



## TACTYC AGM Minutes

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15.6.2019

**Present:** H Bilton, R McDowall Clark, N Stewart, W Scott, E Carruthers, J White, Z Lewis, M Jones, E O'Reilly, K Boardman, D Corfield, B Cook, V Veale, K Vincent, S Curtis, J Georgeson.

**Apologies:** J Payler, J Moyles, R Parker Rees.

The reports are on the website. As the meeting was not quorate, it could not be deemed to be an AGM but a general meeting, thereby keeping members up to date with what has been happening since the last AGM in November 2018, including the formation of the CIO.

### 1. Minutes of the last AGM:

Agreed.

### 2. Matters arising from the Minutes:

No matter arising.

### 3. Chair's report:

Jan thanked the TACTYC members for electing her to the chair of TACTYC and thanked the Executive for all their hard work. She said in keeping with the theme of the conference that we must be mindful of looking after the early years workforce.

She thanked members of the Executive whose terms of office have finished - Sacha Powell, Jackie Eyles, Rosa Collins, Anita Soni, Gareth Bett-David. She thanked Mary Scanlan who joined the Executive for a short while.

On 20 December 2018 TACTYC's application to become a charity was accepted. The transfer to CIO occurred on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. Jan talked

about the special meeting of the Executive in July to discuss the way forward for the charity, so we are clear and transparent about carrying out our core aims of advocacy, support and information.

Jan expressed our gratitude to Janet Moyles and Nancy Stewart for all their incredible work for TACTYC.

The closure of TACTYC's old current bank account has now happened and members have been advised of the closure, which meant that any subscriptions paid to that account needed to have been changed to the Treasurer Account before that date.

Jan reported that Natalie Canning, Elizabeth Carruthers, Jan Georgeson, Rory McDowell Clark and Viki Veale were elected to the new Executive committee, and Penny Borkett and Angela Scollan have been co-opted. Nancy Stewart and Janet Moyles were also co-opted. She said we all know how important it is to provide continuity during transitions and Janet (as former chair) and Nancy (current Vice Chair and the driving force behind many of TACTYC's independent and collaborative campaigns), have been essential to make sure we have managed the process of change as smoothly as possible, both from Association to CIO and with the loss of many TACTYC ~~executive~~ members at the same time.

We are experimenting with virtual meetings to keep the costs of running TACTYC manageable.

The Journal continues to enjoy high levels of submissions and increasing international coverage and we are looking forward to moving to five issues each year. She expressed gratitude to Taylor and Francis for their continued support for the journal. She thanked fellow editors Rod Parker-Rees and Arianna Lazzari for their patience, wisdom and humour.

2018 Conference – Jan talked about how this conference was such a success and how we all felt so moved and proud of our past and also a sense of responsibility for the future. She thanked Janet Moyles, Rory McDowell Clark and Sharon Curtis for their help with this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference, and Jane Murray and everyone else who has pitched in to help make the 2019 conference a success.

TACTYC has joined the Early Years coalition as a sector-led response to the Government's proposed review of the EYFS.

Nancy Stewart has spearheaded the *morethanascore* campaign.

Wendy Scott has written a broad evidence-based response to the Ofsted consultation.

Four reflection papers have already been published on the website.

The student reflection competition is now open. Jan thanked Rory for her work.

Jan thanked Karen Boardman for all her hard work on the website.

The Nursery Schools research project funded by TACTYC is already attracting interest at a time when the future of Maintained Nursery Schools is threatened by reductions in funding.

TACTYC, Early Education and the Teaching School Alliance are working together to develop ideas and seek funding for research on the reception year.

#### **4. The Treasurer's report**

Was viewed, no comments made.

#### **5. Membership secretary's report**

Was viewed and Viki thanked members for bearing with her as she got to grips with the role of membership secretary.

#### **6. Journal Editors report**

Jan shared this in her chair's report.

#### **7. Website report**

Karen went through the report.

#### **8. Matters to discuss**

- a) Online or paper copy of the Journal: A discussion was held about this. A suggestion was made for an email alert with the table of contents of the Journal when it was published. There was a sense from the membership that people would like to move away from paper copy. A suggestion was made for having an 'opting in' choice to have a paper copy of Journal, but the default would be online. Everyone would like online access to the Journal.
- b) The nature of the TACTYC conference: There was a sense from the membership that some members didn't like the conference being in June. Funding has been cut in LAs and Universities and this has clearly impacted attendance to conferences. A suggestion was made to give more time to the workshops and have fewer keynotes.
- c) Mission statement change: The Executive would like to change the mission statement to: '*TACTYC promotes the highest quality professional development for all who are working to enhance the wellbeing and education of young children*'. This will be advertised in the next newsletter to enable members to comment.

#### **9. AOB**

Jan thanked all members for coming to the Conference.

Dates for Executive Committee meetings 2019-2020 will be in January, March, June and September – exact dates to be confirmed with the newly constituted Executive Committee.