Minutes for Friends of Orchard Brae Meeting – 5th June 2023

1. Lisa Welcomed everyone to the meeting, passed on apologies from Lorraine Ritchie and Jill Cameron.

2. The minutes were accepted for the last meeting.

   2.1 Singing Hands were at the school on 31st March everyone had a great time. Lisa asked if this could be made an annual event for the school. All agreed, Lisa to follow up with singing hands/Amy Dunnett.

   2.2 Lisa advised the 2 larger playground trikes had arrived at school recently and were being well used. Lisa to chase for photos of them in use.

   2.3 We have purchased a web domain from Go Daddy, our website is www.friendsoforchardbrae.org.uk Its in the process of being set up and needs photos etc to be added. Lisa is arranging with the web designer to get this done.

3. Treasurer Update

   3.1 Sarah Cruickshank hows now taken over from Victor Morgan as the treasurer for the charity. Sarah updated us to advise all financial monthly reports were upto date and had been sent out to all. Payments made: Singing Hands, Bus maintenance Apr 22 – Mar 23 £810, Watering irriation system for polytunnel, mats for putting under swing at nursery, laptop for Sarah, Public Liability insurance, Byron Bakery cupcakes for coronation, Vida Virtual Support £300 – website, Go Daddy £37 for domain.

   3.2 Funds Receved: IQ xmas cards £241 was raised from last years card orders, Temple Medical donated £187 , £300 donated from Julie Finn, £1000 donation from Alexandra Chapter No 5 of the Eatern Start , £250 raised and donated by Lorriane Ritchie. A huge thank you to all for choosing us to make donations too.

   3.3 There is a small amount sitting in the restricted funds pot from Duke of Edinburgh Awards – Lisa reminding school this was there if needed for anything?

4. Outdoor Classroom – No further forward

5. Funding Requests

   5.1 Some staff have requested to be allowed to purchase items for Bucket Time and be reimbursed. Lisa advised this was ok but they must give us receipts and advised to try source the cheapest items to purchase.

   5.2 Lisa advised Active Schools had been in touch asking if they could advertise on facebook asking people to make donations for equipment they were advised if they did they couldn't say it was on behalf of Friends as then the funds would have to go through us. They were also advised if there was equipment needed they could also apply to Friends for them.

   5.3 Music Therapy. Currently Music therapy is provided to the school from Elm Music Therapy the funding source that was previously used has been stopped. We were asked if we could fund the first term whilst other sources were looked into. This was agreed. Emmeline from Music Therapy and Lisa are going to try source funding from elsewhere for the remainder of the year.

   We were also advised the funding had been removed for Keith (Drumming) however it was decided it was a natural end for him currently at school, Scott the music teacher would be taking this over. This was also the same for Katie for dancing but this was being taken over by a current PSA at school who is also a dance teacher.

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6. Events
   Aberdeen Kilkwalk was on the 4th June, Steven & Oscar Banks did the walk for us. Steven is Sharon Banks husband and Oscar is her dog. They raised £615

   Claire Russell is organising this years 5K fun run.

   BBQ/Fun day – this will be 16th September Lisa asked for a Let to be booked.

   Christmas Fayre – this will be 2nd December, Lisa asked for a let to be booked.

   There was no other business, we discussed next meeting would be 9th October.