

Balshaw's Association Minutes Wednesday the 15th of April 2026

Charity Number 1176684

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

Apologies - Julia Monks, Kat Clarkson, and Caroline Burnell, Andrea Coles, Steve Lomax, Nicola, Ann,

Chair – Tim

Mins – Polly

- 1) Steve H opened the meeting with a prayer.
- 2) Apologies - Noted.
- 3) Family fun Easter night planning –

It was a success and lots of fun. Raised over £130. Plan to do another family fun night near Christmas.

4) Balfest 2026 –

Steve H shared with the group that there was an auction for a second hand assault course and slide. PTA decided they were willing to pay £335 and school would go to £200 so a total of £535 to try and win the auction on Friday am.

Action: Tim to look into insurance and if we would be covered for our own equipment.

Cadet force have confirmed with Steve H.

Action: Steve H to chase reptile people to confirm.

Tim let the meeting know that Cuerden can't come this year. Also no opener as the Mayor cant make it.

Action: Tim to make a list of drinks and prices and start buying when good deals are on. Decided approx. 6 x tray of water.

Tim will also get cups for the tea and coffee, Haribo and pizzas. Heather will do a price check.

Tim will sort the plant stall again.

Tim to speak to Robinsons re a van this year. Eg £100 to attend.

Alice said we have 61 cans in stock.

Action: Final shopping list to be created next meeting.

Action: Tracie said she would speak to her contact at Tesco and ask for Freebies of baked goods etc if possible. Also Tracie will start getting lots of chocolate 'flavoured' eggs for the tombola.

Andrea has a great prize from the hairdresser.

Action: Steve H to source armbands again.

Action: Tim to check if Ann has booked the pocket money stall again.

Action: Tombola – school to do a call out for gifts and chocolates and sweets please.

Rogers Codgers agreed to come. Steve H to make decision whether to accept.

Meeting agreed we would have a smaller Raffle this year.

5) Memorial Garden –

Steve H has made an enquiry into free astro turf – awaiting decision.

Steve H said he would like it completed by September if possible.

Labour is needed.

Actions;

Purchase weed suppressant.

Purchase aggregate.

Paint for the walls

Sails for shade/cover

Lighting? Fuse box unknown location – Bernie will know.

Action: Keith will find out who did the existing electricals.

6) Parents evening PTA attendance- Alice, Tim and Polly – due to attend the next year 8 parents evening tomorrow and let everyone know about the PTA and try and generate some interest and new members.

Action: Heather to update leaflets and send through to Andrea to print for tomorrow.

7) Car Boot – 2nd Sat of the month. Dates booked for 9th May and the 11th July. To be advertised on banners asap.

8) AOB – next meeting is the 6th May.