

EYAM PTFA AGM 2024 at Bloom

Wednesday 20th March 2024, 7.30pm

In attendance: Helen Everatt, Jess Eades, Ruth Nutall, Mrs Gilbertson, Alby Atkinson, Katie Taylor, Kate Hadfield, Emma Hill, Nat Cross, Nicky Pledger, Alan Nichols, Emma Belivanis, Hannah Morgan, Dani Nichols, Amy Clay.

Apologies- Jules, Aaron P, Eleanor, Jayne P, Claire Harley, Sara

(ER offered to organise Zooming the meeting on the school WhatsApp, but there were no takers)

Minutes of the last AGM

Approved by Emma B Seconded by Emma H

Intro by Helen: Run through of the successful fundraising year and all the efforts of the PTFA group to support the school.

Matters arising from AGM 2022

- Sharepoint site KH has been set up so we are now able to have all PTFA information and documents in one place and have an email address, thank you! Handing over documents will be much easier, HE has already uploaded all chair files for new chair to access. We can also have our own PTFA email address. This will be very useful to keep audit trails. This is also useful for access to banking and bank details etc.
- **Cyber Security training needed for new positions filled by both chair and treasurer. This is a 2 hour online course. (Mrs G to sort with new chair and treasurer)**

Sub-committee feedback

Rainbow fund: In place and working very well. Access information to this is now on all trip letters. This is now set up and running and will continue to do so, via the office.

Eco information update: Info from Kate H: Lots of things have been taking place this year and will continue to do so. There is a school recycling of uniform scheme run by Eleanor which continues to be very successful. Bags2school has been successful again this year and will continue. Saturday 9th March was a working gardening group made up of parents, children and Mrs Gilbertson to begin to make the school grounds looking lovely for the students as we head into spring. This will be a continuous task that will be organised every few weeks. Peter Scilly has been working every 2 weeks in the school doing the gardening group with the children's Eco team and this has been an amazing start. **Kate to look at costs for wormery and other initiatives that may be available to school – such as the RHS garden group funds.**

Solar Panel update: Mrs G: £4000 has been raised for the solar panels for the school by Hope Valley Climate change group – they have also applied for another grant. The total cost is £14,000. Grants have been applied for by Mrs Gilbertson (Garfield Trust and Aviva).

September will be the deciding month for getting the funding from these grants. £7000 has been earmarked for this by the PTFA so needs to be kept in the account.

Mental Health group: After initial audits from Hannah M and Sara it was realised that the mental health activities that already take place in the school which are a daily ongoing process, are working well. The PTFA are now helping support extracurricular activities to enhance this support the students get in school. Mrs Gilbertson is also working with Changing Lives to run sessions for older children in school and parents – keep an eye on the newsletter.

- Dave Cottrell has set up the balls skills group which numerous students have taken part in and thoroughly enjoy. There are spaces available.
- Netball club is to start for anyone in Year 4 and above after Easter. This is to be run by Hannah M and Emma B. This is to develop confidence in the students as well as linking to the smooth transition to secondary school at both Lady Manners and Hope Valley, ball games are a large part of these schools. (poster once day confirmed)
- Nicky is running a climbing course for our students after the Easter break which will enhance so many skills of our students from confidence, trust and a sense of achievement. (poster once details are confirmed)

Chair's report – Helen

See attached.

Treasurer's report – Alby

See attached.

- **Appointment of the independent auditor - Alby**
Your committee members should decide before the meeting who will examine the association's accounts for the next year. **Not completed**

Election of committee members - voting made by committee members at the meeting.

Election of chair: Emma Belivanis has nominated herself, this is seconded by Jess Eades and agreed by committee at the meeting. Emma Belivanis is now elected chair for 2024/25

Co-Chair - Jess Eades and Dani Nicholls nominated, seconded by committee and agreed. Jess and Dani are now elected co-chair for 2024/25

Secretary - Kate Hadfield and Hannah Morgan nominated, seconded by committee, and agreed. They are now elected secretary for 2024/25

The Role of Treasurer was not agreed at the meeting.

- Post Meeting (in the PTFA Committee WhatsApp group) - Dani Nicholls was nominated by Emma Belivanis, seconded by Jess Eades, and agreed. Dani is now elected treasurer for 2024/25.

- Therefore, Dani is unable to Co-chair as well. Katie Taylor was nominated (in the PTFA Whatsapp Group) by Emma B, and seconded by Jess Eades and Hannah Morgan.
- New trustees will be required to complete the Trustee Eligibility Declaration form, or CCNI declaration form, to make their details available to upload to the relevant Charity Commission's website.

The following roles for 2024 are:

- Chair - Emma Belivanis
- Co-Chair - Jess Eades and Katie Taylor
- Secretary – Kate H and Hannah M
- Treasurer - Dani Nicholls (Alby would support the new treasurer up until the end of Bonfire to help, support and advise). Need to change bank details and charity commission needs to be done so access isn't lost.
- Other Officer(s)
- Ordinary Committee members

Head Teachers Report

Mrs Gilbertson thanked Helen, Alby and the Committee for their amazing contributions to the PTFA this last year, especially Helen for her careful leadership, enthusiasm and for encouraging lots of new people to help.

Solar panels: Can Year 6 go to businesses to find funding for solar panels. They will run a presentation for these businesses. **Does anyone in the PTFA/school know of any businesses that they could go to? Helen - letter to Annette Binden to have an advert in the Parish magazine. (Action Mrs G).**

Lots of "thank yous" from the school children presented to the PTFA for donations. Thanking the work that the PTFA has done raising funds. Thanks to Ruth and the Miners for sponsoring the sports shirts. These have been great for the children to wear on sporting events making them feel part of a team.

