



Cheadle Hulme School

# / Minutes

The Old Waconians' Association 65th Annual General Meeting 2018  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018, 12.30pm  
Cheadle Hulme School

## Attendees

Karim Khalil, OWA President, Class of 1980  
(KK)

Mary Evans, Guest

Emma Hardy, Chair of the Alumni Board, Class  
of 1986 (EH)

Gay Fox, Class of 1962

Lucy Pearson, Head (LCP)

Gill Freeman, Class of 1965

Fran Kennedy, Director of Development &  
External Relations

Barbara Goodison, Class of 1947

Charlotte Aspin, Secretary to the Alumni Board  
and Alumni Relations & Events Manager (CA)

Tim Greenwood, Class of 1978

Jenny Ashton, Class of 1962

Patricia Haswell, Class of 1968

Sarah Backen, Class of 1998

Rosemary Hughes, Class of 1950

Chris Beal, Class of 1958

Nigel Hurst, Former Staff

Cathy Beavis, Class of 1972

Kim Jackson, Class of 1978

Anthony Bianco, Class of 1958

Neil Kellett, Class of 1957

Ann Birch, Class of 1956

Sally Khalil, Guest

Helen Blood, Class of 1958

Janet Lawton, Guest

Millie Blower, Class of 1938

Carol Leather, Class of 1964

Sue Bowen, Former Staff

Tracey Lees, Class of 1978

Mike Bowen, Former Staff

Gwynneth Littleton, Former Staff

Lynette Cawthra, Class of 1978

Mark Lobjoit, Class of 1978

Jill Davies, Class of 1968

Michael Lowcock, Class of 1967

Shirley Dwyer, Class of 1950

Angela Mangnall-Rice, Guest

Philip Meadowcroft, Class of 1978

Rick Medlock, Class of 1978

Gilly Meredith, Class of 1978

Angela Mills, Class of 1958

Amantha Moore, Class of 1968

Steve Moore, Guest

Vera Moore, Class of 1956

Derek Mottershead, Class of 1960

John Oldham, Class of 1966

Cathy Oldham, Class of 1968

Margaret Owen, Guest

David Owen, Guest

John Pickering, Class of 1972

Elizabeth Prout, Class of 1971

Janice Ratter, Class of 1978

Ian Ray, Former Staff

Paula Rayson, Class of 1992

David Riley, Class of 1976

Stuart Robson, Class of 1958

David Rossall, Class of 1978

Pete Runcorn, Class of 1978

Dan Salt, Class of 1961

Ravi Sampanthar, Class of 1986

Michael Scaife, Former Staff

David Shipley, Class of 1961

David Stansfield, Class of 1951

Rory Stewart, Class of 1978

Frank Taylor, Class of 1968

Hannah Tebbutt, Class of 1998

Richard Todd, Guest

Jill Tutton, Class of 1968

Chris Walkden, Class of 1968

Belinda Walmsley, Class of 1994

Joan Webb, Class of 1938

Francois Weber, Class of 1984

Martine Webster, Current Staff

Brenda Wetton, Former Staff

Frank Wetton, Former Staff

Tristan Williams, Class of 1984

Lindsay Wilson, Class of 1978

Andy Wright, Class of 1969

Of these attendees there were 65 with voting rights (57 former students and 8 former staff).

## Agenda item

### 1. a. Apologies

Judy Stewart nee Baker, Class of 1944

Alan McMichael, Class of 1947

Pat Spiller née Robinson, Class of 1948

Peter Spiller, Class of 1948

Janice Lockwood, Class of 1951

John Beswick, Class of 1960  
Philip Kiernan, Class of 1968  
Anne Wakefield née Brock, Class of 1968  
Mark Wadsworth, Class of 1978  
Heather Rowley née Mabon, Class of 1978  
Joy Freemantle née Jenkins, Class of 1978  
John King, Class of 1980  
Belinda Walmsley née Martin, Class of 1994  
Bill Parker, Class of 1969  
Jim Gardner, Class of 1938  
Tony Bywater, Class of 1960  
Sheila Kenyon nee Binns, Class of 1950

**b. Minutes of the 64th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Carol Leather, Class of 1964.

Approval was seconded by Neil Kellett, Class of 1957.

