

## Balloch Parent Council Minutes

24/04/2019

**Note: These minutes will remain in DRAFT format until they are approved at the next Parent Council meeting.**

Agenda Item		Action
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	<p>Pip Sharp, Kelly Johns (Secretary), Cllr Trish Robertson, Jeni Alexander, John MacPherson , Karen Ross, Morven Reid (Vice Chair), Emma Patience, Catherine Bunn.</p> <p>Apologies- Gillian Moore, Harpreet Doherty, Steven Cumming, Melanie Smith (Chair), Clare Petrie, Lesley Henderson, Andrew Cobban, Gail Macleod, Deirdre Low, Laura Fraser.</p>	
<b>2. Community Policing update</b>	<p>PS Ali Maclean unavailable for the meeting.</p> <p>Karen made us aware of the back gate being superglued shut by vandals &amp; the police dealt with the situation very quickly.</p> <p>We would like an update on speeding in the local area at the next meeting if possible</p> <p>Jeni raised the point of Culloden academy pupils at Clava cairns and their safety on the roads there. This could be brought to the attention of the police?</p>	<p><b>Speeding update at next meeting</b></p> <p><b>Clava Cairns point to be raised with police</b></p>
<b>3. Approval of previous minutes</b>	<p>Minutes from previous meeting were proposed by Jeni Alexander and seconded by Pip Sharp</p>	
<b>4. Matters arising from previous meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASG meeting of the Parent councils- Morven has informed us that this is being arranged with a view for the local parent councils to meet at the end of May?</li> <li>• PC Newsletter- This still remains outstanding. Karen mentioned that something that arose from the parent questionnaires was that people don't feel they are kept involved. Should we send a letter asking if people would be willing to help?</li> <li>• Cath suggested we should have a</li> </ul>	<p><b>Newsletter to be done next term</b></p> <p><b>Cath to do a communication</b></p>

	<p>communication plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ski trip funding money has been reallocated to the P7 trip- 45 children are attending. Thank you to Morven for all her hard work in applying for the funding.</li> <li>● Leaflet asking for volunteer helpers in local area- Cath had drafted a letter but decision was made to leave this for now.</li> </ul>	<b>plan</b>
<b>5. Travel plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Morven was due to meet with the person to discuss the Travel plan &amp; changes to the car park but that has been rescheduled.</li> <li>● The original plans for the car park will be emailed to the PC for approval. This could happen during the summer holidays.</li> <li>● We were hoping to get help with funding the pelican crossing via Sustrans but they have advised they have no funding available.</li> </ul>	<b>Morven to email car park plans to PC</b>
<b>6. Balloch Farm housing development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Concerns around how it will impact the school in terms of the numbers coming into the area</li> <li>● Suggestions have been made that land will be given to the local community</li> <li>● Any comments have to be submitted to the council by 30<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>● The children really want grass to play on, could this be achieved as part of this? Karen will speak to Robert Campbell about the land</li> </ul>	<b>Karen to speak with Robert Campbell about extra land for school</b>
<b>7. School report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Enrolment- placing requests have all been granted, 31 children for P1. There will be 9 classes next term if numbers stay the same.</li> <li>● FM- every request is becoming an issue.</li> <li>● They refused to cover Parents evening and suggested that they could be moved to Culloden academy. The school were not happy to ask parents &amp; staff to go to Culloden Academy so instead they had to pay for office staff to let people in and out for parents night</li> <li>● .Halloween disco- LET was agreed but nobody arrived</li> </ul>	<b>Kelly to write letter of complaint in</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter disco- LET was agreed but nobody arrived</li> <li>• PC would like to address this issue. A letter of complaint will be sent on behalf of PC</li> <li>• Scott the new FMA has been great</li> <li>• School aims need to be refreshed, a letter will be sent asking for parent volunteers to be a part of writing the aims together with some pupils.</li> </ul>	<p><b>regards to FM issues</b></p> <p><b>School aims to be updated</b></p>
<p><b>8. PC/BFG Items</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Fraser has taken over as Treasurer although the signatory mandates are still in process of changing.</li> <li>• There are plenty of funds to cover the things that we have committed to paying so far. Karen will have a clearer idea of what we can help the school with buying once the budgets have been set.</li> <li>• Easter disco- Thanks to all who helped with the disco and a special thanks to the school staff for stepping in when DJ didn't arrive. Profit of around £500 was made from the disco which is great.</li> <li>• Uniform sales- Gail is looking to sell on lost property. The clothes would be laundered, packaged &amp; labelled. Could be done as part of Eco-outfitters? Also the potential of the school having a stock of uniform, forms could be submitted on a Friday and uniform handed out on a Monday?</li> <li>• Gala day is moving to September this year</li> <li>• Could we maybe have a summer Ceilidh? This would be a social event towards the end of term</li> <li>• Halloween disco to be held Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October?</li> <li>• Hogmany Party</li> <li>• Cauliflower cards for Christmas. This needs to be done in about September time</li> </ul>	<p><b>Follow up on what help we can give once budgets set</b></p> <p><b>Gail to follow up on uniform ideas</b></p> <p><b>Summer Ceilidh updates at next meeting?</b></p> <p><b>Confirm date of disco and book DJ</b></p> <p><b>Book Cauliflower cards</b></p> <p><b>Jeni to look into</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tea Towels- Suggested that this would be a nice idea for P1 and P7 pupils. Jeni will run this</li> </ul>	<b>Tea Towels</b>
<b>9. AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highland PC forum- people were upset about the council cuts at the meeting. Particular attention given to the PSA posts. Full details on this will be available in early May. Allocation is set depending on numbers of level 3 &amp; 4 children.</li> <li>• Point was raised that the children getting the bus to school are now on an open service since it changed from DE to Stagecoach. Parents weren't made aware of this until the children told them. This was raised by children in the Pupil council and Jeni spoke to Highland council and Stagecoach. It was confirmed that this is an open bus and any member of the public can use the service. The school does a register to check the children onto the bus at the end of the day. Some children have been able to get onto the bus without showing a bus card. Trish Robertson will look into this issue.</li> <li>• Basketball strips- Jeni &amp; Pam will continue helping with Balloch basketball teams next year. Balloch strips are required (20) These will be approved subject to checking account balances.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Updates on PSA cuts at next meeting</b></p> <p><b>Follow up on school bus at next meeting</b></p> <p><b>Trish Robertson to follow up</b></p> <p><b>Basketball strip price &amp; affordability TBC</b></p>
<b>10. Date of next meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGM Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 7pm – Look to invite someone from Highlife Highland?</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> June Nursery &amp; P1 information nights. Morven to talk about PC/BFG</li> <li>• New parents coffee morning Nursery &amp; P1 proposed for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 8.50am</li> </ul>	<p><b>Kelly to do LET</b></p> <p><b>Morven to talk at Nursery &amp; P1 info night</b></p> <p><b>Advertise new parents coffee morning</b></p>