Balshaw's Association Minutes Wednesday the 4th of November 2026

Charity Number 1176684

Present – Steve Haycocks, Keith Woodcock, Tim Callaghan, Polly Bidwell, Heather Eato, and Alice Derbyshire.

Apologies - Ann Brown, Andrea Coles, Kat Clarkson, Caroline Burnell, Tracie Vass, Steve Lomax, Anna Brown, Nicola Crompton

Chair – Tim

Mins – Polly

1) Steve H opened the meeting with a prayer.

2) **Apologies** –
   Noted.

3) **Halloween Disco Review**
   Excellent event! Well done all.
   Discussion around the benefits of not having phones and that meant the pupils stayed in the main hall.
   Prefects were fabulous.
   Wonderful Tuck shop – special thanks to Alice and Anna noted.
   Thanks for the great prizes Tracie V!

4) Extra-Curricular Departmental Bids/Funds/Process
   Balshavian Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold – a great way to set year 7 pupils up for Balshavian values.
   Year 8 award will be the Archbishop of York Award.
   Bids to come in from departments and once the PTA know their balance, these can be decided/allocated.

5. Balfest 2027 – July 10th

Action – Gazebos Tim to contact CBC to book. Also, Leyland Morris Men and Pizza people.

Action – all to look at spreadsheet and update/ revise when people are contacted please.

Action – Porsche owners society to be contacted and booked.

Action – Steve H – to contact and book the Reptile people and the Walopers.
Action – for anyone who has contact – St Caths, Fire Brigade, Waitrose Truck man.
Action – Caroline B please start to contact people for raffle prizes.
Action – Andrea to contact Michael Douglas for hair prize.

6. Future events

Promises Auction – Tim suggested to look into this.
Discussed use of the app Zeffy.
Action – Hev agreed to look into the use of Zeffy and report back to the meeting.
Need to have a think about getting people to volunteer time/skills etc.
Possibly send out to all parents to see what they could offer as well as contacting outside agencies/businesses.

Christmas Family Fun night – December 4th – 6pm – 8pm
Plan – 2 x Bingo (Polly NOT involved here), 3 x quiz rounds and horse races.
Action – Keith to plan quiz.
Action – Andrea please advertise asap. Please put that its free to register via synergy forms so we have an idea of numbers in advance if possible.
Action – Alica and Anna to sort tuck shop and tea coffee.
Action – Hev to plan non-alcoholic mulled wine (6 bottles?)
Action – Tracie to ask Tesco for some Mince pies.
Action - Steve H to check Bingo books and order more if needed.
Action – Tim to sort a MASSIVE float including lots of 10ps.

7. Memorial Garden Renovation

Blue slate from the old roof is being used as hard core now. This is going to be smashed up (carefully) by students in the coming months. This saves approx. £3,000 in hard core costs and is environmentally friendly.
Weed suppressant has arrived.

8. Treasurer's Report

Outstanding action – Steve L please register Polly and Hev for the Charity Trust as Trustees.

9. AOB

Action – Tracie please sort us out a 'Beat the Blues' Jan social event 😊

10. Date and Time of next meeting 2.12.2026

Wednesday 2nd December	**Meeting 7.30pm**	**In School**
Wednesday 6th January	**Meeting 7.30pm**	**In School**
Wednesday 3rd February	**Meeting 7.30pm**	**In School**
Wednesday 3rd March	**Meeting 7.30pm**	**In School**
Wednesday 14th April	**Meeting 7.30pm**	**In School**
Wednesday 5th May	**Meeting 7.30pm**	**In School**
Wednesday 9th June	**Meeting 7.30pm**	**In School**
Wednesday 7th July	**Meeting 7.30pm**	**In School**
Balfest July 10th 2027	**TIME TBC**	