All in favour. Minutes approved and signed.

**2. Chair's Opening Remarks**

- LCP welcome Old Waconians to the 65th Annual General Meeting of the Old Waconians' Association. She explained that she will be chairing the AGM as Emma Hardy need to be ratified.
- LCP welcomed EH, Class of 1986 and Chair of the Alumni Board, and KK, OWA President, who will be finishing in this role at the end of the year.
- LCP highlighted the three main areas that would be covered in the AGM: ratification of the Chair of the Alumni Board, approving the nomination of President of the OWA from 2019, and the proposal to wind down the Old Waconians' Educational Fund.
- LCP reminded OWs that the Alumni Board was voted on at the last AGM in June 2017. The Board represents Old Waconians across the decades and across the globe. They have met twice since their formation with EH, acting as Chair. LCP said there would be a vote at this meeting to ratify her position officially.
- LCP stated that this meeting would be an opportunity to thank Cathy Beavis who is stepping down from her role on the Alumni Board. Replacing her on the Board are two Old Waconians. Ravi Sampanthar, Class of 1986, as the representative for 2010 members, and Rod Goddard, Class of 1974, as the representative for Old Waconians from the 1970s.

**3. To ratify Emma Hardy, Class of 1986, as Chair of the Alumni Board**

LCP proposed EH as Chair of the Alumni Board.

Cathy Beavis seconded this proposal.

All OWs present agreed to the proposal with no abstentions.

EH said she is delighted to represent all OWs with issues going forward and that any OW can contact her at any time. Her contact details are available for all OWs from Fran Kennedy or Charlotte Aspin in the External Relations Team.

**4. To approve the nomination of President of the OWA from 2019**

LCP confirmed the that the OWA President serves for 2 years.

The Alumni Board has nominated Katie Derham, Class of 1988, to be President from 2019. All OWs present were happy with the nomination.

**5. To receive and consider the report of donations received to OWA Bank Accounts**

Carol Leather, Class of 1964, clarified that OWs who used to pay subscription into the OW bank account are known as 2010 members. Funds are still being received into the account. These funds are split between the Bursary Fund and Old Waconians' Educational Fund (2:1).

The report from Carol Leather can be found at the end of the Minutes.

Carol shared her thanks with all of those OWs who contribute in this way.

**6. To formally thank Cathy Beavis, Class of 1972, for her service to the OWA.**

LCP thanked Cathy Beavis for her long-standing service to the OWA.

**7. To transact Any Other Business of the Association in accordance with the rules**

LCP talked through the proposal to wind up the Old Waconians' Educational Fund as communicated to all OWs ahead of the AGM by email and / or letter. LCP explained the proposal came from the Trustees of the Educational Fund and asked for comments from the floor.

Anthony Bianco asked how much is in the fund. Treasurer, Neil Kellett, confirmed the fund contained £33778.

Anthony Bianco put forward a proposal that the fund should be kept separate from the Bursary Fund and be directed towards something that is more aligned with supporting Foundationer students to reflect the original aims of the School. Anthony mentioned that he had spoken to a number of Foundationers who would support the money going into a Foundationer Bursary but not the general Bursary fund. There were 4 Foundationers present at the AGM.

LCP responded advising that it is up to the Trustees to decide on the direction of the funds. She also highlighted that the cost of an education for one student is c. £12000 a year. A Foundationer student requires support with additional costs (e.g. technology, trips, uniform) which makes the total cost of an education more like c. £15000 a year. If the Trustees want to move in that direction there needs to be a longstanding commitment of donations as currently the Fund would only fund 2 years of education. The current income of the Fund, c. £3500 per annum, is not enough to secure a pipeline of funding.

LCP sought clarification from those attending that there is no opposition of winding up the Fund, but a desire for clarity over where the funds will be redirected.

David Shipley (Chair of the 150th Anniversary Trust, Foundationer and ex-CHS governor) said that he thought it would be feasible and practical to take Anthony's idea within the Bursary Fund and maintain the Foundationer ethos. He said it was unlikely it would fund a whole bursary but could support the auxiliary costs around coming to school. The Bursary Fund would like to take the Educational Fund's monies on board and work with the School to maintain the founding ethos to support Foundationer pupils.

