

## **Minutes of St Clare's Parent Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 5 February 2020**

**Attending:** Nadia Capuano, SM, Aundrie Wilmott, Elizabeth McHaffie, Mags Ferrier, Anna Reid, Romana Ahmed, Nicola Steel, SM, Mark Sheridan, SR, JTB, Gemma Doyle, Mrs Absolom and Mrs Callaghan

**Apologies from:** AQ, Heather Ferry, Audrey Martin, BC, CL, Arfah Shafiq, CC, LK, CG, KB, PN and SF

1. **Welcome** - Aundrie Wilmot, Chairperson
2. **Prayer**— Mark Sheridan, Church Representative

### **3. Chairperson's Update**

Aundrie updated on recent St Ninian's PC meeting. Local Development Plan 1 ongoing with 1500 houses (eg Maidenhill). St Ninian's will be catchment RC school. The S1 intake to St Ninian's of 2022 (current P5s) will be the "blip" year, with estimated 330 students in intake (normal intake is 300). By the time our current P3s reach S1, the new admissions policy shall apply (priority to those with baptism certificate if numbers exceed capacity) and numbers may reduce. Modular classrooms will be introduced to St Ninian's to accommodate everyone. It is envisaged that St Clare's shall be a fully 2 stream school in 3 years' time.

Aundrie encouraged everyone to participate in the recent Scottish Government Parental Involvement Consultation.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

See separate report. The Hallowe'en discos raised £608.81; the Christmas Fayre raised £4,298.51. Current bank balance is £12,195.63. Sum in excess of £10,000 committed to various expenses.

### **5. Headteacher's Update**

See separate report. Highlights from Mrs Absolom report:

- St Clare's has achieved Digital Schools Award;
- ERC visiting 19 February 2020 for languages review;
- Advice re appropriate use of What's App being reinforced with children;
- Bikeability to commence shortly and parent volunteers sought;

### **6. Fundraising**

- St Clares' Ladies Night to take place on 21 February 2020 at St Cadoc's church hall;
- Summer BBQ to be held weekend of 5/6 June 2020.

## 7. ACOB

### **Carpark (detailed note provided by Jacqui Tsang):**

JTB shared that some parents had raised concerns about safety in the car park. As some suggestions had been received, she asked if this recurring AoB item could be discussed again.

Each of the suggestions raised was discussed in turn. It was accepted that some of these may have been considered by the PC / school in the past, but it would be worthwhile sharing the outcome of previous considerations again.

#### **Ideas suggested and feedback**

##### 1. Walking bus

A walking bus would be parent organised and led. If any parent wants to organise this, there is nothing preventing them from doing so. Previously this idea has not been taken up for a number of reasons, including but not limited to;

- Ratio could be up to 1:10. Parent(s) would be responsible for children in their walking bus
- Some of the pavements leading up to the school are narrow, which results in restricted pavement space in particular on days when Mearns Castle High School finishes at a similar time.
- Cars can travel on Waterfoot Road/Broom Road East in excess of the speed limit.
- Above factors could increase risk for any parent(s) being responsible for the walking bus.

Further discussion on recent traffic calming measures put in at Eaglesham Road. It is understood that this action was taken by the council after volume of complaints were received from residents.

*ACTION:* SM to speak to fellow PC member to get named council contact details. This will then be shared with parents so they can express their concerns re speeding cars on these two roads with the council.

##### 2. Car park flow

There are often blockages in the second and third row of the car park whilst the first row is less busy. The repeat offenders parking on double yellows in front of the traffic light was also highlighted.

Question was asked if the car park flow may be more efficient if the first row was 2 way or there was a one way snake flow.

- The first row is too narrow to be 2 way
- Car park flow was designed by council
- Car park design also had to give consideration to the farm road beside the traffic lights

*ACTION*; AA to provide contact details to try and obtain car park design map and rationale for current flow

### 3. School finish times

Consideration if it is possible to stagger start times between St Clares, nursery and Calderwood lodge.

- Discussions have already taken place with establishments in the past
- No further options are available

### 4. Expanding school bus availability:

- This is a council led decision.
- Parents must contact council to enquire about availability and waiting list.
- Mary Hunt from council has been contacted again to enquire about increasing bus routes.

### 5. Letter summarising nearby parking options

Accepted by all as a good idea but action has to be taken around speeding cars on Broom Road East and Waterfoot Road first, in order to increase safety of walking route before there would be a significant enough uptake of this option to make a difference to current congestion

### 6. Parents campaigning against dangerous driving

- Suggestion was made if parents could put together a rota of volunteers to challenge drivers parking inconsiderately. Given abusive behaviour received when challenges have been made, this option was not advisable.
- Suggestion of parents challenging drivers together as a group. This would require cooperation with and participation from both Calderwood Lodge and St Clares. Letters would also have to be sent out in advance of such a strategy being considered.

