

DRAFT School Governors Community Meeting - Pott Shrigley School

1600hrs Tuesday 2nd May 2017

Present: Jane Naumkin (JN - Chair) Julie Collingwood (JC) Kath Sinclair (KS) Sally Winstanley (SW – notes) Louise Eyre (LE – PTA & 'Friends of Pott Shrigley' (FoPS) guest)

Apologies: Mark Bertinshaw (MB)

1 Welcome and Any Apologies

JN welcomed members to the first governors' community committee meeting and in particular, LE who was invited as a PTA and FoPS liaison. Apologies from MB were accepted.

2 Declaration of Interests

None declared in respect of the agenda for this meeting

3 Previous minutes

None as this is the inaugural meeting of the Community Committee

4 Committee's Terms of Reference

The Community Committee ToR's as published in February this year, were ratified by members

5 Update on Parents' meeting held Friday 28th April

Three governors met with parents on an informal basis but it was decided that best practice would be to record salient points from the meeting and distribute to parents. There were some good and positive conversations.

It was noted that the FoPS website is now active and linked to the school site. There is a cross over between this Community Committee, the PTA and FoPS – information about each may be accessed via the school website. Parents appreciated the informal meeting to keep them informed of progress.

Parents had questions about Flexi-schooling; information has been uploaded to the website today and will also be available on the FoPS website.

Governors were quizzed about the position of Headteacher from September; we ask Lou Eyre to assure parents informally that negotiations for securing a successor are in the final stages and an announcement will be made as soon as we are able.

6 Grants & Donations, and proposed Working Groups

JN distributed a schedule of grants/donations/fundraising to assist members in their deliberations. It was noted that we are too late to apply for many of the grants which could have been suitable to use for developing the EYFS area.

We need to complete a plan for the EYFS play area which will benefit the whole school. Depending on location, large pieces of play equipment may need to be moveable to allow for the Village Hall car park. An audit of what equipment is required needs to be completed. It is believed now that our Head is pulling together a design and a plan and this committee will help support that plan with grants, donations and design support.

It was noted with gratitude that St. Christopher's Church has offered a one-off payment towards EYFS development. Sally volunteered to find out what amount they were willing to donate so we can add it into our plans. It was also noted that grants may be time specific; for any grant application to be successful, specific costings are required. FoPS should be operational within the next two weeks, although it cannot register as a charity until income reaches £5,000. In the meantime, it will be regarded as a charitable organisation.

There is a possibility of a grant from NFU Mutual, however application must be made by 26th May.

Discussion ensued regarding areas of benefit – grants may be very specific about this. The wider community could benefit from EYFS equipment: Junior Church and Praise & Play children could have access, as well as it being available for children's parties booked through the Village Hall. Possible funding streams include: 'Go Fund Me', 'Easy Fundraising', token systems at the Co-op, Tesco and Waitrose. There are organisations such as REACH which have registers of retired skilled professionals, e.g. accountants, architects, plumbers, fundraisers, etc. who are willing to assist with charitable enterprises.

Installation of EYFS toilets and washroom are top priority.

ACTION: Next PCC meeting (9th May) check details of donation to school – SW

ACTION: Contact Ian Malyan for advice re EYFS costings – SW (*update 3/5/17: Ian Malyan will attach costs when he receives a copy of the list of equipment SW*)

ACTION: Research registered retired professionals for architects, plumbers, etc. to assist with EYFS works – LE

ACTION: Research various funding streams - LE

ACTION: List of equipment required for EYFS – KS

ACTION: Contact other small schools (Winkle) for advice/information re EYFS works & equipment – KS

ACTION: Research amongst parents & local businesses, recyclable products (e.g. worn tyres, plastic tubing off-cuts etc.) – LE to request PTA

ACTION: The Head will pull together a schedule of works (not present but is in process).

ACTION: To pull together someone from the PTA and someone from Friends to work with a sub section of the community committee to be joined up on grants. JN

ACTION: Agree to have another meet mid term. Date to be agreed JN

7 Informal Get Together with Board

For discussion with Full Governing Body.

8 Parent Governor Vacancy Progress

Parent, Karen Wolfenden has been approached and is considering a position on the Governing Body.

9 AOB

None

10 Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged.