

## **Wider Access to School Project**

### **Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018, at 7.00pm  
Staff Room Denny High School**

#### **1. Welcome**

The Chairperson, Tom Rintoul, welcomed those in attendance and introduced the top table which included the Guest Chair: Cllr. Fiona Collie and the Guest Speaker: Mr Paul Cortopassi.

#### **2. Guest Chair: Cllr Fiona Collie**

The Guest Chair opened by saying how pleased she was to have been invited and commended the Project for the varied programme on offer.

**Apologies:** Nigel Turnbull, Laura Dawson, Carolann Wright.  
There were no apologies from the floor.

#### **3. Minutes of the last AGM and matters arising.**

The previous minutes 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 having been circulated and there were no amendments.

**Matters Arising:** None

**Approved:** Moira Martin

**Seconded:** Moira Thomson

#### **4. Chairperson's Report.**

The Chairperson, Tom Rintoul, read out his report detailing what W.A.S.P. had achieved over the past year.

We have lost one member of staff due to their transfer to another position but without a replacement, due to the financial cutbacks at Falkirk Council. However we are fortunate to have retained Anne Cruse as the Clerical Assistant for W.A.S.P. where she deals with office and administrative duties.

Over the year we have run numerous classes and we have had a good response to all, including our latest class for YOGA. The classes are designed to assist people to achieve objectives which they set themselves. Some classes are self-led, i.e. - by a member of the class, some have Tutors while others are led by members of the School Teaching Staff. Classes include sewing, computing, photography, local history, Spanish and many more.

The loom weaving class which started this session has developed well and an example of their work can be seen to the right hand side of the room. It is a large rug which has been produced by the class using an assortment of recycled material. Please go and have a look at this.

I am pleased to report that 4 members of W.A.S.P. took the Higher in Photography and awaiting their results. Two of the members of the class have applied to and are going to Forth Valley College to pursue this further.

I am indebted for the support that we receive from Falkirk Council Education Department and in particular to Denny High School. Part of the return for this help is that members of the camera/DVD class have videoed the School Dance Academy Show and also the School Production of 'All Shook Up', over the past two weeks and they are now in the process of producing DVD's for the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and Committee members of WASP for the support that they have given me as Chairperson over the past year.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report.**

The treasurer, Wilma Anderson, introduced herself and gave a summary of the latest financial position to the attendees contained within the annual report. The Guest chair asked for any comments or changes, clarification was given on various items of expenditure by the treasurer.

**Proposed:** Pat Benton

**Seconded:** Ian Torrance

#### **6. Guest Speaker: Mr Paul Cortopassi**

Began his presentation 'The Story of a Wall'

He gave us an insight into the rise and fall of the Smith and Welstod mural which was painted on the side of the foundry wall to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the firm.

It stood as a testament to the industrial past of Bonnybridge, its later demise in 1996 after the demolition of the building.

In 2016, the Greenhill Historical Society commissioned artists to recreate from the original drawings the mural which now hangs at the side of the Bonnybridge Community Centre.

#### **7. Election of 2018/2019 Management Committee.**

The Guest Chair Cllr Fiona Collie intimated that 9 nominations were already held.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Secunder</b>
Wilma Anderson	Pat Benton	Moira Thomson
Pat Benton	Wilma Anderson	Moira Thomson
Laura Dawson	Ernest Martin	Moira Thomson
Ernest Martin	Moira Thomson	Laura Dawson
Ailsa Neilson	Pat Benton	Thomas Rintoul
Thomas Rintoul	Ernest Martin	Nigel Turnbull
Elizabeth Thomson	Moira Thomson	Wilma Anderson
Moira Thomson	Ernest Martin	Laura Dawson
Nigel Turnbull	Laura Dawson	Ernest Martin

All 9 proposals were accepted unanimously.

**8. Appointment of Auditor:**

It was proposed that Mrs Marion Campbell be elected as Auditor for the year 2018/2019.

**Proposed:** Pat Benton

**Seconded:** Moira Thomson

**9. Any Other Business.**

None.

**10. Closing Remarks**

Tom Rintoul thanked everyone for attending, Cllr. Fiona Collie for being Guest Chair, Mr Paul Cortopassi for being the Speaker, the school and everyone who had supported W.A.S.P. throughout the year.

He brought the meeting to a close by making presentations to Cllr. Fiona Collie and Mr Paul Cortopassi.

**11. Date of next AGM to be arranged**

Light refreshments were then served.