

BEDFORD SCHOOL FOUNDATION

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BEDFORD SCHOOL ON SATURDAY 11th MAY 2019 AT 11.15am

Present:	Mr L Feaver	<i>Chairman/Trustee</i>
	Mr J Hodgson	<i>Head Master/Trustee</i>
	Mr D Pinkney	<i>Trustee</i>
	Mr M Shaw	<i>Trustee</i>
	Mr M Sismey-Durrant	<i>Trustee</i>
	Mr P Wallace	<i>Trustee</i>
	Lord Naseby	
	Mr G Blakely	
	Mr H Hamel	
	Mr J Rowe	
	Mr R Stainer	

In attendance: Mr S Holliday *Clerk and Company Secretary*

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members and guests and thanked them for attending. He also welcomed new members to the Foundation, some of whom were present at the meeting. He then paid special tribute to Mr Richard Garrett, former Clerk to the Foundation and Director of Bedford School Association. Acknowledgment was made of his great contribution to the Foundation, the many friends he had made, the events he had organised and the way he had engaged with members during his time with the School and the Foundation.

The Foundation looks forward to welcoming Mr Hugh Maltby to the role to continue the great work previously carried on by Richard Garrett.

2. Apologies

Mr J Hind	Mr H Kean	Mr R Rumboll
Mr R Harper	Mr V J Ayres	Mr D Murray
Mr G Ridnell	Mr P Spray	Mr J W E Rumboll
Mrs A Barnell	Mr R Banks	Mr N Vann
Mr H Maltby	Mr B W Claridge	Mr J Deacon
Mrs A Barlen	Mr S Culliford	Mr B Rose
Mr T D Kent-Jones	Mr T Markham	Mrs J Rose
Mr J H Davidson	Mr C Bushell	Mr A M Lloyd-Williams
MR W J Jordan	Mrs P Aylmer	Mr D Wilson
The Revd Canon J Paisey	Brig I Christie	Mr R J Smith
Mr G Quarry	Mr T R Marshall	Mr J C Edwards
Mr P Chavasse	Mr J Castle	WG CDR J A Turnham
Mr S Haggie	Mrs A Barnes	Mr E Davison
Mr M Rhodes	Mr R Kemp	Mr R Gamblin

Mr H Brooks
Mr C Johnson
Mr R Watling
Mr R Janahi

Mr J Stenhouse

Mr G Lloyd

Rt Hon Lord Taylor of Holbeach CBE PC

3. Minutes of the Sixteenth AGM held on 12th May 2018

These were passed unanimously as a true record of the meeting having been proposed by Mr D Pinkney and seconded by Mr J Rowe.

4. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman directed members to his full report in the 2018 Annual Report and Accounts provided to members. He acknowledged that the year had been successful for the Foundation and that there had been a number of smaller, yet significant donations and legacies that had been received during the year.

As always the Foundation continues to work closely with the School and remains the primary fundraising vehicle. Even though there is no major fundraising initiative at present, it still continues to support it by continuing to maintain the Foundation's profile within the School and the wider School Community.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Anna Saunders, who took over the administration of the Foundation during the year, and the other Trustees who continued to provide excellent support to himself and the Foundation as a whole during what had been a difficult year.

The Head Master was then asked to provide a quick report from the School's perspective.

- He advised that Mr Hugh Maltby was due to commence in August 2019. Hugh is an OB himself and is a current parent at the school. He is well known and respected in Bedford and his family has been involved in the Bedford Regatta for over 50 years and with his School and other local connections is well placed to serve the Foundation going forward.
- There are currently 20 students who are receiving assistance through the Foundation, mostly by way of scholarships from the Saville and Roach scholarship funds.
- A steering group is currently considering possible capital building projects and is working towards a possible announcement soon.
- In response to a question raised, the Head Master reported that the take up of sixth form scholarships is very low, not from lack of trying but it is very hard to recruit at sixth form level.

In response to a question on the OB Survey and the level and awareness of the Foundation and its role by OB's, the Chairman advised that the Trustees were very conscious of this from the data analysis provided and this will be addressed as part of a wider review once Mr Maltby is in place. The Chairman acknowledged that this and other issues previously

identified, hadn't progressed as fast as some would have liked but recent staff challenges, and the transition period before Hugh Maltby takes over, had made it difficult.

It was acknowledged that a specific fundraising focus would certainly assist and provide fresh impetus. A discussion took place on whether, a fundraising project, however small, and the legacy programmes should continually be happening, but it was accepted that it was a question of degree, balancing the need to constantly ask and potentially creating donor fatigue and resistance, against the ongoing background promotion of the Foundation, and its place within the wider school community, which creates the right atmosphere to encourage people to want to give something back to the school.

The Chairman concluded by thanking the members of the Foundation for their continued support and especially all donors to both Bedford School and the Bedford School Foundation.

6. Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31st December 2018

This Report and Accounts had been approved by the Board of Trustees following their meeting on 18th March 2019, and the 2018 Accounts were unanimously accepted by all present following proposed approval by Mr J Rowe, which was duly seconded by Mr M Shaw.

7. Governance

The Chairman welcomed Mr Phil Wallace as a Trustee to the Foundation, who had been appointed during the year to represent the Bedford School Committee.

The Chairman's term as a Trustee expires at this meeting and the clerk stepped in temporarily to Chair the meeting to deal with the potential formalities dealing with the Chairman's potential reappointment as a Trustee. The Clerk, having been notified by the Chairman of his willingness to stand for re-election as a Trustee, asked if any other members wished to stand for election as a Trustee but no nominations were received. Accordingly the Clerk asked the meeting for proposers to the re-election of the Chairman as a Trustee for a further term. Mr R Stainer proposed the nomination and this was seconded by Mr M Shaw.

It was reported that the other Trustees, subject to Mr Feaver's reappointment as a Trustee, had also approved his continued role as Chair of the Foundation for a further term.

Mr Feaver resumed the role of Chairman.

8. Auditor

On the recommendation of the Clerk, Collett Hulance was reappointed by members present as the Foundation's auditors.

9. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

10. Date of Next AGM

A date in the Summer Term 2020 is to be confirmed.

Mr L J Feaver
Chairman