



Lilleshall Pre School AGM Minutes 2018

6:30 pm Tuesday 26th November 2019 at Lilleshall Pre School, Limekiln Lane, Lilleshall

Agenda

1. Welcome from Jenny Urey, current Chair of Lilleshall Pre School

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming those present and reading the apologies of those unable to attend. The chair announced that a quorum was present for the meeting.

2. Register attendance
3. Apologies
4. Chairs opening

Lilleshall pre school is a very special learning establishment for our children. In the early 70's, it was recognised by the community that a pre school was needed and a group formed turning a requirement into reality. Lilleshall Pre School opened originally in the memorial hall and after huge fundraising efforts, was officially established in 1975 moving to this building. Lilleshall pre-school has always been parent led with continual fundraising ensuring our pre school would be here for many years. 44 years later and we are still here which is a fantastic achievement by staff, committee and parents.

We are also very unique. Staff retention is excellent. One of our staff members; Chris Leyden educating our children for over 30 years and Tina Williams over 20 years. Continuity, experience and good practice is extremely important in education and valuable skills staff bring to the Pre School cannot be learned in a few terms.

I personally spend a fair amount of time at the Pre School and it is very clear, Lilleshall Pre school is a very happy, nurturing and fun place to be. Plenty of happy smiles; even newbies who are upset when their parents or guardians leave, are soon joining in and relax quickly in to their new environment. Staff behaviour management is very effective and children follow their instructions. It is truly a pleasurable environment which I am honoured to be part of any I thank all staff for their dedication, excellent teaching and going beyond their duties to help run the pre-school.

I would also like to thank all those who were part of the Pre school committee over the past year and those who are currently part of this very important team. Support, ideas, help, fundraising, report writing, negotiating with suppliers, hosting events...so much happens behind the scenes that it not usually evident. The more members involved, the easier it becomes with ideas shared and 'jobs' distributed. Without a committee, Lilleshall Pres school can not run. It is a legal requirement and not just a want. As a former pupil of Lilleshall Pre School 43 years ago, I passionately would like to see Lilleshall Pre School standing here for many, many, more years though we need you to allow this to happen.

29 November 2017 OFSTED last inspection – pre school rated 'good'

5. Minutes of previous AGM / EGM June / November 2019

- * State of pre school position

In June 2018, an AGM was held. Announced at the meeting:

1. Anne Stevens – Pre School Manager retired
2. Jennifer Cresswell – Pre School Chair resigned
3. Lisa Richards – Treasurer of 3 years stepped down
4. EGM July 2018
5. Financial losses circa £12,000
6. No chair person – potential closure of Pre School unless Chair appointed
7. Staff job losses
8. Closure of Pre School

6. Current position of pre school

a. Chairs feedback

...and it is all positive!

Tina Williams became Pre School Manager September 2019.

I became Chair of committee November 2019

Hira Arsalan took over as Treasurer officially

With such financial losses, this was priority to amend.

Cutting costs had to be implemented. Subscriptions cancelled, rates negotiated and reduced, new suppliers sought and contracts adjusted. No further cheques to be paid to suppliers and tighter control over finances. Non of the changes effected the day to day school running for staff or our children; only our finances positively.

With the Governments 'free hours scheme' effecting our pre school also financially, fees had to be raised for paying parents along with fees introduced for snacks and late's. Government funding for free hours is very low and did not cover food, drinks and overtime wage for late pickups.

Fundrasing efforts by committee, staff and parents has been fantastic – Christmas fair, Monumental run and Lilleshall Scarecrow Festival along with ongoing fundraising for cakes, lollipops and more.. brought much needed funds. Donations and grants from various parties have assisted also.

We now have a great new secure fence protecting our children and pre-school. We are updating equipment in the pre-school and will ensure all fundraising is allocated wisely.

Nominations from the floor

We do not currently have a secretary and I would like to nominate Heidi Wroe as previously discussed with Heidi. Would anyone like to second this nomination.

I would also like to make a special thank you to Hira Arsalan, our previous treasurer for all her hard work since taking over the finances last year, especially after a rather brief and sudden handover last year. Although Hira resigned from post a couple of months ago, she has kindly helped us until our new treasurer was certified to do so. I would like to give Hira a little thank you.....(arrange flowers)

8. Open floor – questions & answers

9. I would like to now close this AGM and would like to thank all of you for coming. If you would like to join the committee and have not as yet done so, please let us know.

Thank you so much to Tina and her staff plus all the committee for their hard work and dedication over the past year. Lilleshall Pre school continues due to all of you.

The next AGM will hopefully be July next year and everyone will be updated on date closer to the time.