

North Tyneside Brass in Schools

AGM Minutes

Monday 26th June 2017

Held at: Backworth Park Primary School, 14:00-15:00

Attendees: Carol Crerar (Head teacher), Gavin Dudley (Administrator and Tutor), Julie Dorr (Music Hub), Nicola Ternent (Tutor), Natalie McLean (Tutor)

Apologies: Lauren Symonds (Teacher), Sarah Goodwill (Teacher), Alex Lewis (Tutor), Leah McMillan (Tutor)

This was the first AGM meeting of North Tyneside Brass in Schools.

The minutes of the previous Management Committee meeting held on 4th January were read and agreed

Progress over our first year was reviewed. We have 8 children at Backworth, 7 plus 2 parents at Balliol and 8 at Burradon. The drop-out rate was disappointing, but Julie suggested was to be expected. There have been some notable achievements including 2 schools performing at the Wansbeck Music Festival.

It was agreed to explore the following: Funding (eg Opportunities for All), Trinity accreditation with SAGE, links with Saturday morning Music Centre, Summer Schools. The "Play Day" at George Stephenson High School (GSHS) has not been arranged this year, but we will look to similar opportunities next year. Our longer term aim is to develop a Youth Brass Band based at GSHS.

The accounts to 31st March were received and approved. Total income was £5,262.22, total expenditure £5,216.99 giving a balance of £45.23. The bank balance is £94.20 with outstanding debts of £48.97.

Gavin proposed the adoption of a new charitable Constitution as recommended by VODA, and the creation of a new "Rules, Policies and Procedures" document to replace most of the content of our original Governing Document adopted last year.

Julie raised concerns that the new charitable Objects might conflict with the duties of the Music Education Hub and therefore make it difficult to raise funds from the Arts Council. After some discussion it was agreed to seek further advice from VODA and to resolve the issue by email after the meeting. Otherwise, the content of the new Constitution and "Rules, Policies and Procedures" document were agreed.

The new Management Committee was elected consisting of:

Julie Dorr, Carol Crerar, Gavin Dudley, Natalie McLean, Nicola Ternent

The following roles were assigned:

Chair and Music Education Liaison Officer: Julie Dorr

Administrator and Community Music Liaison Officer: Gavin Dudley

Schools and Communities Liaison Officer: Carol Crerar

The meeting was adjourned to allow further review of the new charitable Objects. Further discussions took place and the amended Constitution (v2.1) was approved on 19th July 2017, with the following Objects:

"To advance the musical education and development of children and adults resident in North Tyneside and the surrounding area by through high-quality out-of-school music opportunities including:

3.1 establishing and running extracurricular brass groups and youth brass bands based in schools and/or local communities;

3.2 staging and participating in concerts and other events at which such children and adults may perform as a brass band or smaller ensemble, and/or experience live musical performance by others;

and by such means train the participants in the playing of brass and percussion instruments and develop their general musical abilities and appreciation and enjoyment of music (but never to undertake work or provide facilities that are required to be provided by the local education authority)."