



**FOES Annual General Meeting**  
at Easingwold School, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Minutes**

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**Present** Susan Deery (SD, Chair), Lorna Wood (LW, Treasurer), Fiona Skelton (FS, Secretary), Rachel Richardson (RR), Christine Cookman (CC, Governor), Laura Eddery (LE, Principal), Lynn James (LJ, Executive Principal), Nicola Stojkovic (NS), Vivienne Cooper (VC), Gill Burn (GB), Elaine Walker (EW), Aisha Wadoodi (AW), Rachel Ainger (RA).

Meeting commenced 6.30pm

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Jackie Coultous	
<b>2</b>	<b>Approval of minutes of the last AGM (14<sup>th</sup> September 2016)</b> The minutes from the previous AGM held on 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 were approved.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters arising (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)</b> None. SD noted that there would be further discussion on the constitution during the meeting.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Chairperson's Report</b> (Attached)	
<b>5</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> (Attached, including Financial Statements for both funds) General Fund... £967.92 Bicentenary Fund... £8251.17  The current portfolio of the Bicentenary Fund is valued at £158,681. It was noted that previously there had been discussions over ways of spending the 'excess' funds, i.e the amount over the original £100,000. One suggestion had been to partly fund the building of a new sports hall.  LJ updated the meeting on the current plans for raising money for a new sports hall and all-weather pitch.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Election of Officers</b> Chairperson - FS was proposed by SD and seconded by LW. Treasurer - LW was proposed by FS and seconded by RA. Secretary - RR was proposed by CC and seconded by GB.  The previous officers were thanked for their amazing fundraising, in particular Susan Deery, who has devoted a huge amount of time, energy and resources to FOES over a number of years and will be greatly missed.	
<b>7</b>	<b>New terms of engagement with school</b> FS stated that FOES wanted to continue working with school, with the aim of engaging in activities which support and advance the welfare and education of the pupils attending the school, as per the FOES constitution.	

LJ stated clearly that she was very happy to continue to work with FOES and saw its role as funding 'extras' for pupils, rather than items which were curriculum essentials.

Various ideas about the type of projects that could be funded by FOES were discussed, including author visits, library improvements and sports coaching. It was agreed that the aim should be to reach as many pupils as possible.

It was agreed that it would be a good idea to ask the new Senate and satellite groups (which are made up of pupil representatives) to suggest items to be funded by FOES.

It was agreed that FOES would fund an author visit that had been proposed by the school librarian. This would cost £700 and be funded from the General Fund (bid attached). It was also agreed that FOES would fund the creation of an 'alumni board', which would list previous Easingwold School pupils who had achieved highly in their chosen field. This would be paid for from the Bicentenary Fund. LJ would get together designs and costings to bring to a future meeting.

LJ

It was agreed that FOES would continue to have a page on the school website and would continue to be known as Friends of Easingwold School.

FS agreed to look into the possibility of applying for funds from the Co-op Community Fund.

FS

Finally it was agreed that it was important to make public under what terms FOES would continue to support the school as it made its transition to Outwood Academy Easingwold. It was agreed that pieces would be written for the Easingwold Advertiser and the school newsletter.

FS/RR

## 8 Future Fundraising/Events

LJ agreed to inform FOES of future school events at which FOES could have a fundraising presence.

LJ

## 9 Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from Brewin Dolphin

## 10 Any other business

It was agreed that LE, as the new principal, would replace Phil Benaiges as trustee for the Brewin Dolphin Trust Fund. It was also agreed that FS, LW and LE would be the new signatories for the Bicentenary Current Account and that RR, FS and LW would be the signatories for the General Current Account. LW agreed to oversee the changeover to new signatories and distribute relevant forms as necessary

LW

## 11 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Meeting finished at 8pm.

Good Evening.

I would like to start by wishing a warm welcome to existing and new members and with the hope that 2017/18 proves a successful and enjoyable year with greater stability for staff and students alike.

2016-17 has certainly been one of change.

We started the year with our plan to modernise FOES which began with reviewing our Constitution. We managed to draft and approve a new document that we hope properly reflects what we do and gives clarity about how our Bi-Centenary Fund is managed. This was forwarded to the Solicitors for ratification but due to the sudden and extensive changes within the school management at that time, and the uncertainty about FOES position within this, has been kept on hold. These changes were significant as we know following the sad news that the school had fallen into Special Measures and would be supported by interim management. We expect the new Constitution will indeed be ratified with minor modifications in the near future and that the rules governing small and perhaps larger projects will be clearer. For continued financial and legal advice we again thank our Treasurer Lorna, and her husband.

Happily, Mr Brockwell and Mr Pritchard were enthusiastic about the continuation of FOES support to the school under their tenure and so we set forth in October to organise another Autumn Dance. Mr Butcher returned from recent retirement with his fabulous band Traces, and Bob prepared another amazing spread for guests. We enjoyed the unfailing support of many members of the community/parents and friends in buying tickets and donating to the Silent Auction organised by Kate Stirton and managed to raise a total of £900 for our funds. We thank them all for their generous support and personal time in making the event so successful.

