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| In Attendance  *Meeting opened by chairman, Barry Proctor, at 12.30* | Members as per register for 1/3/14  Parents/ carers / volunteers - Temilope [Gary]; Lynn & Chris [Donna]; Janet [Rachel]; Peter B [Ian]; Jean M & Jean R [Neil]; C Gammon [Michelle]; Margaret W [Sue T]; Maureen [Matthew E]; Janet [Matthew G]; Richard [Stephen, Mary, Maria, Greg]; Jean & Terry Akister [James]; Mel & Lyn [Daniel, Lauren, Graham, Paul, Evelyn] Mary T [Blanche & Martin]; Barry & Rita Proctor [Lee]; Nina Martinez [Antonia]; Alan Jones [Stephen]; Mr & Mrs Webber [David]  Julian Thornington, Margaret Lawrence, Louise Chorley, Mary Barette |
| 1. Apologies | None |

**Agenda items**

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|  | **Minutes 1/6/13** – circulated, read & agreed. |
|  | **Finances -** report from Julian Thornington [treasurer]  Copies of accounts were circulated. Income has risen due to healthy subs and generous donations. Expenditure has risen to the advantage of club members in developing their skills and giving them a variety of experiences from outside agencies.  It has been another successful year financially.  BP proposed that accounts were accepted and this was done unanimously with no questions from the floor.  *Detailed financial report and accounts can be viewed and read in the member’s area of our new web site.*  **Report of the year 2013-** report from Julian Thornington  JT thanked the members for their enthusiasm and help in making the shows successful.  Louise Chorley is now membership secretary and is updating information on members.  Margaret Lawrence has set up a new web site – attractive and very user friendly, this is now live and can be accessed for information about what is happening at the club. [Spare Tyre have a link to us on their web site so we are raising awareness of our activities beyond our own club]. We have had a very positive response to our current puppet making project.  *The report can be read in full in the member’s area of the Celebrations website.* |
|  | **Chairman’s Report**  BP began by thanking JT and all the volunteers that make our club the success it currently is where members can enjoy their Saturday mornings. He reiterated what a great year it had been for our group. Finances are very healthy and the drama coaching and puppet workshops we have funded are a positive development for members. Attendance at the Lord Mayor’s Show had raised awareness and we thank Andrew & Virgil who represented Celebrations on the Spare Tyre float.  We should be proud that we are a self-funding charitable club, with no links to any organisations, run by volunteers with no external help other than free premises for our meetings. We thank Carlton for this.  Thanks were given to ML for the work she has done on developing the website.  The move to the new premises has gone well and we hope that the few teething problems can be overcome and we can move forward. The main issue for us is the acoustics. |
|  | **Election of officers**  Virgil Whale expressed an interest in becoming chairman. Barry Proctor also put himself forward to continue in the role. BP was voted in by 24 votes to 4 [with some abstentions]  ***Proposal was put forward that we should set up a ‘shadow’ committee from club members {proposed by Jenny Webber seconded by Mary T, carried unanimously} this will be discussed at the next club meeting.***  JT was the only nominee for treasurer and was voted back in unanimously.  MB was voted back in as secretary with Blanche Holmes and James Akister expressing an interest in being on the shadow committee once it is set up.  Resulting committee for following year - Barry Proctor – chairman; Julian Thornington – Treasurer ; Mary Barette – secretary. |
|  | **AOB**  JT informed members that there would be a meeting on 29/3 for group feedback on the new premises and related matters.  Blanche Holmes wished to thank Jean, Jean and Rita for providing refreshments each week.  She also raised the fact that for Health and Safety regulations we need to have a fire drill at the new premises.  Susan Tilbury enquired what pantomime we would be doing next. [Oh yes she did] The view was expressed that presenting a show in new hall may not be viable? Possibility of a different venue to be discussed at meeting on 29th.  Mary T thanked everyone for adjusting so well to new club times and arriving promptly. |
|  | **Future AGM – TBA** |
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|  | Meeting closed 1.02 |