Clamber stack - still on ongoing process. Designed for reception to year 1. In the green zone: £3000. Mrs G has applied to the Chatsworth Duke of Devonshire community fund, awaiting a response. Also a donation from the Half marathon has been ear marked.

British Sign Language courses: Nat has thanked everyone for their support which has been overwhelming. Realising there is a deprived lack of support in this area. Lots of families affected by this through children up to much older people with hearing difficulties. Nat has made connections with the teacher of the deaf that comes into school. This is the only deaf teacher in Sheffield coming to teach and therefore this is a fantastic achievement by Nat to be able to book this teacher to come to Eyam School.

So far the offer is two 8 week courses teaching KS2 for 45 minutes every Friday, plus two afterschool sessions (see the poster)

This is a great way for the children of Eyam school and the wider community to understand the culture and the deaf community. A thank you has been sent to the parish magazine. Funding has been brilliant from the Eyre arms and cafe at Calver, Eyam half marathon has supported as well as various local businesses.

There is a local community pot of money owned by every elected member of the council so this has been given to support this. Also waiting on a Birkdale trust grant but this may take some time. Both sessions are nearly fully booked. Secured £4750, nearly covered the full 16 week course without the payments of those on the second course. This means there will be some money left over to put towards the next course/guest speaker/school workshop in the Autumn and to be able to pay the speaking teacher who has very generously agreed to initially give her time for free.

PTFA have been very excited to support this course and to develop a future for this. A huge thank you to Nat for all her efforts getting this organised and funded! What an honour this is for Eyam primary school to become a hub for such training.

How do we support this going forward? Bringing in guest speakers as teachers is an idea but these are few and in high demand.

Pub signing to learn more - ideas to develop. Invited children from other areas to attend, putting the school on the map.

Nicky P - a deaf mountaineer has been asked to run a climbing course for Nicky's charity, perhaps could make a link with the school.

Links with Hearing Ambassadors through Gill Campbell and her husband who run the charity and could come into school to run a workshop 24-25
<https://www.hearingambassadors.org/sound-warriors/>

Bonfire - Julia: another huge success with £16,500 being raised for the school.

Class Reps- restarting this? To feedback information from the meetings / get volunteers / collect raffle prizes etc. Maybe asking parents who are not at the PTFA meetings at the moment to encourage wider participation.

Activities Update

- **Ball skills- Eleanor** "13 now going, y1-6. Looks like they are all enjoying it and he is making a big effort to include everyone." This has had a further impact as course leader is very impressed with Eyam's sports facilities and has made another booking to use the MUGA,.
- **Climbing – (see poster imminent)** - Nicky bridging the gap between primary school and secondary school. Nicky has run her own climbing charity for numerous years and also has a mental health background. Idea of transitions climbing club - grow in

whatever direction, size of group, number of sessions needed. To start: 6 week programme starting after Easter at Hope Valley college for 4 sessions then 2 outside sessions. Teach them being safe, trusted, and building relationships. For anybody to attend, they don't have to climb, year group 5,6,7 and 8 on Wednesday's after school. Accepting 8 students from Eyam school and 4 from Hope Valley College.

- **Family Signing** – see above
- Netball - Starting on Wednesday (date may change due to climbing) after Easter, 3.15 till 4.00pm. For girls and boys from year 4 upwards.

Upcoming Events

- **Easter Eggstravaganza** – Clare Harley organising displaying decorated eggs in Church on Monday 25th March, judged by Mike the vicar. Eggs must go straight to church and collected by 6.00pm by end of Wednesday 27th. Emma B and Kate H to help Monday morning.
- **Easter Activities in school** – Helen organising 4 groups of activities with parent volunteers. All sorted.
- **Spring Fete with ESA**
 - o Car show
 - o **Preloved clothing stall** – Martha Cocker to help, precursor to bags to school , money raised to go to mental health in school.
- **Bags2School** – Friday 7th June has been booked by Pam - **to be advertised**
- **Calendar Fundraiser** – KH & JE - calendar photo competition - anyone who lives in Eyam to enter a photograph to be nominated for the calendar. Closing date July 5th. Raising money for the school.
- Village show at Easter - **to be organised? Not clear what is needed.**
- **Christmas cards** - **To be discussed next time.**

AOB - Rachel Wright has sent OS maps, needs photograph of Eyam children in a Den for the free the bears? Choose a night over the Easter holiday inside or out to raise awareness of endangered bears, can make donations.

Bear den photograph - Poppie and Eva to be photographed.

Mrs G: Email to be sent regarding Tax Free Child care. School is now registered so this can be used to pay for breakfast and after school club.

Kick start: Jess to ask Adam what he needs eg crisps, crafting bits - £100 to be donated by PTFA for this. (this was previously discussed)

Jayne P: Thanks for Curryoke - Chefs: Jess, Kate, Julia, Helpers: Hannah and Helen, Food donation: Ruth and Ian, Disco and karaoke: Mark and Simon, Raffle: Ruth and Nat (and all that came and enjoyed it). PTFA would like to thank Jayne for organising such a wonderful event that raised £884.46!

Photographs needed to advertise it for next time, Kate has a few.
Summer time fundraising ideas: to be thought about
Leavers disco
Summer event

Date for next meeting: Thursday 25th April 2024

Close of business