Fiona Skelton, our Secretary has continued to engage parents and raise valuable revenue and practical support with events through PTA Social and via Easy Fundraising and we are all grateful for her persistence and determination on FOES behalf. For those of you who may not be familiar with PTA Social, it is a volunteering website and communication tool which acts as a private social network from which to promote and organise events and on which people can volunteer to participate, targeting their support without having to make additional time commitments for meetings. We now have 83 parents, and friends of the school, signed up to the site. Easy Fundraising is also an effortless fundraising tool which everyone can use for their online Christmas shopping perhaps? This has contributed £350.89 to FOES funds in the past year. Fiona is always happy to provide further details and advice about either of these tools for those who wish to know more.

Due to the continued uncertainty about the school's long-term leadership arrangements, we necessarily agreed to limit further fundraising to participation in smaller and more manageable events. This started with the Christmas Concert in December and then the Drama Production in February. These occasions allowed us to raise more funds from the provision of refreshments and a small raffle and to meet new and existing parents. We built on our previous success of seeking donations from keen bakers with a sale of those cakes left over at the end of the night. Although kept small and manageable, none of these events would have been possible without the generous time and effort given by all FOES supporters including members of the wider community and thanks go to you all.

Our fundraising labours are of course significantly supported, as many of you know, by the income generated from the Bicentenary Fund and we were again in a strong position to be able to accept all of the bid requests received from school departments this year. We were able to provide new keyboards for the Music Department, props and costumes for the ever popular House Drama competition, an author visit by T Palmer, as well as a talk by the inspirational speaker R. McCann and also to support the Warhammer Club and a current affairs website. We were especially delighted to support Mr Blackburn in producing CD recordings of a Community Concert held in November. This was designed to bring experienced and developing musicians together and create pathways in school which their families could continue outside. I am certain parents and pupils will treasure these CDs for many years to come. Mr Blackburn and Ms Windrum were always particular Champions of FOES and we will miss their warm enthusiasm. There were many tears shed in losing such talented, professional and well loved members of our school. We wish them well in their new positions as well as the other highly valued staff who have contributed to FOES over many years.

And so to a new era.

Easingwold School is now under the care of Outwood Grange Academy Trust and we welcome members of the leadership to this meeting. Initial discussions have taken place and we are assured in principle of an ongoing role for FOES within school which I am sure will go from strength to strength.

I have chosen to step down from my role as Chair at this transition point and I understand that proposals for a movement around of officers, subject to voting tonight, will allow FOES to continue to meet its constitutional requirements. I would like to personally thank Fiona and Lorna for their commitment and essential sense of humour and to all the FOES members past and present with whom I have enjoyed so much friendship and fun over the years. Easingwold School is a truly great school at the heart of this community and I wish you all continued success in supporting its staff and pupils.

Susan Deery

## Treasurers report 18/10/2017

### Year end June 2017

To confirm, the signatories for the Bi-Centenary account are: Emma Robins, Susan Deery and Lorna Wood

and for the current account are: Susan Deery, Lorna Wood and Fiona Skelton

#### **These must now be changed**

Accounts dated June 2016 – June 2017 are attached.

Income for the current account was £3057.71 (see below) and outgoings (listed on the accounts) were £4156.14. An overspend of £1098.43

We have made money through the following:

1. Summer concert £259.05
2. Autumn dance £872.16
3. Silent auction £46
4. Community concert £97.95
5. Christmas concert £80.80
6. Beauty and the Beast raffle £187
7. Easter concert £77.85
8. Paypal (dance tickets) £517.01
9. Sundry £569 2/11/16
10. Easy fundraising £350.89

The bicentenary bank account had dividends of £4872.73, and we spent £3918 on items for the school.

#### **Brewin Dolphin**

Brewin Dolphin looks after a large sum of money for us and pays any dividend shares into our Barclays account. The two trustees for the fund are Lorna Wood and Phil Benaiges.

#### **This must now also be changed.**

The valuation of our portfolio up to June 2017 is £158,681.

#### **The Bi-centenary Barclays Account:**

Balance as at 30/6/2017 is £8251.17 with no outstanding cheques to debit the account.

#### **General Current Account at Barclays**

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To: The Friends of Easingwold School

Dear Friends

I am so pleased that the Friends are able to continue offering their invaluable support to our school and its wonderful Library, thus ensuring the extremely high standards of our resources and services.

In recent years, the FOES have very kindly continued to support the Library in providing our KS3 students with the opportunity to meet and listen to a visiting author.

Tom Palmer's visit last year was superbly successful. He very quickly engaged our younger boys with a great interactive football-based presentation – although I feel confident in saying that he kept the whole of the hall entertained as he explained about his books, his inspiration and his journey. Particularly inspiring was how, from being a reluctant reader at school, he became a highly successful children's author.

This year we would very much like to continue in the tradition of providing a great experience for all of our younger readers, and are excited at the prospect of Jonathan Meres visiting our school.

Jonathan is the author of over 20 books for children and is best known for his award-winning, best-selling series "The World of Norm" (which our students love – especially those who are also familiar with the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series by American author, Jeff Kinney). Jonathan also writes for TV and Radio.

We are in the very early planning stages, and have yet to find an appropriate slot for him that will suit his very busy schedule, but we do like to be prepared! Jonathan Meres charges £475 for a full days visit to a school. He will be travelling from Edinburgh, so he will also have train and bus fares, and hotel accommodation etc. to take into consideration.

I would be most grateful if the FOES could regard this as an application for funding for this great experience, and would ask you to consider a donation of £700 to cover the costs for the day.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Sue Benn  
Librarian