

Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary PTA

“The Aldersey Association”

Annual General Meeting

Held in school

26 September 2022

Attendees

Staff: Mrs Badger and Mrs Waring

Committee: Lucy Cole, Julia Arkell, Betony Burrows

Parents: Vicky Kearns, Karen Vernon-Smith, Philip Neave, Martin Rendall, Amy Urpi, Rachel Sutton, Kati Rockett, Abbie Borrowdale, Charlie Lea, Gemma Peters, Andrea Broderick-Jones,

Apologies for absence: Sophie Winward, Shelly

1. **Minutes from last AGM** – Julia Arkell proposed and confirmed as a true record by Mrs Badger.

Mrs Badger thanked the outgoing PTA Committee for their herculean efforts in raising over £15,000 over the past 3 years under often challenging circumstances given COVID restrictions. She commented who well loved and used the Forest School Shelter is.

Mrs Badger highlighted the importance of the PTA as a much-needed extra source of income in school.

2. **Treasurer’s report** – Julia Arkell
 - a. Presentation of 2021/22 accounts and summary of fundraising

Julia presented the 2021/22 accounts and stated that the books and vouchers were currently being examined by Claire Buckley (Chartered Accountant) and would be approved shortly.

Income was £7,873, over £1000 more than last year. Reindeer Run and auction was again the main fundraiser with £1,604 followed by 150 Club £1,040 (net) and larger events such as the Christmas Party £611 and the Quiz Night at Tilly’s £673. Other sales and events which raised between £200 and £400 per event. Income was also boosted by the successful registration for Gift Aid enabling over £600 to be claimed.

The PTA were delighted to transfer £9,150 to the RCSAT Trust for the Forest School Shelter and area, which along with the £1,000 of direct donation from Rural and Country Energy last year, which enabled the target of funding this fabulous learning space by the end of the 2021/22 school year to be met.

Most net expenditure was in line with previous year (Water coolers, kids Christmas presents, reception teddies and silent disco for schoolfest). In addition the PTA were pleased to provide gift vouchers to the families of the Ukrainian children who joined the school, to help them with uniform and clothing costs. A PTA Banner and plaque for the Forest School shelter was also purchased.

Unfortunately, HSBC now charge £5 per month, per bank account (current and 150 Club), along with charging for cheque and cash deposits. Julia proposed the new PTA committee consider moving banks.

Julia also highlighted of the on-line shopping donation platforms (Easyfundraising and Amazonsmile) to be used more extensively, more effectively as these are a very easy way to raise money.

Even with the transfer of funds for the Forest School shelter there are still healthy reserves of over £5,000.

The importance of joint fundraising and community events with Early Birds was discussed. Charlie Lea (Chair of Early Birds) was also in attendance.

3. Future project and funding requests – Mrs Badger

Mrs Badger outlined plans to develop the “Quiet area corner” on the school playground. This would benefit all children and provide a much-needed space for children who wish to choose to play games, read, dance, act or just sit and talk during their break times. The school have obtained funding to surface the areas but will require support from the PTA resource this area with benches, games and equipment for the children to play. In addition, in the far corner there is a wish to develop a raised pond and wildlife area would also be a resource for the Forest school and Science curriculum.

Mrs Badger also requested that the PTA fund the transport costs for the whole school theatre trip to the pantomime in December. In pre-COVID years the PTA would fund this to make the trip affordable to all. The quote received for this was c£1,500.

4. Resignation of officers

- a. Chairman: Lucy Cole
- b. Treasurer: Julia Arkell
- c. Secretary: Betony Burrows

5. Election and re-election of officers

No previous officer stood for re-election

- a. Chairman, and Trustee – Philip Neave was elected, proposed by himself, seconded by Karen Vernon-Smith
- b. Treasurer, and Trustee – Rachel Sutton, proposed by herself, seconded by Gemma Peters
- c. Secretary – Gemma Peters, proposed by Nic Badger, seconded by Abbie Borrowdale

6. AOB

Discussions regarding potential fundraising events was held:

- Pumpkin Patch – before half-term shared with Early Birds

- Christmas Party for grown-ups in Village Hall – Early Birds have already booked Hall for 10th December. PTA agreed to join with them again.
- Christmas Fair – potentially to be held after the Reindeer Run on 2nd December
- Other potential events were discussed and the new PTA team agreed to meet again later in October to discuss further.