

## POOL PRE-SCHOOL AGM MEETING

TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021

Present: Carol Lister ( Chairperson ), Vikky Campbell ( Manager ), Tracy Thompson ( Deputy ), Sue Grange ( Financial Administrator ), Susannah Calder, Faye Myers, Helen Russell, Penny Gwilt, Rachel Duncan, Laura Milner, Megan Booth, Collette Thomas, Gemma Owen, Jane Doyle, Roz Fox-Bentley, Michelle Adams, Fran Sowerby, Lewis Sowerby.

Apologies: Anna Drabble, Natalie Allen, Taylor Campbell, Nicky Scales.

1. The minutes of the last AGM were accepted.
2. Chair Persons Report - Attached.
3. Manager's Report - Attached.
4. Treasurers Report - Attached.
5. Appointment of new committee.

Helen Russell, Susannah Calder and Natalie Allen all agreed to stay on the committee. Nicky Scales and Taylor Campbell stood down from the committee. New Members are: Collette Thomas, Fran Sowerby, Michelle Adams, Roz Fox-Bentley, Gemma Owen.

Election of officers:

Chairperson: Carol Lister proposed by Faye Myers and seconded by Susannah Calder.

Treasurer: Helen Russell proposed by Carol Lister and seconded by Faye Myers.

Secretary: Anna Drabble proposed by Carol Lister and seconded by Sue Grange.

A.O.B: Michelle Adams asked about fundraising, Vikky replied that we have wreath making classes booked for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> + Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Arthington Village Hall and that more details would be sent out nearer the time.

D.O.N.M: to be arranged after half term.

Carol thanked everyone for attending .

## **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT AGM 19th OCTOBER 2021**

**Welcome to our AGM.**

**Pre – School has slowly got back to some sort of normality over the year thanks to our dedicated staff. They have taken lateral flow tests at least twice a week to ensure the safety of the children, they have promoted hygiene and cleanliness throughout the whole setting with an excellent regime in place.**

**The staff did a great build up to Christmas for the children, despite there being no visit from Santa.**

**Our manager Vikky has handled the day to day running of Pre School and the staff with great professionalism and care, we are so lucky to have her. Thank you Vikky.**

**Our deputy manager Tracy has been a great support and sounding board for Vikky and the staff. Thank you Tracy.**

**Thank you to our assistants Rachel, Penny and Laura who along with Vikky and Tracy work so hard to make sure the children are in a caring, safe and happy environment.**

**My thanks also go to Sue our Financial Administrator who has the difficult job of balancing the books etc and to Nicky our Treasurer who has supported Sue in this role.**

**My thanks go to the Committee for all their help and support this year especially Anna who has recorded all the minutes from meetings etc. Sadly we said goodbye to Barbara Nicholson who had been on the committee for several years the latter of which was as treasurer, we send her our thanks and best wishes**

**We have been unable to do our usual fundraising this last year but we are looking forward to starting them up again this school year, which brings me on to a date for your diaries Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December we will be doing Wreath Making at Arthington Village Hall, more information will be sent out nearer the dates.**

**My final thanks go to you all for attending tonight's meeting.**

**If any of you would like to join the committee please speak up.**

**Thank You.**

**Carol Lister**

## **Pool Pre-school Group Managers report for 2021**

Thank you so much for taking the time to attend our Pre-School AGM, it seems like a lifetime ago that we could have a face-to-face meeting, myself and the staff really are grateful for all the support from our current committee and parents over the last year as we look towards a brighter future.

Its very difficult to sum up the last 12 months in a year which has included lock-downs, both locally and nationally, family meetings were cancelled with no birthday parties or anniversary celebrations with friends, weddings were allowed with restricted numbers or postponed. This included our very own "Miss Marshall" who we welcomed back in September after a very long wait as Mrs Laura Milner, I'm sure you'll all join me in congratulating Laura and offering our best wishes for the future and a long and happy marriage.

Although we experienced disappointment we adapted, missed opportunities became new possibilities, we couldn't showcase our setting to new or perspective parents whilst children were attending....so we offered evening or weekend visits, we were told not to have soft toys, playdough or dressing up clothes for the children to play with.... These valuable resources we felt we could manage to provide safely, so staff just took them home to wash or made fresh playdough. Our biggest disappointment was that we couldn't visit Wharfedale Court retirement flats to perform our annual Christmas sing-a-long and story, a disappointment felt by children, staff and the residents. We wanted the residents to know we were thinking of them so the children made 25 Christmas cards and glittery decorations one for each person residing at Wharfedale Court the gifts were reciprocated with cards and chocolate lolly pops in return.

Yet through all this your brilliantly resilient children continued to thrive and know nothing about the nasty bug at the door, they were allowed to play together and the only bubbles they knew of were blown from a wand and went pop if you touched them, they sang songs and played games and if they fell and hurt their knees they were patched up and cuddled until the Ouchy or boo-boo stopped hurting.

The coming year will see lots of new changes for the staff and setting to embrace, the most important is the new development matters curriculum guidance which has replaced the old EYFS, whilst this is considered a transitional year staff are all working extremely hard behind the scenes to keep up to date with the changes to practice and improve their understanding of how to implement this whilst maintaining our high standards of care and education.

We now look towards our hopes and wishes for the next year, we all have high aspirations for the future of the setting which is reflected in the Self-evaluation. This is a working document that we review and update regularly striving for the best possible outcomes for your children and the staff working with them. We offer great opportunities for staff to develop their skills with access to CPD and online training, the benefits of which are helping us to confidently support children with psychological first aid, provide a healthy food environment and improve the outcomes for all children in our setting.

Now to give thanks, a big thank you to our team of volunteer parents who make up our Pre-School Committee- some of whom no longer have children attending the setting, they give up their time to help make some of the difficult decisions about the running of the setting always putting Pre-School at the heart of everything they do- Thank You.

Thanks to our Parents- previous and current, the support and love, particularly this year has absolutely blown us away we all feel very appreciated- Thank You.

Thanks to our Chairperson Carol, who's wisdom and guidance has given the setting consistency for more years than she would probably like to own up to. Carol has supported and championed myself and the staff to make our Pre-School a fantastic place to work- Thank You.

Finally, I must praise and give thanks to the dedicated team of staff who have a combined service history of over 80 years, i believe that this gives me the pleasure of calling them all friends as well as colleagues.

Between us we work together to make our beloved Pre-school drive forwards no matter what the world or a pandemic throw at us!

Thank You!

Vikky Campbell

**POOL PRE-SCHOOL GROUP (Charity No. 1027238)**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	Note	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Fees		21,162	22,658
Interest Received		6	110
Milk Refunds		492	349
Donations		100	-
Grants		89,469	75,416
Fund Raising	1	254	843
Sweatshirts & T-shirts		-	9
HMRC Grants		4,276	1,065
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Total Incoming Resources		115,759	100,450
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<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Staff Wages & Pensions		78,245	85,168
Rent		29,591	12,000
Milk		415	355
Insurance		767	847
Equipment, Materials, Refreshments & Entertainment		909	1,415
Administration Expenses		2,104	912
Gifts, Gratuities & Donations etc		98	113
Publications & Subscriptions		251	251
Sweatshirts & T-shirts	2	-	6
Training & Courses		141	139
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Total Resources Expended		112,521	101,206
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<b>Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources and Net Movement in Funds</b>		3,238	(756)
Balance Brought Forward at 1 September 2020		80,717	81,473
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<b>Balance Carried Forward at 31 August 2021</b>		83,955	80,717
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