

**Balshaw's Association Minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2024**

**Charity Nnumber 1176684**

Present – Julia Monks, Steve Haycocks, Keith Woodcock, Polly Bidwell, Beckii Cochrane, Heather Eato, Kat Clarkson and Ann Brown.

Apologies – Tim Callaghan, Steve Lomax, Alice Derbyshire, Tracie Vass, Jamie McGregor, Lucy Lenton, Nicki Crompton and Caroline Burnell.

Steve H opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members present at the meeting introduced themselves before the agenda was discussed.

1. **Apologies** - The apologies were noted.
2. **Matters Arising from the meeting held on the 6.11.2024** - None.
3. **Balfest/FunDay Saturday the 17.5.2025** - Julia explained the concept and format of Balfest/Funday to the meeting for the benefit of the new members present at the meeting.
4. **Christmas Family Fun Night 5.12.2024** - Members present at the meeting discussed the events being held on the night i.e. Horse Racing, Bingo/Quiz questions, Spin the Bottle and the Raffle, Steve H explained to the meeting the format of the evening and the order the events.
5. **Year 7 and 8 Disco** – Members attending the meeting discussed the recent Silent Disco, attended and enjoyed by their children, but after discussion, wondered if a DJ focused disco might be more enjoyable for Year7/8 pupils and if more students would attend the evening. After further discussion a date in mid-February was decided for the evening the date and DJ will need to be confirmed with SLT, Steve H will report back to the Association with the updates via WhatsApp.
6. **Easter Race Night** – The meeting discussed the possibility of holding a Race Night in 2025, members present thought Easter 2025 would be fit in with other events planned for 2025, Steve will liase with SLT and confirm the details at the next Association meeting.

7. **Social Evening** – The social evening for Association members will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 Tracie will confirm the venue and details via WhatsApp.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 starting at 7.30pm.