

Balshaw's Association Minutes Wednesday the 3rd of June 2026

Charity Number 1176684

Present – Steve Haycocks, Keith Woodcock, Tracie Vass, Tim Callaghan, Polly Bidwell, Caroline Burnell and Alice Derbyshire

Apologies - Julia Monks, Steve Lomax, Ann, Andrea Coles, Heather Eato, Kat Clarkson, Nicola,

Chair – Tim

Mins – Polly

- 1) Steve H opened the meeting with a prayer.
- 2) Apologies - Noted.
- 3) Mins of the last meeting agreed as accurate.
- 4) **Review of Balfest 2026**

Generally a great success! 😊 Total raised was £2331.20!

A money break down would be useful from Diane to see which stalls made the most money.

House Cup Challenge - Average House stall raised £250 with the winner raising £350. A great success!

Inflatable not great this year due to the weather.

Action – SH to write a letter of thanks to Chorley Borough Council for the gazebos – really useful.

Caroline suggested an extra 'trouble shooter' next year in addition to SH.

Raffle – excellent this year. Thanks to all those who generated prizes.

Suggestion to advertise in advance of the day next year and to think about selling raffle tickets on Parent Pay before the event and for those who cant attend.

Sold over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the 150 pizzas which raised over £400.

Cakes and tea and coffee went down well too.

26th June is the provisional date for next year.

5) **Car boot sale.**

Sat 13th June. Caroline offered to advertise locally and on FB. Signs up outside school for some time and its been in the bulletin.

SH not able to attend but Keith has a key for the side gates (black) to open up for access to toilets.

Tracie, Tim and Keith can be there on the day.

6) Treasurers report –

Steve has sent appols.

Approx £30,000 in the PTA accounts. £1500 - £2000 allocated for the climbing wall.

£28,00 remaining.

Action - SH to get some quotes for artificial grass etc for next meeting.

Action - Tim to get quotes for shells etc.

Then just need paint, weed suppressant etc and can get cracking.

Aim to start works asap to be ready for Sept 2026.

Action - Pics to be taken before and after to show people for donations etc.

Action – SH to contact Duxbury's to see if anything can be provided at cost.

Tesco offered to provide plants when we are ready for them.

Tim will project manage.

7) Next meeting – 1st July.

Its also year 7 intake evening. Polly and Caroline can promote the PTA on the evening.

Action – Polly to cover 5 – 6pm Farrington and Worden intake.

Action – Caroline to cover 6.30 – 7.30 Clayton and Cuerdon intake.

Action – Andrea please can you print off some more fliers for this event?

8) Summer social – planned for the 3rd July. Tracie to arrange 😊

9) AOB – next meeting is the 1st July.