

Balshaw's Association Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday the 4th of February 2026

Charity Number 1176684

Present – Steve Haycocks, Keith Woodcock, Alice Derbyshire, Mary Ippolito, Tracie Vass, Nicola Crompton, Caroline Burnell and Ann Brown.

Apologies – Tim Callaghan, Andrea Coles, Heather Eato, Kat Clarkson, Polly Bidwell and Julia Monks.

Steve opened the meeting with a prayer.

At the beginning of the meeting members present welcomed and introduced themselves to Mary a new member of the Association.

1. **Apologies** - Noted.
2. **Matters arising from the 14.01.2026 meeting** – None.
3. **Balfest** – Members present at the meeting discussed the preparation required for the day. **Tracie** said she has asked Lily if she will lend her outdoor music equipment to school for the day which she has kindly agreed to, and she will attend school before the day to confirm the set up needed. Tracie is also in the process of making a chart for school relating to the money raised for the Climbing Wall refurbishment. **Tracie** also explained to the meeting that she has been in contact with **Julia**, and they are in the process of meeting up with each other for Julia to pass over the Spreadsheets from last year's event, Tracie said when she receives the paperwork, she will email them to school. Caroline said she would contact all the many organisations she contacted last year to secure Raffle Prizes; she also has details for a business that take Llamas to Fairs etc, this would be a new attraction for Balfest she will confirm the details and report back to the next meeting. **Ann** with the assistance of **Andrea** will contact Stall Holders from last year's event and confirm their acceptance for this year. **Steve** discussed with the meeting the attractions usually at Balfest he thought the number of stalls was just about right but if any members have contact with other Charities this might be of interest.
4. **Future Events** – Members present at the meeting discussed events that could be held in school before Balfest and thought a Family Bingo/Quiz Night would be a good idea, Steve asked members to please look out for reduced price Easter Eggs that could be used as prizes. **Car Boot Sales** – Steve discussed with the meeting the possibility of further Car Boot Sales, Steve thought that they need to be held on a regular basis to encourage more participants, therefore it was decided that Car Boot Sales will be held every Saturday from the beginning of April, and at the end of the school year check how popular the event has been.
5. **Financial Report** – Steve was not present at the meeting so therefore no update was available.
6. **A.O.B. - Memorial Garden** - Steve explained to the meeting that he had been in discussion with Tim regarding the Refurbishment of the Garden and final ideas will be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 4th of March starting at 7.30pm.