**Bishopton Playground Association**

**Minutes of the Bishopton Playground Association (BPA) General Meeting held on Wednesday 6th November at 7:00pm in The Blue Bell Public House, Bishopton Village**

#  Present: S. Harker, S. Pilkington, P. Slater, N Melaney

#  Guests R Bowes, L Bowes

#  Apologies for AAbsence: L Foggett

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
	1. The minutes of the meeting dated 9th October were accepted.
2. **Matters Arising**
	1. SP and PS met with the Headteacher of Bishopton & Redmarshall Primary School. The Headteacher has since kindly distributed additional competition entry forms to pupils, and is willing to forward any playground related correspondence or news via school email if required; additionally the Headteacher has advised that the school will be installing a new perimeter fence to improve school security, which will include the shared boundary with the playground.
	2. Further competition entries have been received and these are to be judged at a future Bishopton Parish Council Meeting.

1. **Financial Report**
	1. Bank Account set up is ongoing, application forms completed for P Slater to submit. Until this is in place, funds remain with Bishopton Parish Council.
2. **Update from Bishopton Parish Council (BPC)**
	1. Nothing further to report

# Access

* 1. There have been further reports of dog walkers using the field. The exclusion of dogs can be enforced once the Public Spaces Exclusion Order is in place.

# Health & Safety

* 1. No updates to report at present.

# Equipment:

# Playdale have produced a drawing based on the most popular items from the questionnaire completed by local children. Similar submissions are due from other companies and will be displayed at the forthcoming quiz night.

# Potential funds have been identified which could allow a small amount of equipment to be purchased in the short term. The consensus was that if this was successful then goal posts and fence mounted equipment would be a practical initial purchase as they wouldn’t affect future installation. To be agreed at a later date.

# Fundraising and Publicity: Update from Sam Pilkington

* 1. The majority of tickets have been sold for the quiz night on 29th November. Local business Property and Land Information (PaLI) have kindly sponsored the event by way of covering the majority of catering and venue hire costs. Further funds will be raised by way of a raffle and auction, with prizes including signed sports team shirts.
	2. A small children’s event, with the main aim of raising awareness of the playground and recruiting a children’s panel, will be planned, as well as a wine & cheese tasting event in the new year.

# Donations & Acknowledgements

* 1. Nothing additional since last meeting

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Then next meeting will be held Wednesday 4th December at 7:00pm in the Conservatory room in the Blue Bell Public House.

Signed: Chairperson:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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