



The Merseyside Children's Holiday Fund
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MCHF Trustees meeting: 18 th March 2025

Attendees: Ray Jones, Liz Wynne, Keely Cummins, Tim Jones, June Roberts, Becci Wilcox. Apologies: Faye Brennan, Dave Griffiths.

1. Welcome

Ray welcomed all trustees to first trustee's meeting. All staff are aware Kingswood went into administration January 2025. PGL have offered. MCHF have a place at Shrewsbury centre which we have accepted. Liverpool City Council have closed the Colomendy site for the time being.

2. Treasurer's report and Accounts.

Accounts distributed and agreed by trustees on 13.02.2025 Brought forward: £10537.38; Income: £30161.04; Expenses: £20333.19; Carried forward: £20365.23. Accounts currently being checked. In good financial position but may need reserves later on depending on what happens with PGL. Kensington have not yet cashed cheque, but have paid deposit to PGL.

3. PGL visit

Currently there are a lot of unknowns which will hopefully become clearer following visit on 12th April. Keely has worked out timings from new location to our usual venues. Plan of the week has been distributed to trustees but not finalised. We may only have Park View staff who can drive the bus which may impact trips: Keely, Rachel and Amy can drive – may mean swapping staff for days out. Ray has looked into insurance for another van – unable to secure this. Minibus hire £1350 – too expensive. No visit to Mold but could go to Shrewsbury market – daily market in a market hall. Visit on the 12th, will enable team to find out what is available/appropriate in local area near to PGL. Maybe more on-site options at PGL. Keely has found a park 9 min away from PGL and a second, bigger park (free) with play area, park, castle, splash pool – 34 min away. Liz suggested planning of tournaments/games for day to park. All weather dependent. Wrexham cinema still on the plan, as is Plas Madoc and Llandudno. Concerns over Greenwood Forest Park as nearly 2hr away (2.0hr from Colomendy). Possibly still plan to go as good venue (top 10 in Wales) - dependent on PGL providing tea later or us providing our own meal. Cannot make decisions until spoken to PGL staff on 12th April.

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4. Staffing levels and children.

Limited to 17 staff and 60 children (77 max), Currently there is no room for Layla. Children: 10 infant boys and 10 infant girls, 20 junior boys and 20 junior girls. PGL appear to be strict on these numbers, to be discussed at visit on 12th April with Centre Manager. If children swapping age ranges in the day, swap back for sleeping. We must be strict on 60 invitations only – previously invited more in case children drop out last minute, this will not be possible as no wiggle room if all attend.

Staffing:

Infants: Keely, Amy, Rachel, June, Liz, Becca (6)

JG: June, Janet, Faye, Niamh, Imogen (5)

JB: Ray, Michael/Tim, John, Jimmy, Dave, Pete (6)

5. Schools

New school, Mab lane – in close proximity to Park View, Deputy Head agreed parents can meet at McDonalds. Not using St Columbus as no connection now Janet is no longer there. Timings of first day moved slightly to account for longer journey to PGL. Now meeting 9.15, coach 9.30. 9.40 at Kensington, coach 9.50. John to get cases on minibus, then children on coach.

6. Future storage of equipment.

Park View have agreed they can store boxes – need to have a purge this year to reduce amount of boxes before storage, now all resources to be kept together. If resources not used, to be thrown away/recycled - e.g., blue rucksacks that have been donated not to be used this year, older bags to be used, then donated to children if past their best for the purposes of future use on the holiday. Blue rucksacks to be used in following years.

7. Duty rotas

Set up at PGL unknown until visit on 12th April. JB and JG staff do not use rotas, all staff support and take time away as needed. Liz stressed importance of all staff having adequate time away and night off as required. To share staff to enable this.

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8. Future venues

Liz – YMCA venues – sole use for the group and good food. Team also viewing Shrewsbury Private School on 12th April as alternative venue. Ray spoke to PGL, we are unique and not the usual type of group they cater for. They will look at 2026 to potentially match price of Kingswood. 2027 is our 60th anniversary year – Ray believes they would want to help us particularly in this year. 62K cost for accommodation is for groups that use all activities each day, cost would be considerably less as we are off-site for much of the holiday.

