

Scottish Charity No: SCO41955

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Minutes for AGM held Saturday 18th June 2011 at Tweedbank Community Centre

Present:

Pauline Charles Stuart Grieve Naomi Green
Viv Miller Debbie grieve Sarah Burke
Nicola Corbett June Russell

Tracy Simpson

Apologies Ann Hill

Georgina Boggs

Pauline Charles agreed and Viv Miller seconded that the minutes from AGM on 19th April 2010 were a true and accurate record.

Welcome

Pauline Charles welcomed everyone to the meeting

Election of Office Bearers

Chair - Pauline Charles, proposed by Tracy Simpson, seconded by Georgina Boggs Treasurer – Vivien Miller, proposed by Debbie Grieve, seconded by Georgina Boggs Secretary – Nicola Corbett, proposed by Tracy Simpson, seconded by Sarah Burke

The office bearers will be in office for a term of two years or until BANG or they themselves decide this should be reviewed, as per BANG Constitution.

Report from Chair Pauline Charles

Please see attached.

Financial Report from Vivien Miller

Please see attached

Report from Secretary Nicola Corbett

Please see attached

Awards For All

Nicola Corbett is to put together an application for Awards For All. This application will be a leisure and therapy project. It is hoped, if successful, we can gain funding for music therapy, signalong, cinema trips and many other group activities.

Newsletter

The committee would like the newsletter to become widely available across the Scottish Borders and will be asking members to take some to their towns and villages. Please contact Nicola Corbett to get copies. Anyone who would like to submit an item please contact Nicola on 01896 756893 or nicolacor99@talktalk.net

Weekend Breaks

The dates for the first breaks are 16th September 2011 and 30th September 2011. The breaks will take place at Haggerston Castle and will consist of a three night stay (Friday evening – Monday morning) and will include entertainment passes. The caravan we will be using is a 3 bedroom caravan with central heating. The cost to BANG will be £100 per stay plus the cost of the entertainment passes. Recipients of the first weekend breaks are:

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16<sup>th</sup> September – Tracy Simpson and family 30<sup>th</sup> September – Sarah Burke and family
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More breaks will be available next year. For a form to apply for a weekend break, please contact Nicola Corbett.

Monthly Meetings

The Sub-Committee, who have taken over the running of the monthly meetings, are working on putting a more structured plan into place. They will be fundraising for more special needs toys.

BANG Youth

It is hoped 2011-12 will be the year that BANG moves on and sees the creation of BANG Youth. This will be a section of BANG aimed at the older child members. Does anyone have any ideas or wish to volunteer to help take this forward, please see a member of the committee.

Publicity

We need to get the word out about BANG. There are still families out there who have not heard about BANG and who really need support. Leaflets and newsletters are available to help us do that; please take some to your town or village.

Merlin's Wish

The application to Merlin's Wish for a trip to The Sea Life Centre in North Queensferry is still outstanding. As we are a group and need a larger sum of money to organise a trip the application has to go to a committee to agree. The Merlin's Wish committee need a form completing stating general information about the conditions of our children. If you would like to be included on the trip to The Sea Life Centre please see a BANG committee member to be included on the application form.