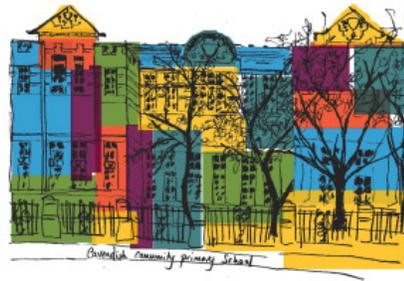




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## Minutes for Cavendish PTA meeting 29.04.2015

**Present:** Dawn Lappin (DL - Chair), Jen Barnes (Secretary), Cath Aalnuamaani, Janet Marland, Nicola Sherlock, Rob King, Simon Manning (SM - Treasurer), Louise Gelder, Jess Fraser Hanley, Julia Henderson

**Apologies:** Catherine McKinnon, Bridget Moss, Caroline McGilliard, Helen Burton,

### Treasurer's Report

Ice-rink – very successful, PTA only subsidised by < £400, much lower than expected.

Valentines disco was very successful, making a total of just over £700. No real outlay beyond DJ as used up a lot of stock that had already been bought.

Nursery and Reception spent less than anticipated on the all weather gear purchase. PTA had already transferred a £2400 advance to the school, but the total cost was around £1300 so PTA due back £1100. **Action: DL to check with Ann Pimblett in the school office**

Need to file the PTA accounts with the charity commission ASAP, need the Trustee Annual Report (TAR) approving by Janet Marland. SM has found an accountant (Andrea Csanyi) who is then willing to audit the accounts free of charge. Still outstanding. **Action: JM**

Balance is £3600 currently (Valentine's day money is still to be cashed so that sum is on top of this, as is the refund for the advance on the wet weather gear).

### Events

#### Didsbury Festival 2015

Saturday 13th June. Cheque to Didsbury Festival Association to pay for 2 x pitches, 1st May deadline.

**Action: DL/SM**

Schools can choose their own theme for the parade – PTA are running a competition for children to submit ideas, £20 book voucher as a prize, letters to go out in book bags shortly.

Email has been sent out to request volunteers for the stalls.

Previously hired a diesel generator from HSS. Should have enough power for e.g. tea/coffee.

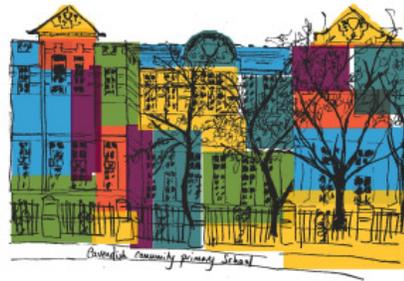
Suggestion of henna tattoos, if a volunteer can be found, a mum helped with this at the 2014 sausage sizzle. Dawn and Janet to investigate. **Action: DL/JM**

Also glitter tattoos and face painting.

Rob King has spoken to new samba band organiser and he is willing to be involved. Some of the girls have made up dance routines for the parade – Bridget happy to come into school for 5 weeks



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preceding the festival to provide dance choreography (see teacher requests for funds). Need to check how many children Bridget could have, also hall availability. **Action: RK/JM**

Ask Rob King about the school banner. **Action: DL/RK**

## **Comic Relief**

Was held on Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>. Attractions were splat the teacher, funny face painting, decorate the biscuit, float drinks, tuck, staff bake-off. Made £450 for charity.

## **Sausage Sizzle**

Proposed date is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, confirmed. Need a committee to organise this – Dawn, Nicola and Cath volunteered, also Nicola Tatton happy to be involved.

Rob King already investigating show-casing different sports clubs at Cavendish, ongoing.

Dawn flagged that early access to the field needed if possible – 2014 was 1pm and setting up was a real challenge in only 2 hours. Janet happy for access in the morning, with the field being off-limits to children that day.

## **Nepal Appeal**

School non-uniform day on Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>. Dawn has also had a few parents asking if they could do anything for the appeal. Sarah Lynch Barret suggested cake bundles to be sold. Dawn wondered if local curry house could get involved with a pop-up curry stall, has approached Namaste but not heard back. Great Kathmandu have also asked for bedding, Janet to ask them if they would like to offer e.g. samosas after school. **Action DL/JM.**

## **Uniform Jumble**

Parent has suggested a lost property jumble sale to raise funds for the school, could also see if parents want to donate old (good condition) uniforms.

