

Minutes from Special Kids Bexhill AGM

1. Present: Sharon Minter, Sammie Taylor, Karen Swift, Catherine Hesmer, Paula Chapman and Emma Beardshaw
2. Apologies: Tracy Hindmarsh, Freda Temple, Lian Milham and Joan Hesmer
3. Minutes from last meeting agreed by Sharon and seconded by Sammie

4. Emma Beardshaw has resigned permanently as a Trustee due to increased home commitments.

Paula Chapman has also resigned permanently as a Trustee and secretary.

Karen Swift is appointed as secretary

We thank both Emma and Paula for all their hard work during their time as Trustees and wish them well for the future.

5. Chair Persons report:

This year has proven to be even more busy and demanding in many different ways. In the last year we have faced new challenges which I'm pleased to say we have overcome. These experiences have made us better equipped for the future. Special Kids Bexhill has grown even more and we now have over 180 families on our membership list.

We have had 2 Trustees step down in the last year and have elected a new one. Our different skills complement each other very well with everyone playing their part well.

We have had a lot of support this year from different places. All our venues continue to support us as much as they can. I would like to thank Uncle Bumble, Sidley Santa, our face painter Sam, Councillor Charles Clark, Ben Hotton, Julie from The Sackville Bar & Grill, all the local supermarkets, Joanna Brundle, Emma Greenlow, Provident Good Neighbour programme, Sara Cooper, The Azur, Tracy at Bexhill Football Club, Sussex Community Foundation, Chalk Farm, Carole from Festival of the Sea and the Catholic Women's league for their support and generous donations over the year.

As always our fundraising events would not be successful if parents didn't volunteer their time to come along and help. Without this help we would not be able to continue to raise vital funds. Through all our hard work we were able to self-fund this year's overnight trip to Drayton Manor amongst others

We were very lucky to secure a grant of £4868 from Sussex Community Foundation which has enabled us to continue offering the activities for the children.

The Co-Op community fund has also been amazing with us being given £1483 which will go towards the Christmas visit to the pantomime.

Our parent meals continue to be a great source of support for our parents. Making sure we have 1 lunch and 1 dinner each month ensures parents have the opportunity to access a parent meal more often.

Our coffee mornings are still going strong. We have had various speakers attend this year and we have now got an ongoing relationship with Embrace where they attend a coffee morning each month to allow our members access to their amazing advocacy service. Class+ are also regular visitors. The decision a few years ago to provide 'posh' coffees and hot chocolates is a big hit. We feel our members deserve a treat when they come. We plan to have more cake this year.

We continue to assess each activity to make sure it is still being successful for our members and where necessary adapt an activity further. We look forward to expanding our activities further to include new and exciting ones like Forest School and Urban Jump.

Our coach trips remain popular and are a great source of family fun days out and educational fun.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us this year, with your support we would not be able to help as many families as we do.

6. Treasurers report:

Income and expenditure accounts 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

Balance on 31st March 2016 £ £9,225.46

Financial year is April 1st 2016 to March 31st 2017

Total income for April 1st 2016 to 31st March 2017 is: £27,605.82

Income made up of the following:

1. Members payments for activities £14,346.47
2. Donations £647.35
3. Fundraising £5248.60
 - Bingo evenings £925
 - Craft Fair £244.45
 - Supermarket collections £1570.98
 - Sponsored walk £191.08
 - Summer Party raffle £80
 - Quiz Nights £417
 - Jumble Sales £633.46
 - Carnival Dog show £43
 - Azur Charities Fair £76

Charity Fun Day £11
Festival of the Sea £400.16
Bexhill 100 £96.25
Chalk Farm Fun day £169.85
Bexhill Town collection £314.64
Robsack Tombola £67.05
Collection Box £8.68

4. Councillor Charles Clark £342.33
5. Charity Dance £500
6. Easy Fundraising £16.02
7. Santa Dash £50.50
8. Carnival £500
9. Waitrose Hailsham (Green token scheme) £338
10. Provident Good Neighbour £500
11. Catholic Women's League £30
12. MyDonate £19.55
13. Coffee Mornings/Evenings £199
14. Sussex Community Foundation £4868

Total expenditure for April 1st 2016 to 31st March 2017 is: £24,613.53

Expenditure made up of the following:

1. Activities £22,411.78
2. Mobile phone £206.52
3. Insurance £316.42
4. Stationary £44.80
5. Trustee Uniform £105.90
6. Supplies £183.51
7. Fundraising supplies £236.71
8. Website £94.74
9. Vistaprint £106.24
10. Lottery Licence £20
11. Refunds to Members £42
12. DBS checks £20
13. Courses for Trustees £226.80
14. Accountant £480
15. Coffee morning supplies £118.11

Balance on 31st March 2017 £12,217.75

7. Update on activities:

David Lloyd has been taken over, waiting to hear how pricing and booking will change. Urban jump has been booked again in the summer. We are waiting on prices for Forest School. We will look at a wider variety of swimming pools.

Lots of interest in us going to Drayton Manor again. Legoland coach trip has been put on hold due to their new exit system and issues with how our members would cope, we will get feedback over this year and look to go next year.

We will look at Nerf parties at Target sports.

Ask Target Sports about us bringing our own goggles, sammie to ask.

8. Lots of fundraising coming up. No more jumble sales but close to summer there will be lots of boot sales. Karen to look into some jumble sales.

Sammie to look into a Hastings Bingo night.

Charles Clark is planning a fundraising evening in aid of SKB.

9. Sussex Community Foundation grant runs to the end of the summer holidays. Children In Need application is in the process of being completed.

10. None

11. The next meeting will be on Thursday 29th June 2017,
7.30pm at 1 Constable way, Bexhill TN40 2UH