

# MINUTES

## Parent Council Meeting

*Date | time* Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm | *Meeting called by* Donna Adams

### Present

Donna Adams (Chair) | Clare Birkby (Secretary, minutes) | Julia Rickard (Headmistress) | Owen Birkby | Denise Gallon | Jane Hinton | Elaine Morrison | Angela Arnold | Lorraine Brennan

### Apologies

Myles Conlon | Louise McPherson | Caroline Shearer | Caroline Taylor | Sue Brightman | Joanne Cathcart | Allyson Ironside | Sandie McDonald (Treasurer) | Ted Peters | Karen Riddell | Ian Taylor

**Please note, dates for your diary are shown in red.**

Item	Action
1. <b>Welcome</b>	
2. <b>Old business &amp; approval of last meeting's minutes</b>	
• <b>Crudie Chooks</b>	
Various companies and charities have been looked at with regard to rehoming chickens. Mrs Rickard will speak to Mr Jackson as Arran Brightman's grandpa breeds chickens and may be able to supply.	Mrs Rickard
The run is ready and due to be delivered shortly.	
Donna Adams will order worming pellets.	Donna Adams
• <b>Meeting times</b>	
Only four responses have been received from the slip put out with the last meeting minutes asking for preferred meeting times. The Committee will therefore continue to set these times at the end of meetings.	
3. <b>Stovie Dance</b>	
It was decided to cancel the proposed Stovie Dance due to concerns about attendance (there are lots of alternative events in the area the same weekend).	
A Spring Fling was proposed in lieu, potentially 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> June. Clare Birkby will look into availability at the British Legion in Turriff, Deveron Side Club in Banff and Tarlair Golf Club in Macduff. We will need to ensure the license includes children.	Clare Birkby
4. <b>Valentine's Disco</b>	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February, 6.30 – 8.30pm	
Lee Gallon is available to DJ.	
Clare will send invitations to Fintry and King Edward pupils.	Clare Birkby
£3.00 per ticket to include a party bag and buffet.	
The buffet will be open at set times to avoid an empty hall at times, as happened at the Halloween disco. Lee will announce when the buffet is open.	
Donna has secured a donation of ex-display Christmas and Valentine's decorations from the Co-Op in Macduff.	

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5. **Treasurer's Report**

Donna reported in Sandy's absence. The bank balance is £1740.49 with very few outgoing payments outstanding at present.

There has been no progress from Sandy in sourcing alternative bank accounts providing easier management. Sandy McDonald

6. **Head Teacher's Report**

- **First Aid Training**

At the last cluster meeting it was mentioned that this is available for P5-P7 pupils, and is £330. Fintry and King Edward Schools are also involved, and it will be held at King Edward School. There are 3 levels, 1, 2 and 3. All pupils will complete Level 1, P6 and P7 will complete Level 2 and P7 will complete Level 3.

Levels 1 and 2 will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> March, with a bus from Crudie and Fintry taking pupils to King Edward. Level 3 will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> April, again with a bus from Crudie and Fintry taking P7 pupils to King Edward. The three schools have agreed to equally divide the cost of the transport and course.

Pupils can order lunch as normal on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March and these will be delivered to King Edward School. P7 pupils will need a packed lunch for 1<sup>st</sup> April (which can be again be ordered from school, slip to follow).

School photos will be during the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> April from 9am.

- **Bikeability**

Joanne Cathcart has undertaken training, Clare and Donna have volunteered to also undertake training if needed. This will be available to P7s – the adult:child ratio is 1:5 and there are 6 P7 pupils. Mrs Rickard will put out an expression of interest. It is proposed that if this goes ahead it will take place in the back roads behind Crudie, and not on the main road. Mrs Rickard

- **Reports**

Reports will be sent out 24<sup>th</sup> March. The Open Afternoon will be on 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm, and the Parents Evening will be 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April (this will be optional).

- **In Service Days**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February – staff will be attending Learning Through Technology in Ellon.  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February – restorative practice.

- **Community Café**

This will be hosted by the P5-7 class on 1<sup>st</sup> April in the morning, time tbc.

- **Laptops**

Mrs Rickard has looked into prices/options for updating the current laptops. There are none available through the Council at this time.

Netbooks £203

iPad Mini £177

iPad Air £248.50

A PC refresh was discussed with the IT Department at the last cluster meeting, and this will happen at the end of the year, however it was unclear whether it will be the end of the financial year, school year or calendar year. Unlike the previous refresh, the school will be allocated an amount of money to be spent, rather than replacing machines like for like.

- **Library**

Over Easter Mrs Rickard is planning to move the library to the back of the stage, and

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return the cloak room area to the current library space.

- **Garden Committee Quiz Night**

The Garden Committee would like a bar at their quiz night so a risk assessment will be necessary. Donna will look to see if we already have paperwork for this.

6. **Any Other Committee Business**

- **Ragbag collections**

Elaine has looked into a collection bin for RagBag donations, which could be situated outside and used by the community. There are concerns regarding space and inappropriate use of the bank if placed at the school. A permanent bin may also reduce the donations, as at present families know that there is a collection due and make a specific effort to look out items to donate. An idea to increase donations from the community is to distribute leaflets to our neighbours 2 weeks prior to a planned collection. Mrs Rickard will look into doing this with her Waste Warriors pupils. RagBag no longer accept heavier items such as towels, bedding and curtains, however it is thought that Nathans do accept these items.

Mrs Rickard

- **School lunches**

Second helpings at lunch has been stopped due to wasted food.

Mrs Rickard will speak with Mrs Parker regarding ideas to increase the amount/range of fruit and vegetables eaten by the children at lunch times.

Mrs Rickard

- **Next coffee morning**

Clare will look to booking the British Legion in Turriff for another coffee morning in the new school year. We have been advised to avoid the first weekend in December as this is traditionally the weekend that another large coffee morning is held in the town.

Clare Birkby

7. **Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm**. Everyone is very welcome to attend, however if you are unable to attend and have any items to raise or questions to ask, please forward these via the School Office or e-mail [clare\\_birkby@btinternet.com](mailto:clare_birkby@btinternet.com).

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