



Minutes of the Friends of Langshott Annual General Meeting Monday 7th November 2022

Attendees	Helen Armstrong (Chair) (HA) Parus Patel (Treasurer) (PP) Carina Glasgow (Secretary) (CG) Sarah Mackintosh (SM) Jo Basting (JB) Annie Munday (AM) Becky Cresswell (BC) Amy Christian (AC) Karen Jones (KJ) Rodney Bonard (RB)	Fiona Vance (FV) Samantha Donnelly (SD) Annemi Muller (AM) Orla McCormack (OMC) Lucy Saville (LS) Becca Thompson (BT) Natasha Avnervill (NA) Alexis Suggett (AS) Laura Cook (LC) Leandra Green (LG) Laura Wootley (LW)
Apologies	Amie Gillham Lucy Bonard Kelly Radford Ali Fuller Sarah Hurstwaite Emma Hall Sarah Limb Emily Vucinic	

Welcome and Apologies

HA opened the meeting by introducing the trustees and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies were received from those named above.

2021-2022 Chair's Report

(Written and read out by Helen Armstrong, Chair 2021-2022)

It seems bizarre that this time last year we were looking at lockdowns. Getting to the point of a Summer fair seemed like a dream! Last AGM I was elected as Chair, with Carina Glasgow as Secretary. Parus Patel remained as Treasurer. This year Carina and I will be stepping down and we will be electing a new Chair and Secretary this year.

Cost of Living

Last year, we took an early decision to offer school uniform for voluntary donations instead of charging for it. Families have been hit hard by the cost of living crisis and no family should have to struggle for uniform. I am very proud of the charity taking this bold move. In past years, £200 was given to each year group for teachers to allocate to activities. Last year, in light of the financial pressures on hard working families, we decided to double that amount and make it £200 per class. This "behind the scenes" spending activity does support all children especially when family purse strings are tight, saving parents money on the cost of trips and activities. We arranged free to enter competitions over Easter as well to make sure everyone could take part – art competition and free trails. It's 'egg-cellent' to see the level of commitment and enthusiasm from the members involved in setting these up.



Fun Events

The support and innovation of our events has truly been outstanding this year. New events such as our raffle in February and new Doughies pizza events were very profitable and brought some light-hearted moments – including a first ever Facebook live stream raffle draw by Mrs Mackintosh and the Head Boy and Girl! Having discos, summer fairs and now planning future ones seemed like a dream this time last year.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have helped this past year. Enhancing the experience for all the children is what we are here to do and it really is wonderful to see such awesome levels of support from families, the committee and the school staff.

2021-2022 Treasurer's Report

PP went through the 2021-22 accounts. We managed to raise just over £10,000 this year which is incredible as COVID-19 was still rife at the beginning of the year with restrictions in place. PP showed an infographic as to what we have raised and where it has been spent and this is attached to these minutes. Due to us having a very good few fundraising years, it means we had just over £21k in the bank at the end of our financial year in August. It was noted that our highest earning event was the raffle in February and another £1,000 came from new events and fundraising ideas; such as Doughies pizza, Dare to be Different and the Recycled clothes bin. We have paid out just under £8k on the normal subscriptions for the school, as well as doubling the usual class contributions to £2,800 to help with subsidising school trips for parents. We also covered the costs of the new Twinkl Phonics Scheme which was a government directed change at a cost of £5,000. In addition, we have bought some new playground equipment and gave donations towards the Y6 leavers disco. Expenses were normal PTA licences and subscriptions which we need to purchase annually, as well as event expenses.

Election of 2022/23 Committee

Helen stepped down as Chair with Carina also stepping down as Secretary and re-elected as the new Chair in Helen's place. Parus Patel and Jo Basting were elected as co-Treasurers with the view to Parus stepping down next year.

Events for the year ahead

CG went through the events we currently have planned. Halloween mufti day and bake sale were a great success raising over £600 combined. The quiz night is coming up and we hope to raise £300 from that towards a new PA system for the school. We also have a Christmas Fair planned and information about where we are in the planning for this was shared, as well as an invitation to a more detailed Christmas Fair meeting to follow the AGM at The Kings Head pub once finished. It was noted that we can potentially claim Gift Aid on bucket donations via the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme and so a donation bucket at the fair would be a good idea. After Christmas we plan to have a donuts and hot chocolate sale on Friday 6th December, as well as a movie night and disco in January/February. Easter events to include an on-site Easter egg hunt and summer events to include a family BBQ and Summer Fair. Bigger events suggested were an outdoor cinema and circus – these take a lot of planning so possibly for 2023/2024. Preloved uniform will remain on a voluntary donation basis with sales at the end of each term where possible.

James Lewis has kicked us off to a great start this year with his fundraising sponsorship for the London Marathon raising just under £4,000. Possible other sponsored event could be a little mudder/tough mudder as suggested by LW.



Thanks was given to Mrs Mackintosh and the school for their support of our events and higher placement of our Friends Newsletter each term to parents and a mention was given to our "Helping Hands" scheme which will echo what the school provide for families that are struggling financially. Mention of this scheme will be on all event letters whereby tickets and tokens will be provided for any families who need financial help for their children to attend a Friends of Langshott event.

AOB

Mrs Mackintosh explained that the MUGA plans are now on hold for the foreseeable future. This is owing to increased pressures and costs for the school including, but not limited to, increased staffing costs (5% government directed increase to teacher wages), increased costs of supplies and equipment and increased energy costs which the school do not have the budget to cover. It was explained that no extra funding is received from the government for these things and that the school must dip into their reserves to meet costs. HA mentioned that her company STARK may be able to help the school with energy costs providing the council allows. Mrs Mackintosh noted that the MUGA would be fantastic, but in the current climate it is a luxury not a necessity as the children already receive good PE provision at Langshott and the money allocated towards this project may be needed/better spent elsewhere. After the past few years fundraising towards the MUGA, it was decided that future events would now be directed towards helping other costs for the school. Mrs Mackintosh mentioned the need for a new projector in the school hall with a quoted cost of £6,000, playground equipment, PA system, ongoing costs of consumables and equipment and it was noted that a new double gazebo is needed for Green House as well.

Meeting was closed.