

Minutes of Preliminary Meeting of School Boots Committee:
Held at the Centre July 28th 1930

Present: C.C. Enock Griffiths. Councillor David Herbert.
Miss Thomas. Miss Perrotti. Miss Billon. M^r. Morris Jones
M^r. Lewis Lewis. M^r. Haysom. M^r. Prosser M^r. W. H. Richards
Mrs. Walford Price and Mrs Rosa Davies

An apology for absence was received from M^r. W. J. Davies

A preliminary meeting of the new School Boot
Committee was held at the Service Centre on the 28-7-30 +

- (1) Appointment of Chairman for Meeting
Councillor D. Herbert was appointed Chairman for the meeting
- (2) Statement with regard to conditions under which the
Committee was formed and the Proposed Constitution

Hilda Jennings explained that the present Committee was being formed with the permission of the Secretary of the Divisional Committee of the Mansion House Fund to deal with the remaining stock of school boots.

The Committee would consist of the Headteachers of all the Brynmawr Schools, together with eight members of the former Investigation Committee, and two additional members. Mr. Hayson and County Councillor Enock Griffiths who were specially invited to serve in view of their experience in School Attendance Work and the work of the Canteen Committee.

The main function of the Committee would be to consider cases of applications for school boots, but in addition it might be considered advisable that certain cases requiring special help from the Society of Friends Funds. Should be discussed at Committee Meetings.

With regard to school boots the lines laid down by the Mansion House Committee would be followed and it would

be necessary to bear in mind that the fund from which the books were supplied was raised for the sole purpose of assisting distress due to unemployment.

(3) Definition of Cases Eligible for Help

(a) It was agreed that for the time being, all men in full-time employment should be precluded from assistance.

(b) Part-time Workers

It was agreed that in considering these cases, the income for the last four weeks, should be taken into consideration. It was also agreed that the guiding scale of income should be the amount of unemployment benefit.

c) Special cases of hardship would be considered on their merits.

d) "Ordinary" Public Assistance cases would be excluded, and the School Attendance Officer and the Investigators were asked to instruct the parents to apply to the Public Assistance Committee for books where necessary.

The Chairman stated that in his opinion the rule that boots should not be given to any child more than once in three months was a good one, and it was agreed to continue this regulation.

(4) Discussion on Method of Procedure

- (a) It was agreed that lists of the children to be considered by the Committee should be sent in by the Teachers as hitherto.
- (b) It was agreed to send a voucher to the Schools for each pair of boots. In cases where it proved necessary to change the sizes it was suggested that the voucher should be returned to the Centre with the boots.
- (c) It was agreed that a fresh case paper should be filled in, in all cases.
- (d) The Headteachers undertook to send in the lists, for investigation by the end of the first week of September.

It was agreed that after consideration in the Committee, boots should be sent to all schools on the same day. It was suggested that the Secretary should get into touch with tradespeople, owing a horse and cart and try to arrange for the loan of a cart once a month to take the boots to the Schools.

(f)

It was agreed that a list of Investigators with their districts should be sent to each Headteacher and to the Attendance Officer, and parents inquiring about boots at the Schools should be referred to the Investigators.

(5)

Allocation of Districts to Investigators

It was agreed that a special meeting of the eight investigating members of the Committee should be held to allot districts. On the suggestion of Mr. W. H. Richards it was decided that the Hon. Secretary should be asked to prepare a scheme for consideration at the meeting, bearing in mind the proximity of the districts to the Investigators; homes

(6) Appointment of Permanent Chairman & Hon Secretary

On the motion of Miss Thomas seconded by Mr^s Price
Councillor D. Herbert was appointed Chairman

On the motion of Mr^s Morris Jones seconded by Mr^s Price
it was unanimously decided to ask Mr^s Davies to act as Hon Secretary

(7) Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meetings should be held on the third
Monday of each month at 7. p.m. at the Service Centre

(8) Any other Business

It was agreed that the question of cases to be helped
from the Society of Friends Fund should be placed
on the Agenda at the next meeting

D. H. Herbert
Chairman

Meeting of the School Books Committee was held at
the Service Centre Monday Sept 15th 1930

Councillor David Herbert in the chair

Members Present.

Miss Thomas Miss Perrotti Miss Bilton Miss Price
Miss Rosa Davies Miss Hilda Jennings Mr Lewis Lewis
Mr W. Morris Jones C. C. Enock Griffiths. Charles Haysom
W. H. Richards. Emanuel George. Alf James. Thos Drosser
Mr Price & W. J. Davies (Hon Secretary)

The Secretary read Minutes of the last Meeting
which was accepted

1 Proposed by Morris Jones & Seconded by Lewis Lewis
that section B. re-part time workers be accepted as a general
guide, rather than a hard & fast rule. Individual cases
be considered on their merits

2/ Proposed by Miss Thomas & Seconded by Morris Jones
that children who have been attending the Catholic School
this last 18 Months should be supply with Books

3/ Proposed by Mrs Rosa Davis & Seconded by Morris Jones
that training Centre cases be supplied if Possible

4/ M^r Price gave a report on County School cases
Proposed by G. Hayson & Seconded by Mrs Prosser
that Report be adopted

5/ Special case brought forward by Miss Perrotti of a child
name David Brodrick who as to go to Brecon
Proposed M Jones & Seconded by Alf James that it be refered
to the Care Committee through C. C. Enoch Griffiths

6/ S. O. 4.

Proposed by Emanuel George & Seconded by Miss Thomas
that the case of James Alma St. be relieved

Proposed by W. H. Richards & Seconded by Thos Prosser
that a small committee be picked to deal with County School list:
Chairman Secretary Hilda Jennings C. C. E. Griffiths
M^r Price & Miss Bryant

8/ It was Proposed by G. Haysom & Seconded by Morris Jones
that we adjourn until Friday Evening at 8 p.m. at Service Centre

Adjourned Meeting of School Books Committee
22. 9. 1930
Special Social Cases

After some discussion it was moved by M^r Morris Jones
& seconded by M^{rs} R. Davies that a small Emergency
Committee should be formed to consider any social cases
requiring special assistance from the Society of Friends funds
This was agreed to unanimously. And a committee consisting
of the Chairman & Secretary a representative of the Society of
Friends, M^{rs} Walford Price, M^r W. H. Richards & M^r E. George was formed

It was further agreed that all applications should be sent to the investigator for the District before consideration of the Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee were asked to meet at an early date and to define the line on which they recommended that work should be undertaken

It was further agreed that the Sub-Committee should have power to deal with cases referred to them at once, but that they should make a monthly report at the meeting of the full Committee