**Bishopton Playground Association**

**Minutes of the Bishopton Playground Association (BPA) General Meeting held on Wednesday 8th January at 7:00pm in The Blue Bell Public House, Bishopton Village**

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

# Supporters & Guests: G Prescott, L Guest, S Elliott

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1. **Apologies**
   1. K Coupland, L Bowes, R Bowes, J Robbins
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
   1. Item 8.1 requires list of raffle prize donators adding.
3. **Public Participation**
   1. This will be a standing item but nothing further to add for this meeting.
4. **Declarations of Interest**
   1. Nothing declared
5. **Matters Arising**
   1. G Scott; Update on item 8.3, Sponsor a Boot fundraising initiative. GS has produced some images and initial thoughts are to use 5 main colours of adult sized wooden wellington boot shapes. These would be sponsored by businesses or individuals and be this would cover the cost of the boot and their logo or name on a small mounted plaque. These would be attached along the fence at the northwest perimeter as a decorative display.
   2. Competition winners have been decided, the playground sign design was won by Jessica McQueenie and the colouring competition for younger children was won by Katy Harker. The playground sign needs to be progressed.
   3. Item 2.2, minutes in draft to be completed and shared with all interested parties and parish council 2 weeks prior to the next meeting.
6. **Financial Report**
   1. Bank Account set-up has not been successful due to Bishopton Playground Association not being a Charitable Organisation. NM to ask Parish Council clerk whether BPA can have a secondary account linked to the Parish Council account with BPA signatories. Discussion also held around whether it would be more beneficial to be registered as a charity and further advice is needed.

1. **Update from Bishopton Parish Council (BPC)**
   1. Nothing to report.

# Access

* 1. Nothing to report.

# Health & Safety

* 1. Nothing to report.

# Equipment:

# Tenders have been received from 3 suppliers. The next meeting will be dedicated to looking at these in detail. The appointment of a preferred bidder will be discussed and if agreed, discussions regarding price adjustments and reductions will take place.

# NM has prepared a bid to submit for grant funding for the following, however this did need revising from what was agreed at the last meeting to bring costs to under £7000.

# 1 No. Play hut

# Activity boards including Noughts and Crosses, Dice Spinner, Maze Ball etc

# 1 No. Wooden Goal post/Hoop panel with goal net.

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# Fundraising and Publicity

# Fundraising committee will meet to discuss Elvis night and a children’s night at their convenience.

# Donations & Acknowledgements

* 1. **Corporate donations**

Sunday Lunch for Two (The Talbot)

Two Sunday main courses (Herb and Herd, Sedgefield)

Dance voucher (Craggs School of Dance for Children)

Food hamper (donated by Dobbies Garden Centre)

Veg Box (donated by Fox’s Garden Shop)

Voucher (donated by Nine Acres)

* 1. **Personal donations**

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| Marks and Spencer’s chocolates | Champneys Essential Kit for Men | Afternoon Tea at Middlesbrough F C |
| Wok | Temple Spa Soaps | Poinsettia |
| Handmade Pen | Bottle of Fizz | Candles |
| Bottle of Port | Prosecco and Glasses | Jack Wills Slipper Socks gift set |
| Laura Ashley Luxury Handcream collection |  | Wine |

(Donated by: Susan Melaney; Veronica Ramshaw; Robert Ramshaw; Laura Bowes; Kerry Coupland; Jon Coupland; Samantha Pilkington; Alan Pilkington; Linda Guest; Amy Gilbert)

# Correspondence

# Nothing to report

# Any other Business

# Nothing to report

**The meeting closed at 8:15pm.**

Then next meeting will be held Wednesday 12th February at 7:00pm in the Conservatory room in the Blue Bell Public House.

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

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