**Minutes of the FOS Meeting held on Thursday 13th September 2018.**
**Present:**   Judy Colclough,  Lisa Hodgkison, Lynne Stubbs,  Mark O’Donnell Robin Johnson,  Wendy Barnes, Lorraine, Dave Lonsdale,  Lindsey O’Connell, Shirley, Di Brown, Lynne Dennis

1.  Judy Colclough opened the meeting and welcomed everybody / apologies from Mark Swaine and Emma Goodwin

2.   View Minutes of last meeting on website

3.  BBQ Feedback - Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who helped.  It was suggested maybe putting the stalls in the playground rather than the Muga.  Also suggested to bring the time of the raffle forward as many people had already gone home so not able to collect their prizes.  Also sell tickets earlier rather than on the night.  For the tombola,  instead of selling tickets 4 for £1 sell at 2 for £1 as all the prizes went too quickly.  We could do with a few more staff on the stalls as it did get a bit busy.  Both the Play bus and ice cream van were very good and overall the evening had a good atmosphere.

4.  Change boxes which went out before Summer need to be recalled. A letter will go out next week to start the ball rolling.

5.  Grand raffle ideas.  Maybe a bit different this time Judy suggested getting a sponsor to maybe raffle a car off?  75% of everything to FOS and 25% for costs. Need an idea for number of books to be printed.

6.  Christmas Fair Thursday 29th November and bringing the time forward to 5.30. We are going to make it more like a Christmas market having the classes make crafty things to sell and possibly look at outside people paying to have a table to sell their own stuff. (Table money to FOS).  Ticket price will include mulled wine and a turkey and cranberry bap, Di Brown to help Judy.

It was suggested trying to do it on a Saturday but we would struggle to staff this.

FOS to do some games stalls.

Lorraine would like a busking spot for the children to sing some Christmas songs then put a bucket out for people to put money in.

We need a mobile PA so someone can walk round to promote different areas eg raffle to be drawn now etc...

Christmas lights towards the playground again

Rotary to come in to do Santa ? Judy to look into this.

Somebody to talk to the new classes to get some more support / volunteers for FOS.  Do they know any corporate sponsorship?

Alcohol stalls, possible problem with licensing?

Hampers seem to go well, maybe we could do them again.  we could ask parents for donations and top up with more bought items to fulfill the hampers and make them more relevant.  Maybe do a site map to direct people to all areas so nothing is missed.

7.  Treasurers Report.  Lynne Stubbs updated FOS account towards the new foundation playground.

Total balance at present £33,139 / balance from last meeting was £33,175.  Think Mr Swaine still has some Cheques to bank? Audit of accounts needs to be done this year.

The Co-op Loyalty scheme runs out in October but has so far has raised £1,511.  Going to look at doing it again.

We will be getting the designers in soon to start the plans for the playground.

Lindsey O’Connell suggested if anybody would be interested in running the London Marathon, so she is going to find out costs etc.

We will look at putting in a bid to the likes of Waitrose and Asda for the tokens for charity.

8.  Smarties tubes.  The children will soon be sent home with a tube of smarties which once eaten they have to do tasks to get 20p.  each tube holds £12.

9.  RDA Nantwich (Riding for the disabled). They are not currently taking anymore but we could look at raising some funds, eg a cake sale? So that our name is in the frame.

10 Selection boxes - Patricia Leech is going to arrange these.  145 boxes and 20 sensory toys required.

11.  BNWT.  We’ve still not done this but will have another go.  Emma Goodwin is in contact with her bag man to arrange another collection of old clothes.

12.  Bingo night.  We could try to make it more of a social event and serve alcohol and food on a Friday or Saturday night after Christmas.  It needs to be well promoted at a decent price which will include all bingo books and have some decent prizes.  £5 per ticket?  Venue possibility at Duke of Gloucester or Willaston Hall, see if they may waiver the cost of hire for the room?

13.  Dave Lonsdale needs some artwork for the baracuda’s.

14.  Parents evening will be Thursday 25th Oct, we may do a demo of special bikes / wheelchairs / assisted push wheelchairs and trail riders.  Di Brown’s husband knows a company who does this type of thing although they bring all the equipment they do need space to do it and the kids can also have a go on the bikes whilst they are there.

15.    Halloween disco will be Friday 26th Oct in fancy dress

16.  Date of next meeting Thursday 15th November for AGM