9. Any other business

Keely requested letter head to enable her to use this for letters to parents. Print shop designed logo/letter head, Ray to enquire if they will share this with us.

Becca – has secured £500 donation from a solicitors in Manchester. They have specified that the money be used for a particular cost – suggestion this pays for coach to Llandudno (circa £400), if any excess can be used for boat trip (circa £100). Ray to request separate receipt for this trip from coach company.

KAVS – Award confirmed on King's birthday in November 2024, award ceremony on 15th February 2025. Excellent celebration and enjoyed by all.

Date for trip to Palace tbc – should hear by end of March.

10. Date of next meeting

Meet after the visit to PGL – booked for 29th April 2025 - 7.30pm using What's app.

Liz Wynne

Secretary

19.3.2025.

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Accounts

Year Ended 31st December 2024

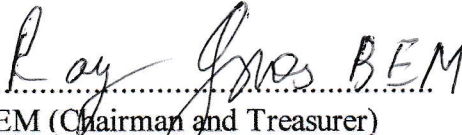
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Year Ended 31st December 2024
Income and Expenditure Account

	2024		2023	
Income:	£	£	£	£
Manny Anderson	0.00		50.00	
Rotary	3,000.00		3,000.00	
West Derby Waste Land	0.00		5,650.00	
Park View	1,000.00		1,000.00	
St Columba	0.00		1,000.00	
Shoestring	600.00		0.00	
Dawn Horn	100.00		100.00	
Lions	150.00		150.00	
HMRC Tax Refund	185.04		462.16	
Allan Jones	100.00		55.78	
Speedo Mick Foundation	12,000.00		0.00	
Tim Jones Gift Aid	0.00		393.50	
Tim Jones GAYE	2,400.00		1,400.00	
Tom Morris	10,000.00		5,000.00	
NW Radios	0.00		500.00	
The Entertainer Toy Shop	0.00		1,000.00	
Madge Newton	20.00			
Gift Aid Payments	456.00		456.00	
Ann (Choir)	0.00		50.00	
Liz Wynne	150.00		180.00	
		30,161.04		20,447.44
Expenditure:				
Personal Insurance	478.05		414.02	
Storage Boxes	0.00		33.00	
KAVS	1,158.97		0.00	
Coaches	2,750.00		2,500.00	
Pocket Money	9.00		43.00	
Food, Drink, Sweets, Ice Cream	1,972.03		2,086.17	
Petrol, Diesel, Tunnel Fees	680.36		817.23	
Park Hall Farm	197.10		197.10	
Stamps, Stationery etc	307.81		122.70	
Clothes	20.00		23.50	
First Aid	79.58		150.12	
Presents, Gifts & Prizes	109.95		98.49	
Accomodation	10,315.00		8,400.00	
Meg's Bench	15.88		0.00	
Plas Madoc	350.00		350.00	
Ten Pin Bowling	147.00		156.00	
Greenwood Centre	960.00		640.00	
Llandudno Boats	150.00		100.00	
Bouncy Castle	200.00		200.00	
Cinema	250.00		236.00	
Infinity	144.50		160.00	
Sports Equipment	37.96		150.00	
		-20,333.19		-16,877.33
Excess of Income over Expenditure		9,827.85		3,570.11
Opening Bank	10,387.38			
Opening Cash	150.00			
		10,537.38		6,967.27
Closing Bank (after o/s cheque)	20,093.27		10,387.38	
Closing Cash	271.96		150.00	
		£20,365.23		£10,537.38

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Year Ended 31st December 2024

Fund Certificate

We approve the attached accounts and confirm that, to our knowledge and belief, they accurately represent a complete record of all transactions made during the year ended 31st December 2024 and the state of affairs as at that date.


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Ray Jones BEM (Chairman and Treasurer)
On behalf of the Merseyside Children's Holiday Fund

Date27/03/2025.....

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
The Merseyside Children's Holiday Fund.

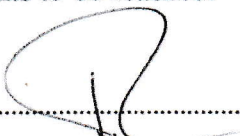
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of MCHF for the year ended 31 December 2024.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement:

I have completed my examination and confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.
3. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed


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Date: 27/03/2025.....