

DERBYSHIRE SCHOOL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION

NOTES FROM EXECUTIVE MEETING WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH 2010

IN ATTENDANCE: *Paul Mason, Peter Thorne & Stuart Conway.*

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: *Barbara Arrandale, Martin Brader, John Partington, Linda DuRoe, Barry Thacker, & Mahala Titterton.*

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: *The February meeting was cancelled, therefore no matters arising.*

CURRENT ISSUES AND REPORTS:

Local

Paul, Martin & Stuart had met briefly with Mike Longden on Wednesday 23 March at County Hall. The outcome of that meeting is that Mike will review their position in respect of the annual grant. He is prepared to hold regular meetings with DSGA representatives together with Jeanette Hamilton. Paul is to contact Mike at the end of April.

Paul reported on the Schools Forum meeting that was held on Wednesday 23 March, that he, Peter and Martin attended.

Paul had seen that there had been 2 contacts on the website seeking help. He will ask Martin if a response has been made.

NGA Regional

Paul & Stuart had attended the regional conference in Mansfield on 23 March. Stuart circulated a copy of his notes from the meeting. Paul informed us that the NGA strategic plan has been formulated. This includes strategies for increasing their income, developing public affairs work and ensuring their independent role in supporting governors. An approved manifesto refers to their intention to greater prominence, free mandatory induction, additional support for governors, level of school funding to be maintained and transparent. NPQH will have a mandatory module on Governance.

NGA NATIONAL

The office team will be enhanced by new staff appointments.

FINANCE

Stuart distributed copies of the latest financial report. We will await a decision from DCC before determining future financial strategies.

Being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL 2010 AT 7PM