



## **Minutes from Thomas Tallis Parent Teacher and Friends Association AGM**

**Held Virtually via Microsoft Teams - Tuesday 3rd November 2020 at 14:00**

1. **Apologies and Attendance.** Apologies from: Sarah Bogan.  
**Staff in attendance:** Carolyn Roberts, Tom Williams, James Baker  
**Others in attendance:** See appendix 1. at the end of the minutes.

### **Documents that accompany these minutes:**

Chairs Report, Treasurer's Report, Business Directors Report, Community Garden Report

2. **The minutes** from our last AGM 01/11 2019 can be found [www.thomastallisschool.com/ptfa.html](http://www.thomastallisschool.com/ptfa.html)  
The Minutes were agreed with no comments.  
Minutes were Proposed by Angie Elder, Seconded Cosma Papouis
3. **Chair's report** - See accompanying Presentation.  
The main target this year is to continue with the TECH for TALLIS, 2nd hand uniform schemes, increase supporters for the Online shopping platforms Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile, continue to support the Outdoor learning and Community Garden and to set up smaller working groups to help increase the PTFA 's efficiency.

### [TECH for TALLIS summary](#)

- Over 30, 2nd hand laptops were donated from parents and friends of which 22 were successfully prepared and distributed to Yr 10 & 12 students first and then others. The devices were distributed according to the order they were received and requested.

- The money raised by our Go Fund Me campaign was passed on to school which enabled them to purchase 27 brand new laptops. The donated machines remain the property of the PTFA and are covered by a PTFA Devices Loan Agreement. The New laptops purchased by school using PTFA funds are school property and are loaned to students under their own loan agreement which is being overseen by the School Business Department.

4. **Financial report** – See accompanying report.  
Proposed by Kathy Moss, seconded Angela Hinds

Total income £6331. Total expenditure £4873

#### Summary of money raised:

- Quingo in Dec 19 raised £251 for the Garden/Outdoor project
- Tech for Tallis raised £4720.
- 2nd hand uniform raised £199 in the 19/20 Tax year. (A further £625 was raised in Aug/ Sept 2020)
- General donations £170
- Easyfundraising online shopping raised us £780 in the year

#### Summary of money given to school:

- Tech for Tallis - £4000 was given to school in the 19/20 Tax year with a further £500 in August (some funded from general donations) - 27 New Laptops purchased in July.

- Environment/Sustainability projects - £200 supported the pupils sustainability project and funded a TerraCycle Waste box to recycle school pens
- Garden/Outdoor project - We fulfilled a request from school for £1000 which was passed over after the close of the year so will be part of the 20/21 tax yr. - Sept 2020

5. **Business director overview**- See accompanying report. Proposed by Angie Elder, seconded Claire Seeber

6. **Electing off Officer roles:**

It is confirmed that 46 people were present at the AGM and therefore Quorum was achieved.

The following people were proposed and elected for the Main Committee roles.

**Teacher rep:** - Tom Williams - Proposed by Angie Elder, seconded Carolyn Roberts

**Chair:** Angie Elder - Proposed by Claire Seeber, seconded Kathy Moss

**Treasurer (caretaker):** Kathy Moss - Proposed by Mette Pedersen, Seconded by Carolyn Roberts

**Secretary (caretaker):** Mette Pederson - Proposed by Angie Elder, Seconded by Kathy Moss

'Caretaker' indicates that the person elected will continue their role while training or finding a successor.

AGM Concluded at approx. 2:40pm - A General Meeting followed

## General Meeting

1. **Community Garden:** See accompanying report.

Mr James Baker (One of Tallis' English Teachers) went through the exciting garden project. So far, he has been very busy over lock down and things are about 1 ½ yrs ahead of schedule!. He has sourced lots of things for free and has recently spent £400 on apple trees.

The next step is to set up an apiary with approx 3-4 Bee hives. It will cost £1500-2000 to get the hives and running and it is hoped that the PTFA will remain onboard to help fundraise for this. It is hoped that next year it should be possible to harvest honey with the intention to sell the honey to raise ongoing funds for the project. Mr Bakers project overview is attached containing some wonderful data collection showing the increase in wildlife the garden has brought to the school grounds.

2. **School uniforms:** Angie passed on concerns that have been raised to the PTFA regarding the huge difficulties that new and current parents have been having with Whitehall Clothiers. Problems that have historically occurred from prior years have been compounded by current problems caused by Covid. The School was asked if we are in a position to consider looking into other uniform suppliers. Carolyn Roberts felt that this was a fair and just request and that the school is very happy to review our relationship with Whitehall, pending our current contract window. Angie offered the PTFA's services when and if the school needs help with surveys etc. As a general update Whitehall Clothiers says that everything is now in stock. Queries regarding orders need to be between the customer and Whitehall Clothiers but any other issues should be directed to our school Business Director, Cheryl Campbell [ccampbell@thomastallis.org.uk](mailto:ccampbell@thomastallis.org.uk)

3. **Tech for Tallis:** Angie updated everyone on data received from Tom Williams after another devices at home audit that was carried out for Yrs 7-11 (currently doesn't include post 16 data). The Audit is currently only an overview due to the survey return percentage but it shows that:  
- approx 6 pupils do not have internet access at home

- approx 8 pupils do not have a laptop or handheld device to access the internet on  
The [Go Fund Me](#) campaign is still live and can accept donations.

**4. Events/Ideas:**

4.1. Angie raised an idea of setting up a Parent/Friends Community Hub. The vision is to create a platform where parents and friends within our school community can advertise their skill set/business products but also where we could share and swap items in the style of shpock, ebay etc. People could also offer their expertise to others in our community and also with the school should this be of use to current projects or curriculum themes. In normal circumstances something like this could be launched with say a shopping event where people can sell/promote their products or second hand items to raise funds for themselves and the PTFA. Dorothea Georgestone supported the idea as she runs her own Holistic drink business and she offered a profit share proposal with Tallis. Due to Covid, this style of event is not viable but Angie will investigate if this is something we could potentially set up online to get the ball rolling. Angie, Dorothea and anyone else who is interested will aim to discuss this further. Perhaps with a view to involving the schools Business Department.

**7. Date of next meeting:** Not set but an aim is to have another virtual meeting before the end of the term.

**APPENDIX 1.**

**Attendance list for Thomas Tallis PTFA AGM and GM**

**3/11/20 at 2pm on-line via Microsoft Teams**

Some attendees joined by sharing only their first or last name.

Simon Odd	Marc ?	Claire Seeber
Cosma Papouis	Sanae Chergui	Huong Nguyen
Tom Williams	Dorothea Georgestone	Adenike Ayode
Angie Elder	John ?	Gabriela ?
Ahmed Sheikh	Bartosz Wisniewski	Lilian ?
Mette Enevold Pedersen	Mariatu ?	Nafisah Osman
James Baker	Nadia Tagliapietra	Oana ?
Michael ?	Debbie Joyce	Neven Pajovic
Margaret Udo	Abdikarim Iise	
Carolyn Robers	Kathy Moss	
Sacha McArdle	Mrs Obodo	
Kate ?	Barbara Vonau	
Hung ?	Alison Henry	
Ruth Dodson	Ibadete ?	
Claire ?	Elisa Skondra	
Simon Dib	Mekonnen ?	
Fadumo ?	Rocio ?	
Gabirel Ogunbiyi	Angela Hinds	
Jose Carlos	Diana Weber	