

Friends of Whitefield Meeting
Tuesday 16th January 2018
The Brown Hare – 6pm

Attendees: Mrs Adams, Niky Hanlon, Claire Hartley, Sheralyn Holme, Mr Huntington, Katie Mitchell, Joanne Shorrocks and Nic Simpson

Apologies: Amy Holden, Becky Caslake, Joanne Crawford, Mrs Foster, Jess Haslem-Bantoft, Sarah McKiernan, Lesley Mellis, Jenny Mitchell and Mrs Willers

Warm welcome to Nic Simpson, our new Chair. Nic was appointed at an impromptu meeting on 1st Dec 2017, and took on the position on 1st January 2018.

Actions from last meeting (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

- Treasurer's report from September's AGM has been added to the online meeting minutes
- Agreed not to enter the Penwortham Gala this year, as logistics and interest low.
- Suggestions for next year events: Quiz & Curry night, Comedy night, Camp on school grounds, Christmas tree festival – Nic Simpson to add these ideas at June/July planning meeting.
- Community cinema was well attended (over 160 children came). Made over £300 profit
- Secrets Room went extremely well. Made over £1200 profit, and will qualify for Barclay's £1000 matched funding too.
- Mobile phones at events – agreed that children are not to bring mobile phones to discos and cinemas. Distraction, and some children do not use responsibly. This is to be communicated to parents and children when advertising the events. Volunteer helpers to be briefed prior to events.

Spending:

- £4500 ring-fenced for outdoor learning pods – Nic Simpson to liaise with school for an update on progress.
- Extension of KS2 playground, or separate artificial grass area discussed. School are at very early stages of planning, so no firm ideas of what would make the most impact. Grants are available to help with funding this type of project, although some grants come with conditions about renting to the local community, with limits on how much can be charged to rent a space. FoW can apply as well as school. Agreed in principle that FoW would apply for a grant, provided the project details are firmed up.
- Nic Simpson to liaise with school to check next steps. School to provide an update on planning progress at next meeting.

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- Nic Simpson to arrange a Mackro card for FoW

Next meeting Tuesday 6th March 2018, 6pm at The Brown Hare