

CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL SOCIETY (PTA)

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 19th October 2023

6pm. The Library, Chew Valley School

**1. Apologies**

Helga Bradbury, Angela Cruse, Carole Reed, Claire McCarthy, Kate Miller

**In Attendance**

Penny Rowlands, Gareth Beynon, Julie Seeley, Deborah Elsom, Claire Dellbridge, Chrissie Graham, Lu Willson, Lizzie Langdon, Bryony Skipworth, Laura Cannon

**2. Acceptance of Minutes of last year's meeting**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**3. Chair's Report**

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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Thank you all for taking the time to join us today. It is appreciated.

**The Society's Vision**

- ✚ Support our children's education.
- ✚ Support the teachers.
- ✚ Support the School.

2017/18 £12,500  
2018/19 £12,780  
2019/20 £13,814  
2020/21 £6,541  
2021/22 £17,737  
2022/23 £18,405  
Total £81,777

**Last Year's Overview**

- ✚ We have kept people informed through the Society Facebook page. We currently have 468 followers.
- ✚ We have helped the school process the lost property by collecting it, photographing it for FB, returning it to the owners, recycling, and washing and selling whenever possible.
- ✚ Our secondhand uniform shop continues to support the families and is a great fundraiser.
- ✚ It was so lovely to get back to our regular events; the Bingo Night and Quiz Night
- ✚ The 500 Club which has now been going for more than 4 years, continues to bring in a regular monthly income. Thank you to all those in the community who support it.
- ✚ We have a X / twitter account.
- ✚ There was a noticeable loss of fundraising opportunities getting face to face with the parents due to dregs of Covid restrictions, however this year has had a promising start so fingers crossed we will be offered lots of opportunities to support the school and have a presence with the parents.

**This Year?**

We have already supported The Big Sing local community event, the secondhand school sale at the tutor evening and the 500 Club which has raised nearly £1,300. An incredible start to the year. We have dates in the diary for the Bingo and Quiz Night. We will be holding a meeting afterwards to discuss any other ideas for this year.

**The Team**

Thanks to all the staff at Chew Valley School, but special mentions for the Facilities, Reception, Catering, Reprographics, Senior Leadership Team and The Marmion House fundraising team.

A BIG thank you to the committee for all their hard work, efforts and support last year – Deborah Elsom and Laura Cannon, my right-hand ladies. Lu Willson who has become the 500 Club promoter. Helga Bradbury for her vision for the secondhand uniform. Julie Seeley, who sorts out the school side of the committee. And the team Angela Cruse, Kate Miller, Bryony Skipworth and Karen Heverin. We couldn't have done it without you.

Welcome to Lizzie Langdon, Claire Dellbridge, Chrissie Graham, Leanne Degregorio, Carole Reed and Claire McCarthy.

The last of my three children has now left Chew Valley School for University so I am handing in my resignation today. A massive thanks to Gareth, Julie and all the staff who work at Chew Valley School for all they have done for my children. It really is a fantastic place, and we are so lucky to have it in the middle of the beautiful Chew Valley.

We need to vote in the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Would anyone like to step forward for the Chair... Secretary.... Treasurer. Laura has offered to be Secretary and Deborah has offered to be Treasurer. Thank you so much to you both.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

The total income 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 was **£18,405.65**.

This included income from the 500 Club, Bingo, Quiz, School events, Uniform sales.

Also donations through Easyfundraising, Gift Aid, Standing Orders, Race Nation SS & 10K and Amazon Smile.

Our Donations to school included:

SEN Reading Pens, SEN Wordshark, Atlases for Geography, Fridge & Freezer for DT, Isotrak for Science, Calculators, Drama – support with Matilda, SEN Maths, Shelters and Tables & Chairs for outside areas, Celebration evenings. Donation to Marmion House.

**Donations amounted to £15,082.71.**

With income since 31<sup>st</sup> August, we have around £7,000 to spend this year already and have received some bids from school.

#### **5. Re-Election/ Election of officers**

- Chair and Vice Chair – no'one wished to take either role alone, so it was agreed to advertise the Chair role again as a possible job share
- Secretary – Laura Cannon nominated by Lu Willson, Seconded by Bryony Skipworth
- Treasurer – Deborah Elsom nominated by Laura Cannon, seconded by Bryony Skipworth
- Vice-Treasurer - Lu Willson, Vice Treasurer, nominated by Laura Cannon, seconded by Bryony Skipworth

In the new role of Vice-Treasurer, Lu Willson agreed to become a Trustee and to take special responsibility for overseeing the 500 Club, which she has already taken over from Penny over the last few months.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

Gareth Beynon thanked the whole committee, saying that the money raised really made a difference, providing some of the things schools can't afford in the current climate to enhance the children's experience of school. He also thanked them for adding friendly, smiling faces to school events.

Gareth thanked Penny for her time as Chair, saying she has been at the helm for the whole time of his tenure. He thanked her for the huge amount of money she helped to raise in that time, and for her support. He presented her with a bouquet from the school to say thank you.

The whole committee thanked Penny for her great leadership and friendship during her time as Chair and her resignation was accepted.

#### **Date of Next AGM & Meeting**

The date of the next AGM will be as always held in Term 1 2024 – date TBC