

# Castleton Playgroup

## MINUTES

<b>Issue date</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> February 2014
<b>Issued by</b>	Sandra Harris
<b>Subject</b>	Castleton Playgroup AGM
<b>Meeting date</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2014
<b>Location</b>	Castleton Playgroup
<b>Present</b>	Reg Dodd (RD), Roger Foster (RF), Roger Bradley (RB), Sandra Harris (SH); Sarah Cresswell (SC) Lisa Marshall (LM), Carol McIver (CM), Maria Collins (MC), Rawabi Alani (RA), Julie Jones (JJ), Claire Palmer (CP), Emma Davies (ED), Kelly Whittington-Gidley (KW), Nicola Winstanley (NW),
<b>Copies</b>	Sue Smith Muriel Evans Anne Thomas

<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	Sue Smith, Muriel Evans and Anne Thomas	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>General Matters Arising</b>	
2.1	CM discussed the last year of the playgroup (notes attached)	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Estyn Inspection Report</b>	
3.1	The issues with the Estyn report (not being posted on their website) were sorted out February last year (2013)	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>CSSIW Inspection</b>	
4.1	Last year the CSSIW Inspection went very well, the report was meant to be published on the website in December (2013) but is still not there. ( <i>Posted late February</i> )	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Playgroup Accounts</b>	
5.1	RF presented the Playgroup Accounts and these were discussed. The playgroup made a small unexpected profit last year as a result of prudent budgeting	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Future of Playgroup</b>	
6.1	The uncertain future of the Playgroup was discussed. CM has met with the new Head Teacher from the School. At this meeting CM made it known that her ideal outcome of the situation would be for Castleton Playgroup to remain where they are and work alongside a new school playgroup.	
6.2	ED (parent) suggested a link Teacher between the Playgroup and the School be put in place to resolve the situation.	
6.3	The next consultation meeting should be announced soon	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
7.1	To be confirmed	

## AGM-4/02/2014

### Report of Carol McIver, Playgroup Supervisor

Since our last AGM

- Our final report from ESTYN was issued (The report was issued on 28<sup>th</sup> December on the Estyn website, however it was then taken off 10 days later. Another one was issued but as we were not given a draft copy there were a few mistakes so that was taken off and it was finally sorted at the end of January / beginning of February)
- The topics for the Spring Term 2013 were Winter, Animals and Chinese New Year.
- March we spent a week looking at how Ronika lived and raised money to build her a home (Red Nose Day) and we raised £139.75
- Pre-school trip - Cefn Mably Farm Park
- March – News that all school in Newport were going to have Nurseries attached to them. A consultation was held in all schools that were going to be affected.
- How would this affect us? – The big one was that we would have to move out of the building and maybe out of the village (as there's nowhere to go in the village)
- Our consultation was very well attended and we all met Amanda B Davies from the education authority. Unfortunately the local authority representatives were taken by surprise that those present did not share their enthusiasm for the proposals and they were clearly not prepared for all the questions which were raised. After the closing date in March it then went very quiet, other than Roger Foster and myself having a meeting with Amanda B Davies.
- A lot of the settings went into Public Notice over the Summer/Autumn months. However the situation re Marshfield remained very quiet.
- November 2013. I went to a General meeting for Non Maintained settings and was told that along with one other School that we would be going back to consultation period in January 2014. To date nothing has happened and we await developments.
- A Curry and Quiz night and we raised £1072
- Summer term - May Day celebrations. Summer trip - Cattle Country Park with Marshfield Monkeys Playgroup.
- New academic year 2013/2014 we welcomed 15 new pre-school children making our total to 41 pre-school children and 18 younger children. A further 13 younger children started in January 2014, making our total younger children 31. We have taken 1 child out of catchment.
- The child care voucher scheme has taken off and we are adding new providers all the time. We also now have parents paying directly into our bank.
- At the beginning of the Autumn 2013 term we introduced an interest table which is where the children can bring things from home. Each week an email is sent out to parents telling them what the theme is – we started with colours and now we are working through the alphabet. This has been very successful. On this email we also inform parents of our Welsh word of the week and finally any other matters eg reminders of events etc.

- The Autumn term saw our CSSIW inspection. Everything went well. As yet the report has not been published on their website – should have been published 9<sup>th</sup> December.
- Our topic for the Autumn term was People who help us and Autumn. We had visits from the local community police and the fire brigade. To collect our Christmas tree we returned to Cattle Country Park (our summer trip) and found our tree and visited Father Christmas.
- The Spring 2014 term are topics are birds, Scotland and where we live.
- At Christmas we saw the departure of Mrs Goss, and we now have a new head mistress at Marshfield School, Mrs Alison Steel.
- Mrs Steel has been over to the playgroup to introduce herself and I then went over to the school to give her a bit of the history of the playgroup. She seems very approachable and already has asked us to join them in a project the school is undertaking regarding the foundation phase outcomes.

### **Waiting lists**

2013/2014	We have 5 in catchment who wanted to wait until September 2014	
2014/2015	32 in	2 out of catchment
2015/2016	15in	0 out of catchment
2016/2017	3 in	

There are no planned fund raising events at present.