



# Minutes of the Atwood Parents Association

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**Title:** Monthly meeting minutes

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008

**Location:** Atwood school

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## **Present**

Tricia Garrard (Chair), Vernon Rapley (Treasurer), Sarah Middlemiss (Minutes), Steve Middlemiss, Lyn Drayson, Sandra O'Sullivan, Catherine Sell, Callum McLean, Mandy McLean, Claire Burr, Karen Cowell, Sam Larcombe

**In attendance** Mr Clark, Mr Veale

## **Apologies**

Nicki Ford, Diane Mythen, Kim Hay, Amanda Freeman, Vanessa Sultana

## **1 Welcome & Apologies**

Tricia welcomed all new members.

## **2 Summer Fair Review**

- The Summer Fair was a success raising in excess of £4100 – a £700 increase on last year's total. Well done to all involved!
- Thanks go to Karen Brett who donated the Tumbletots equipment for use on the day, and to her daughter, Sophie, who kindly brought along her own pony for use at the fair.
- 66 jars were donated for the jar hoopla which was not quite enough for the stall. As larger numbers of jars are required for future fairs it was decided that requests will go out further in advance next year.
- As a matter of interest the number of people visiting future fairs could be counted. This would require the use of a hand held counter.
- In order to boost bar and refreshment sales, it was suggested to alter the time of the fair to 12 – 3pm, especially as some may feel 11am is too early to visit the bar. It was agreed that it would be useful to provide seating for people to eat and drink which would have been addressed at the fair had time allowed it.
- It became obvious that more helpers were needed on stalls and the bbq. Stalls were closed due to those scheduled to take over did not turn up and the bbq had a long queue with a long wait at times. Mandy McLean suggested that class reps could be given the responsibility of finding helpers to cover a number of stalls each.

## **3 Christmas Fair**

Date yet to be arranged for sometime at the end of November 08.

## **4 Allocation of Funds**

Tricia Garrard felt that the PA needed to be seen to spend money on other items for the school in addition to contributing to larger projects. In order to provide a more visible and immediate use of the money raised, it was agreed that the PA would buy a new computer for each classroom (Reception to Yr 6), 4 new picnic benches and gardening equipment to be used by the pupils in the garden area.

Mr Clark purchased the Yr 6 dictionaries for last years and this years pupils. The PA have yet to pay for these.



## 5 **Buyat.com**

The PA has now registered with buyat.com. Details of this will go out to parents in the next PA newsletter.

## 6 **Bagstoschool.com**

Bagstoschool.com accept mens, womens and childrens clothing to be recycled where needed. The company provide bags that are distributed to pupils to be bought back to school on a specific day. The bags are collected and weighed, and the school is given an amount of money relating to the weight collected. Catherine Sell to make further enquiries. A possible date could be considered for the beginning of next term.

## 7 **Car Boot**

Date previously agreed for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 08 from 9 til 11.30am. A note to parents will need to go out at the beginning of next term and to appear on the next issue of the PA newsletter. The PA could sell refreshments ranging from tea, coffee and cakes, to bacon sandwiches, a bar and bbq. It was also suggested that a bouncy castle or similar would provide entertainment for children.

## 8 **Camping**

It was suggested that there could be a family camping event in the school grounds. Toilet arrangements could prove difficult and costly with the hire of facilities and therefore was felt although a fun idea would not be likely.

## 9 **Yr 5&6 Productions**

Production will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 08 at 7.30pm. The PA will provide drinks for the parents from 6.30pm. Those that volunteered to help out are required from 6.15pm.

Friday – Sandra O’Sullivan, Tricia Garrard  
Monday – Sandra O’Sullivan  
Tuesday – Sandra O’Sullivan, Steve Middlemiss

## 10 **2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform**

To be held Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 08 after school. Any new cardigan/jumper stock and school hair accessories to be sold too. Details to appear on the next PA news letter. Mandy McLean and Lyn Drayson to arrange.

## 11 **Atwood Classified**

After 3 yrs of producing the Atwood Classified, Steve Middlemiss felt it was time to pass over the role to another member of the PA. It was discussed if the Atwood Classified could appear on the Atwood Website. It was felt that this idea could be opposed by the Governors. One solution would be to produce the monthly classified combined with a monthly PA newsletter. Claire Burr expressed an interest in taking this on as she already is involved with the production of the PA Newsletter.



## 12 Sports Day Refreshments

Feedback received after the infant and junior sports days showed that some parents would like to see refreshments provided. Mr Clark confirmed that he would be happy for that to happen.

## 13 Recruitment

Ideas to boost active PA member numbers were discussed. Sam Larcombe suggested that a list of dates and up and coming events be given out at the New Parents meeting, with directions as to where in the school the meeting is taking place as new parents will not be familiar with the school layout.

## 14 Quiz Night

As the quiz night is usually a popular event a 2<sup>nd</sup> date for the year will be considered. Maybe an alternative to fish and chips could be found as a way of cutting down on costs.

Date of next meetings

Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> 8pm

Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup> 8pm

Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 8pm