Thamesmead School

Friends of Thamesmead Parent Teacher Association

Registered Charity No. 282494

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 4 November 2025

Meeting:	Thamesmead FOT Annual General Meeting
Date:	4 November 2025
Location:	Board Room, Thamesmead School
Attendees:	Fiona Fletcher - Chair Garry Court - Treasurer Phil Reeves - Headteacher Mandy Irwin – Communications Manager Cristina Manea- Parent
Apologies :	Nahbila Sher – Business Manager Bill Kerr – School Governor Kenni Rasmussen – Parent Stephanie Gerke - Parent
Minutes taken by:	Mandy Irwin

Apologies for absence as above

Approval of minutes of AGM held on 15 January 2025

No matters arising

Proposed by Phil Reeves; Seconded by Mandy Irwin

Chair's Report 2023/24:

Excellent year of fundraising with an increase on last year's total.

New event for this year was the Family Bingo. This was very successful and is being repeated this November. Advertising will continue until the date.

FOT has started seeing more regular helpers at its events and this could be due to the new sign-up forms which enable parents to choose a convenient slot. Kenni, Stephanie, Garry S, Irina and the Foys are regular helpers at several events.

Increase on takings at the Shepperton Fair. A much better and smarter set up this year and profits boosted by the bacon sandwich BBQ. Plan is to investigate purchase of new gazebo for next year.

The Rock Concert BBQ was successful although slightly overpurchased on BBQ food, but this is difficult to predict.

Easy Fundraising is still also a very good source of background income for FOT.

Pre-loved sales are a good and consistent income and provide a valuable service to the school community.

The key success for FOT are to choose good events and run them well.

Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31 August 2025:

Summary

Profit/Loss	**£ -6,180.12**
c/fwd 23/24	£ 13,896.23
Total for 24/25	£ 7,716.11
Reserve A/c	£ 1,919.38
Total (incl. Res)	**£ 9,635.49**

A loss figure is shown because the invoice for a major purchase carried across to this financial year. But bank accounts still have healthy balance.

Top profit events:

- **Pre-loved uniform sales**: £1177.40 profit
- **Easy Fundraising:** £1,299.21 profit
- **Shepperton Fair:** £1,123.08 profit
- **School Musical:** £1,044.55 profit

Items purchased this year:

- Chrome books
- Colour A1 printer
- Sound system for hall and mobile sound desk

Future Focus

The school would like to make a request for £10,000 for resources for the new Learning Centre (work starting in Summer term 2026. Nahbila will put up a totaliser chart in the foyer for parents/students/visitors to see and encourage fundraising.

Calendar of Events 2025/2026

The Open Evening	Thursday, 9th October
Y7 Disco	Thursday 23rd October
Bingo Night	Friday 14th November
Presentation Evening	Thursday 20th November
Carols by Candlelight	Wednesday 17th December
Spring Concert	Wednesday 18th March 2025
Quiz Night	TBC
Shepperton Fair	Saturday 13th June 2026
Summer Showcase and BBQ	Wednesday 8th July 2026
School Play	w/c 29th June 2026

+Termly pre-loved sales

Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts:

An independent examination is not required if a charity's gross income is below £25,000.

Election of FOT Committee:

Fiona thanked Year 7 parent Cristina Manea for agreeing to become FoT secretary and offered her support.

Chairperson - Fiona Fletcher - proposer Phil Reeves / seconded Mandy Irwin

Treasurer – Garry Court - proposer Phil Reeves / seconded Mandy Irwin
Secretary – Cristina Manea - proposer Phil Reeves / seconded Mandy Irwin

AOB:

FOT did not attend Meet the Tutor event this year as it was felt this wasn't the best place to engage with new parents. Nikki Jenkins would like to discuss an alternative event idea. New parent, Cristina, agreed that it is quite difficult for new parents to connect with each other as they would have done at the Primary schools.

Fiona Fletcher thanked all the volunteers for their hard work in supporting FOT activities.

Phil Reeves (on behalf of the school) and Nikki Jenkins (on behalf of the Governors) thanked Fiona Fletcher and Garry Court for all that they bring to the FoT co-ordinating and attending all the events. They agreed focussing on specific well-run events was the key to success and Cristina was welcomed and thanked. Garry was also thanked for all the time and effort he has spent procuring and installing the new sound system in the hall.

Meeting closed 7.45pm