

Annual General Meeting Friends of Wechiau Group 24th June 2006

1. Attendance

Ann Bannister, David Warren, Jane Bisby, Janet Kirk, John Flynn

2. Apologies

Lisa Porter, Karen Babbar, Ian Brown

3. Annual Report

The Annual Report for April 06 to March 06 as circulated previously to members was agreed with the following amendments:

- (a) include officer John Flynn as “treasurer”
- (b) type of governing document add “constitution”

4. Annual accounts

Agreed date for accounts to be 1st April to 31st March.

Subs for membership to continue to be £10 per year.

Individuals who have donated a lump sum that would cover membership of more than one year will be considered to be members until 31st March 2007. Continued membership will be reviewed at the next AGM.

5. Minutes of AGM and SGM

Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 11th June 05 and of Special General meeting 5th February 2006, were agreed as a correct record.

6. Matters arising –

(a) Friends of Wechiau Group has been registered as a charity in the UK

(b) No replies have been received to letters sent in April to primary schools, senior secondary schools and the chair and secretary of the education award committee.

It was agreed to

- send letters again
- look at how the letters were worded
- who they were addressed to
- sending the letters as airletters
- correspond with Agba and Issahaku through email, including asking them to print out the letters and deliver
- ask Donna to print out letters and deliver.
- explore corresponding with Francis Bebe (teacher at Talawona school)

(c) correspondence had been received from Donna Shepperd on behalf of NCRC, in answer to the correspondence from the chair. Members expressed concern that not all questions had been answered.

7. Funding proposals for next year

Agreed the following in relation to funding scholarships from Sep 2006.

- (a) Provide funding for 3 scholarships from Sept 2006 through NCRC. One of the scholarships would be for the student who has been sponsored for 2005/06 dependent on confirmation that he has made satisfactory progress.

- (b) Propose to Donna that students should apply for scholarships before they get their exam results. The education committee to meet and make recommendations that are provisional on results, and then information on the prospective students to be sent to FoW for final approval by email/fax. We will re-emphasise the criteria for selection of the students to receive scholarships and the requirement for decisions to be as "equitable as possible in relation to gender, ethnic group/tribe and religion, with a particular emphasis towards more disadvantaged groups". We will also ask for details of the criteria used to make decisions and to be sent the minutes of the education committee meeting.
- (c). Recognised that this would probably not be possible for implementation Sept 06, and if we get a negative response to the above proposal we will still sponsor 3 scholarships for Sept 2006, but will insist the process be set up for students starting in Sept 2007.
- (d) For 2007 agreed that we should set out a detailed timetable similar to UK university applications.

8 Outstanding items

The following items were not dealt with and were held over to a recall AGM

- Action plan for next year
- Resolutions (including any amendments to constitution)
- Election of trustees
- Election of officers