**Press Release**

**The St Beghian Society – Press Release 28/06/2015**

The 2015 Annual General Meeting of the St Beghian Society was held in the Memorial Hall, St Bees School on Saturday 27 June and attended by some 100 members of the Society.

In addition to the usual business, Members debated reasons for the decision to close the school and were briefed about work being undertaken by a project team chaired by Anthony Fox, a member of the society’s committee. The project team’s objectives are, following closure of the school at the end of the current academic year, 31st August, 2015, to secure future use of assets for the purpose for which the St Bees School Charity exists; furtherance of the educational wishes of its founder, Archbishop Edmund Grindal.

The establishment of the project team, on the initiative of Professor Frank Woods, the current Chair of Governors, is intended to fulfil one of the reasons for the governors’ decision to close the school at the end of the current academic year; namely to avoid a possible winding up of the charity and to preserve its assets for educational and related purposes, including the benefit of the local community.

Members were told that it was anticipated that current governors, other than the Bishop of Carlisle and the Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria, who - as ex officio board members - are not able to resign, would stand down on or prior to 31 August, 2015. It was expected that a new board, including members of the project team, would take over responsibility for management of the charity’s affairs.

While a motion of no confidence in the governors was adopted by a majority of those members who voted, almost unanimous support was given to a motion endorsing the establishment of the project team and its objective of securing the re-establishment of education at St Bees.

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