

REDCAR AND CLEVELAND GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr O.E. Evans, Redcar Community College and Coatham CE Primary
 Mr D. Campbell, Grangetown Primary
 Mr B. Coulston, Sacred Heart School
 Mr G. Davis, Miss J. Parncutt and Mrs M. Veal, Hummersea Primary
 Mr I. Fuller, Rye Hills School
 Mr B. Greenwood, Newcomen Primary
 Mr J. Horkan, St Gabriel's RC Primary
 Mr S. Ives, Ormesby Primary
 Mrs Y. Joy, New Marske Primary
 Mr P. McCarthy, St Margaret Clitherow's RC Primary
 Mrs D. McLay, Caedmon Primary
 Mr M. McNulty, Zetland Primary and Bydales School
 Mrs R. Nicholls, Saltburn Primary and Huntcliff School
 Councillor M. Ovens, Green Gates Primary and Pathways School
 Mr V. Peel, Lakes Primary
 Mrs H. Stebbings, Riverdale Primary
 Dr D. Thomson, Kirkleatham Hall School
 Mr K. Wood, Normanby Primary (Chair)

The AGM was preceded by a presentation from Steve McDonnel, Executive Head Teacher of two federated schools in Hartlepool, as part of the termly Association meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of the following governors:

- Mrs K. Allinson, Ings Farm Primary
- Mr M. Bloomfield, Belmont Primary
- Mr J. Buckton, St Mary's RC Primary
- Mrs A. Clarkson, Skelton Primary
- Mr A.Coles, Eston Park School
- Mrs J. Guy, Huntcliff School
- Miss K. Longstaff, John Emmerson Batty Primary and Lingdale Primary
- Mrs A. Ollivier and Mr P. Kirkham, Galley Hill Primary
- Councillor J. Tombs, Lockwood Primary

2. **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE 2011/12 ACADEMIC YEAR**

2.1 **Chair**

Mr Wood had indicated in advance his willingness to continue as Chair. There were no other nominations received at the meeting.

RESOLVED that Mr Wood be re-appointed Chair for the 2011/12 school year.

2.2 Vice-Chair

Mr Coulston and Councillor Tombs had indicated in advance their willingness to serve as Vice-Chair. Mr Coulston was present at the meeting and withdrew while a decision was made.

RESOLVED that Mr B. Coulston be re-appointed as Vice-Chair of the Association for the 2011/12 school year.

2.3 Treasurer

There had been no nominations for the position of Treasurer. Mr Bloomfield had carried out the role for more than the permitted three years but would be able to continue if there were no other nominations. Mr Fuller volunteered for this position.

RESOLVED that Mr Fuller be appointed as Treasurer for the 2011/12 school year.

2.4 Secretary

Mrs Nicholls had completed more than the three years service as Secretary but had indicated in advance her willingness to continue in the role if there were no other nominations. There were no other volunteers at the meeting.

RESOLVED that Mrs Nicholls be appointed Secretary for the 2011/12 school year.

2.5 Executive Committee Members

In addition to the four officers appointed above there were six further places on the Executive Committee. Mrs Joy, Mrs McLay, Dr Thomson and Councillor Tombs had indicated in advance their willingness to serve on the Executive Committee. Mr Peel confirmed at the meeting that he also wished to continue. It was not clear whether, having relinquished the Treasurer role, Mr Bloomfield wanted to continue as an ordinary Executive Committee member and Mrs Smith would check. Councillor Ovens was willing to continue if needed but was happy to stand down if Mr Bloomfield wished to continue.

RESOLVED that Mrs Joy, Mrs McLay, Dr Thomson, Councillor Tombs, Mr Peel and Mr Bloomfield be appointed as Executive Committee members for the 2011/12 school year, with Councillor Ovens to replace Mr Bloomfield if he decided he no longer wished to continue.

Mrs Smith

3. MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2010

RESOLVED that the minutes of the AGM held on 8 November 2010 be approved and signed as a true record.

Chair

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION

The Executive Committee had reviewed the constitution and recommended no changes. However, a member queried whether the wording of 3.1 "Membership shall be open to governing bodies of all schools throughout the Redcar and Cleveland local authority" allowed for academies to be members. Members agreed that, in view of the increasing number of schools considering academy status they did want the Association to be open to academies. It was suggested that changing the reference from "local authority" to "local authority area" would make it clear that membership of the Governors' Association was open to any schools, whatever their status, in the geographical area covered by the LA, rather than restricting membership to LA maintained schools.

RESOLVED that with the amendment of 3.1 to refer to the "local authority area" the revised constitution be approved.

Mrs Smith

6. APPROVAL OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 2008/09, 2009/10 AND 2010/11

The accounts had now been passed to the auditor but not in time for presentation at the current meeting. They would, therefore, be presented at the spring 2012 meeting.

Clerk

7. APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR FOR THE 2011/12 FINANCIAL YEAR

RESOLVED to appoint Carl Snowball as the auditor for the 2011/12 financial year as recommended by the Executive Committee.

8. REVIEW OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE 2012/13 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED that the annual subscription for the 2012/13 school year remain at £35, as recommended by the Executive Committee.

The autumn term business meeting for the Association followed the AGM.