (including summer fair income but not minus all expenses) £7855

4. Teachers feedback on what they would like PTFA funding to pay for has been estimated as between £7000-8000 – awaiting actual cost estimates from school – **Helen McKenna to confirm**

5. Request for funding from SOCS.

Orla conveyed the feedback from the Gosforth Schools Trust that transparency is necessary and PTFA funds already raised were raised for children's educational benefit in the school, however the issue of the children's safety is important and can be supported by the schools through clear fundraising goals. Helen McKenna had conveyed that she would support what the PTFA committee decided.

Kim Forrest was asked to clarify the agreement that Newcastle City council were making and what the funding would be paying for. Kim explained that Robin Ashby as local Lib Dem councillor, was working directly with the council to commit to a Service Level Agreement. The council's requirement was for £5000 for the first year and a commitment to pay £5000 for the second year for 2 years of service. They are currently waiting for a breakdown of costs from the council. The SOCS group is in the process of registering as a charity.

Questions were asked regarding expectations for future payments from the school and sustainability, how much had other schools committed to pay, queries of consent and transparency for all Broadway East families including those who may not use the crossing or want to support the project.

The importance of safety at that particular road crossing, and the risk to children without a traffic warden there was discussed and unanimously agreed upon.

It was queried which schools were supported by the traffic warden based on the working hours and the school opening times – Kim is going to follow up on this. It was discussed how in reality children from GPFS, BEFS, St Oswalds and GEMs all used the crossing while official working hours may not cover St Oswalds, despite an assumption that Jim worked beyond expected times.

It was suggested that Broadway parents had the opportunity to vote to consent to donating and fundraising for this fund.

The schools requests for funding would be met by using current funds and some money raised from the last two PTFA events; the Reception cake sale on 14th and the end of term school disco.

Kim said that her request would be to pledge to ring fence £500. Concern was raised that as the current chair and two very experienced vice chairs were all stepping down from their roles at the end of the term in 2 weeks, that commitment to fulfil on that amount could not be made for future PTFA committees, as a formal service level agreement has not yet been confirmed with the council. Kim discussed that the SOCS group were confident they would hit the £5K target, they have already hit £3K on their crowdfunding page, they are in talks with private companies for sponsorship and Brian Bernie from Daft as a Brush has agreed to make a personal donation, not related to his charity, to support the funding for the second year if they hit their first year target. There are many behind the scenes talks and Kim is also working with the other 3 schools with requests for funding.

Other fundraising event ideas were discussed which could be used by the PTFA next year – a dedicated fundraising disco, a non uniform day, a lollipop relay race, selling teas and coffees at the event, or even selling teas and cake at next summers sports day, and certainly dedicated stalls at the summer and Christmas fairs. **Jen to update annual update for this year which will go out in Sept to capture new reception starters and Orla to create calendar list of PTFA events for next PTFA committee.**

It was agreed to provide a voting slip for parents for tomorrow, stating that we have been approached to donate £500 for SOCS campaign from funds this year. Parents will vote yes or no and the majority vote will confirm if we go ahead with a pledge to ring fence £500 or not. **Orla to create slips and get out for tomorrow.**