*ACTION*: Ramona to set up sub group to discuss appetite for parent group above.

## **Concerns**

### 1. Mearns castle high school using car park

- PC was reminded that Calderwood Lodge feeds into Mearns castle high school. Cars using our car park could be siblings, with parents dropping off at both.
- Reminder has been issued previously in Mearns castle high school newsletter reminding parents/guardians to refrain from using St Clares/calderwood lodge car park.

### 2. Dangerous driving and abusive behaviour

- Concerns raised in particular around double parking resulting in danger when cars are trying to pass and not seeing children
- Height of speed bumps especially at pedestrian crossings
- Unacceptable behaviour from drivers when concerns have been raised about their dangerous driving. This has been both verbal and physical and has occurred both inside and outside cars.

-If a crime has been committed, take care registration details and advise police, via non emergency number, 101.

3. Illegal parking on the double lines by the traffic lights

Wardens could be asked to come at peak times to ticket cars parked illegally

**Other points to note**

1. Junior Road safety officers

- Placards being designed

- Suggested removing privilege of car park.

This would be a council decision and of last resort.

2. Put warning stickers on offending cars.

It is illegal to do so.

3. Campus cop

Can be called out to attend at specific times

4. Reminder that Mearns Castle High finishes at earlier times on Wed and Fri.

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St Clare's Primary School @7pm

### **Head Teacher's Report**

Anne Marie Absolom

#### **Education Scotland: How Good is OUR School? Part Two Theme 4: Our health and wellbeing**

I have worked with the Junior Leadership Team to use the toolkit to evaluate the quality of health and wellbeing across our school. JLT researched the theme and talked to the children at assembly about the toolkit and how it can be used to gather evidence of the quality of HWB in St Clare's. The JLT used the features of highly effective practice, created questions and produced an online form. We held a learner participation assembly (LPG) with the whole school and gathered the views of all learners. The JLT are now making an action plan to address some of the issues raised e.g. support children to be more aware of the wellbeing wheel and how we can use this to assess our wellbeing. The JLT will share this presentation at the beginning of our annual Welly Walk for all parents.

#### **Digital Schools Awards Scotland**

Full copy of report available for parents to view. AMA provided a brief summary of the process and our main strengths.

Newsletter highlighted the support we have provided to help children stay safe online and encourage parents to work with the school in adhering to the guidance and age limit presented by Whats App.

A wealth of information has been uploaded to our website and provides comprehensive guidance for parents.

#### **ERC: Review of 1+2 Languages**

A small team will be visiting St Clare's on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020. They will visit classes, observe teaching and learning, look at evidence, speak to staff and learners about their experiences of Modern Languages. We look forward to their visit and the feedback.

CC provided a verbal overview in relation to development work being undertaken at Authority level.

### Local Improvement Plan 2020-2023

Draft plan shared and discussed

### Holocaust Memorial Event

Once again, Primary Seven have been working with their friends in Calderwood Lodge. The children listened to a talk from a Holocaust Survivor and other survivor stories. They visited the Gathering the Voices Exhibition in school and jointly created symbolic artwork. This learning culminated in a joint faith service attended by both classes, Father Eoin and Rabbi Reuben.

### Bikeability

They are running training courses organised by CTA and we would be grateful if parents could volunteer and support this aspect of the curriculum. Even if their child is not in P6 they could still take part.

Different courses run as follows:

**There are 32 spaces on a first come, first serve basis.** (However, can be increased to 48 if required).

Therefore if you have any staff members and parents that would like to participate then here is what to do :

Any candidate must first register on the Cycling Scotland database

- <https://www.cyclinghub.scot/register>

After they have done so then they can book on to their preferred course. Please see links and Private Codes required below. **All candidates must attend for the full day 09.00 – 17.00 as well as complete around 3 hours of pre-course learning.**

16<sup>th</sup> March Netherlee Primary School (Kiran Gallacher) <https://www.cyclinghub.scot/class-details/5855> Private Code CTANetherlee

17<sup>th</sup> March Mearns Primary School (Dagmar Lages) <https://www.cyclinghub.scot/class-details/5851> Private Code CTAMearns

23<sup>rd</sup> March Carolside Primary School (Caroline Kerr) <https://www.cyclinghub.scot/class-details/5839> Private Code CTACarolside

24<sup>th</sup> March Cross Arthurlie Primary School (Keith Fergus) <https://www.cyclinghub.scot/class-details/5838> Private Code CTACrossArthurlie