Helen Blood asked for clarification on what is deemed a Foundationer now? LCP confirmed they are children with no parents, who are in care, or who have lost a parent. Helen Blood

noted that in the old system parents donated into the Foundationer scheme. This is now not the case and as times have moved on we should move forward.

At LCP's invitation, Ann Birch (Educational Fund Trustee) proposed that the Old Waconians' Educational Fund is wound up and any remaining monies be transferred to the CHS 150th Anniversary Bursary Fund.

LCP asked Old Waconians to vote on the winding up of the OW Educational Fund:  
There were 65 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.

It was agreed that the redirection of funds was to be agreed by the Educational Fund Trustees. LCP suggested that this redirection could be proposed to the membership at the next AGM.

KK was asked for his advice on the matter. He identified two conflicting concerns. Firstly, that if a decision was not made about the redirection of the funds that the money would be in limbo. Secondly, that the money could be transferred to the Bursary Fund and then a complication arise down the line that prevents it being used in the way suggested. The Trustees need to work out which is the more pressing issue.

David Riley asked for clarification about whether the Charity Commission would want clear direction on the allocation of those funds. Cathy Beavis confirmed that they will want to know where the monies go and that the charity that it is moved to has similar aims or recipients to the current fund.

LCP said that it makes sense for the money to go into the Bursary Fund and that the sum should remain untouched while clarity is found about how the funds should be directed.

David Shipley confirmed that the money could be ring-fenced, along with the ongoing funds coming into the fund, until a decision is made.

Helen Blood asked whether all of the Educational Fund money currently went to Foundationers. It was confirmed that it does not.

Vera Moore asked whether the discussion could be fed back to the Trustees.

LCP asked to gauge the mood of the meeting to find out who was in favour of ring-fencing the fund.

The majority were in favour with 4 abstentions and 5 against.

LCP noted that feedback had been received by email from the following OWs who could not be present at the meeting: Antonia McBride, John King, Rosy Fairhurst, Tony Bywater.

**Summary of discussion:**

It was agreed to wind up the Educational Fund (votes 65 in favour, 0 votes against and 0 abstentions) and the money transferred to the Bursary Fund.

An update about how the funds have been allocated will be presented at the next AGM.

**OWA Bank Account Report:**

**2018 OLD WACONIANS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

Hello everyone – and it is fantastic to see so many people at this year's AGM.

My report is for those people present who, as a member of The Old Waconians' Association, used to pay an annual subscription.

As you know, when School took over the funding of the Association in July, 2010, it was decided to keep the Old Wacs Bank account open, and this is the annual report to those members regarding their Donations paid into the Old Wacs Bank Account during 2017.

I am very pleased to report that the accounts for the year January to December 2017 have now been prepared for us by Natalie Atkinson, Financial Controller in the Bursary at School, which show that during the year to December 2017, the Association received £3,410.10. This is just £221 less than in 2016. The Association also received a gift of £150 from the late Russell Cialis. Most of the donations are received in January each year and the funds received during 2017 were transferred into the CHS 150 Anniversary Bursary Fund and the Old Wacs Educational Fund in February 2017, and then a further payment of about £40 at the end of the year.

We are most grateful to Natalie for her work preparing these accounts.

Payla Rayson and I have already checked the January 2018 bank statements and the total received is £3137.10, again slightly lower than the previous 12 months, but only by £196. So our 2010 members are still raising considerable sums of money towards the School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary Fund, and the Old Wacs Educational Fund

Since working on the 2018 bank statements, in March we raised cheques value £2130.73 To the CHS Bursary Fund and £1006.37 To the Educational Fund.

Transferring the donations received into the two designated accounts. The extra donations of about £40 which we will receive between now and December 2018 will be sent through early in 2019.

I'm sure I speak for everyone at School, when I say, thank you all very much indeed for continuing your donations into the Old Wacs bank account.

Carol Leather – 23 June 2018.