



# Dorin Park PTA Meeting

## Thursday 14 May 2026

### Minutes

#### **Time and Location**

7.30pm – The Wheatsheaf Inn in Chester

#### **Present**

Lesley Body, Amanda Hartley, Bridget Aldridge, Karen Nash, Gillian Driscoll, Nicole Luijnenburg, Lisa Robertshaw, Naomi Cowley, Helen Muggleton.

#### **Apologies**

Sarah Adam, Jane Rowlinson, Sharon Marsh, Jay Hartley, Claire McKelvey, Becky Hanna, Maxine Nevitt, Yvonne Winstanley.

#### **Items to be minuted**

Jennifer Ellams has left the PTA. Everyone else is still very happy with how the PTA is run.

The lottery licence has been renewed.

Owen is not working for Dorin Park anymore. Rich will put our PTA minutes on school's website for the next few months. Nicole has updated our PTA contact's list.

**Action – Lesley / Amanda to check if Sharon Marsh would like to stay in the PTA**

#### **Actions from previous meeting**

**Action – Karen will ask at her work to laminate the notice board for around the side of school where parents drop off and pick up.**

**Action – for everyone to keep using Easyfundraising while shopping online – ongoing.**

#### **Treasurer Report**

See attachment.

## **Fundraising Ideas**

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

- School lottery
- Easyfundraising
- Roberts recycling / Clothes 4 Sammy, **action – for Lesley to notify Maxine about the next collection date**
- Our quarterly raffles

**Action – Amanda to send us information about ‘Jack collection for clothes’.**

## **Summer Fair – Thursday 18 June**

\*No bouncy castle – too much red tape

\*Blow up photo frame with props. **Action – for everyone to check if they have any props.**

\*Arts & crafts stall

\*Free games inside and outside (football)

\*Food (pizza, chips, hotdogs), refreshments and cakes.

**Action – Maxine to ask what people with dietary requirements would like to eat, to put on summer fair attendance reply-slip**

\*Nail varnish & temporary tattoo’s

\*Tombola

\*Invite a company with friendly animals / reptiles for the children to look at and stroke. Or ‘The Owl Man’ who lives locally and comes to events with rescued birds of prey and some other friendly animals. **Action – Nicole will check with ‘The Owl Man’.**

\*Ice cream van

\*Mascots from SPACE (Mickey & Minnie). **Action – Nicole to check with SPACE**

\*Disco with Jay

\*Donkeys?

## **AOB**

\*Bren Brews, the Hospice and the Blacon Dementia Group have invited our school choir back. Suggested was to use collection buckets in Bren Brews. Amanda had feedback from some of the parents to offer the children a hot drink next time in Bren Brews. **Action – Maxine will have a chat about this with Nicole (who works in Bren Brews) for next time.**

Gillian suggested Morrisons and Asda café areas.

\*Nicole mentioned if Dorin Park would consider any outdoor activities for our young people through PGL, they offer activity adventure trips, <https://www.pgl.co.uk/>. A lot of special schools seem to use them and they offer a lot of support to arrange and fund it. If there is any interest is this something the PTA could help funding? Even partially funding would be great if this means our young people could access these kind of activities.

**Action – Amanda has sent the info to Sarah Adam.**

\*A staff member in the Wheatsheaf mentioned the Zoo Outreach Programme. Nicole has sent the info to Sarah Adam to have a look at. If school is interested the PTA could potentially partially fund it.

\*Action – Gillian with get in touch with Paint Republic about a charity event.

\*Action – Lesley to do another newsletter. We need to explain about our PTA mentioning that not everyone who joins has to be involved with everything we do, every little extra help is always very much appreciated. We could call it 'Ways to Help'.

\*Action – Becky to post pictures on our facebook group of some of the kids enjoying things we bought from the wish lists.

\*Action – Amanda to check if we can spend PTA money on things for parents

\*Action – Amanda to look at enrichments boxes in the classrooms (a bit like Starlight Boxes, <https://www.starlight.org.uk/how-we-help/health-play-services/starlight-boxes>)

### **Next PTA Meeting**

The date for our next meeting is still to be confirmed

Nicole Luijnenburg

Attached: Finance Report