

Balshaw's Association minutes of the meeting held on the 7 th of February 2024.

Charity Number 1176684

Present - Julia Monks, Steve Haycocks, Tim Callaghan, Keith Woodcock, Tracie Vass, Alice Derbyshire, Andrea Coles and Ann Brown.

Apologies - Steve Lomax, Sarah Parkinson, Lucy Lenton and Sharon Haworth.

Steve H opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. **Apologies** - Noted.
2. **Matters Arising from the 10.1.2024 meeting** None.
3. **School Minibus Replacement** - Steve H explained to the meeting the need for a replacement Minibus, the current Minibus requires extensive repairs and so therefore a variety of options have been discussed in school, Steve gave a presentation to the meeting detailing the various options available i.e. the cost of new against a second-hand model, also since the purchase of the current Minibus regulations have changed, at the moment only a limited number of people can drive the Minibus to functions, listening to all the options members present at the meeting decided to commit a £10,000.00 donation towards the cost, and fundraising at Association Events will promote the Minibus project. Steve also said that

when the Minibus is acquired signage on the bus will detail the Association's involvement.

4. **Horses and Hotpot Update** - Members present at the meeting discussed the upcoming event, after much discussion it was decided to change the date of the evening to Friday the 22nd of March because this will allow more time to create advertising material, Tracie said her daughter will gladly create the advertising material. Julia suggested that the change of date will also allow for an Easter Theme at the evening. **Hotpot** - Members held a discussion regarding the purchase of Hot Pot for the evening, the pricing of the tickets relies on the cost of the food, various catering establishments were discussed, and Andrea, Keith and Jamie volunteered to check pricing and availability and report back via Whats App with the details as soon as possible.
5. **#Balfest24** - Julia has received a selection of potential stall holders for the event, a stall holder named Sweet Temptations could be a problem, because Alice thinks that the Primary School at which she is also a P.T.A. member have banned them, because they swore at the children at a recent event she will check and report back to the committee. **ACTION JAMIE - Inflatables Jamie will check with a company at Preston Docks regarding the availability and cost.**
6. **A.O.B.** - Association Committee Membership - Julia discussed with the meeting her thoughts on recruiting new committee members, she said the committee is desperately short of members, and if no one else joins the committee will fold, therefore members present at the meeting decided to try and recruit new members by

attending Parents Evenings and New Intake Events. The remaining Parents Evenings are Year 9 Thursday the 14th of March between 4.00 and 7.00pm. Year 8 Parents Evening will be on Thursday the 18th of April between 4.00 - 7.00pm any time during the event will be very much appreciated.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday the 6th of March starting at 7.30pm.