Would firstly need an amnesty period to allow parents to check lost property, and would need to remove named items of clothing – could put the named ones out in the playground.

Potentially sell the un-named items sorted by age at the Sausage Sizzle.

## **Railing Rally**

Historical England visited school last week, may be considering listing the main Cavendish building as Grade 2 listed. Railings would probably need to be restored professionally. Listing may give access to grants for repair and maintenance.



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Suggestion parked for the time being.

## Quiz night

Proposal to hold another quiz night. Michelle is willing to organise and run this as previously, need to confirm date. Thursday the best night but difficult as no hall space at Cavendish. Possibility of another venue suggested (Albert Club, Christchurch hall).

Was suggested that Namaste might be interested in assisting with food, with PTA contributing to costs. Talk to Namaste after have a date. Ticket prize could include food.

Need to think about some good prizes.

Agreed to postpone this event until the autumn.

## Teachers Requests for Funds

### a) Request from Rob King – Learn to ride a bike club

Start with older children to begin and see how it goes, roll out to younger children if successful.

Andrew to service 10x bikes (+parts) @ approx. £25 per bike = £250

Lessons until the end of the year x9 @ £20 per lesson = £180

Total cost of bike club = £430

**All agreed and £430 approved**

### b) Request from Rob King – Bridget

Bridget happy to come into school for 5 weeks preceding the Didsbury festival to provide dance choreography for £30 per week, £150 in total.

**All agreed and £150 approved**

### c) Request from Jess Fraser-Hanley

Happy chick company – provide eggs to hatch in school which links in with a Y4 topic, but also interesting for the rest of the school. The company collect and rehome the chicks after 10 days, or they can be homed by the children/school.

Get 10 chicks and an incubator and brooding box.



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Cost is £250 for 10 chicks, or there's a £44 add-on that could possibly extend to this being available in 2 classrooms.

**All agreed and up to £300 approved**

**d) Year 6 Big Sing**

Janet Marland requested £294 to cover materials and transport.

**All agreed and up to £294 approved**

**e) Request from David Griffiths – Big Day Out from Y1-6 go out on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of new term in Sept.**

Plan for each year group to go to a different venue, e.g. Tatton Park, Dunham Massey etc. Idea is that coaches bring children to Cheshire show ground £500 to hire part of showground for the day where could have a picnic lunch and games, maybe also children's entertainers. Shared experience for the school.

So far only definite costing is £500 for the hire of the showground, David Griffiths may confirm more costs at the next meeting.

All agreed happy to contribute to this.

**All agreed and £500 approved in principle, with firm prices to be discussed and formally approved in the next meeting.**

**f) Hoodies**

Janet asked about Y6 hoodies with all children's names on them, would PTA be happy to organise this via Clare McLaren? No cost to PTA, just admin support. **Action: DL to speak to CMc**

**g) Gazebos**

Dawn raised the fact that existing gazebos are in a poor condition and not really suitable for supporting school events, 80% are probably irretrievable with the large pop-up gazebo already thrown away.

Prices found for new pop-up gazebos would be ~£199 for a 3m x 3m gazebo from Gala Tents. Can add on to these and join them together. Definitely need at least one for the Didsbury Festival. For £25 can also get them branded.

**All agreed and £425 approved**

**Cavendish PTA have agreed to donate a total of £1,599 (£2,099 including the Big Day Out) to the school to fund the above projects.**



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## **AOB**

No update regarding the school build project. Focus has recently been on the new temporary installations. New kitchen and canteen recently tripped the electricity, set off the fire alarms and the gas also cut off. Hoping that demolitions will start in the summer, but still awaiting confirmation of planning permission which is a 16 week process.

Janet asked if PTA representative could attend the Nursery and Reception evenings on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June and Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> June, both at 6pm to introduce the PTA and maybe get some names.

**Next Meeting – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7pm.**