

Friends of Benthall

Minutes of EGM on 4.10.13

Present: Gill Macaskill (Chair), Alison Milton (minutes), Jo Carter, Kirsten Hummerstone, Sian Walsh, Anna Borzello, Moira Hallam, Alison Donadgrodzki, Johanna Dennis, Andree Severn, Nicky Alam, Anne Soward, Ashley Sant, Alice Roberts, Sarah Armstrong, Adam Di Chiana, Annelies Theodorou, Alex Hendra, Jo Grant, Mel McCarron, Ludmila Mburu Wakaba, Maria F Guirao, Caroline Wheeler, Matilda Clode.

Apologies: Dolapo Ologunde.

Agenda:

Welcome: Gill thanked everyone for coming and welcomed all the new faces. She explained the role of FOB.

Election of Officers:

Interim Chair:	Gill Macaskill (nominated by Alison D. and seconded by Adam)
Secretary:	Nicky Alam (nominated by Gill and seconded by Sarah)
Treasurer:	Dolapo Ologunde (to continue role as before)
Vice Chair:	Ludmila Mburu Wakaba (nominated by Gill and seconded by Mel)

It was agreed that officers will also be Trustees of FOB.

N.B. Gill asked for it to be minuted that she will stand as Interim Chair until January 2014, after which a new Chair will be elected.

Bank Signatories: A resolution was passed about signatories with no objections. These will be Gill Macaskill, Nicky Alam and Dolapo Ologunde.

Winter Fair: Sian, Caroline, Matilda and Moira kindly volunteered to coordinate this. Alice will hand over from last year in the next week or so. The winter fair is on **7th December 2013**. We still need someone to volunteer to be Father Christmas. Jo and Maria all kindly offered to be elves.

FOB Google Group: Gill will invite everyone who has left their email today to join the group. Caroline reminded people about the FOB Facebook page, which has information, updates and photos. Just search for 'Friends of Benthall' or follow the link on the Website.

Monies and Funding: FOB currently has £3010 to allocate to 'Made from Scratch' for their upcoming consultation on development of the school playground. FOB will then try to raise further funds to pay for the design / works.

H (Benthall's sport's coach) has asked FOB if they could pay for football kits for the year 5 & 6 football team – this was agreed.

Trees: Jo offered to lead on a project of identifying the class trees in the playground which, everyone agreed was a good idea. She will talk to Venti in the first instance.

Gardening: If people are interested in joining the gardening group and gardening at school, please leave your number in the office for Venti. Or you can find his number on the last school newsletter and Gill will put his details on the website too.

Cake Sale: The next cake sale is on **October 18th at 3.30pm** on the playground. They are always on the last- but-one Friday before half term. Thanks to Annelies and Mel for continuing to organise the sales. As usual, we need as many cakes as possible and a few volunteers to help on the day please.

AOB: There was discussion about how requests for funding come to FOB. In the past they have come directly from teachers (e.g. for class cameras) or have been ideas generated by FOB.

Alison D. (Parent Governor) fed back that more money from the school's budget is going into estates and repairs e.g. repair of broken playground equipment and that funding such repairs would not be down to FOB.

Next Meeting: 8.11.13 at 9am (hopefully at school, exact venue to be confirmed)

Another EGM will be held on 24.1.14 at 9am at school.