

**BOTRIPHNE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**  
**ONLINE, DIRECTLY AFTER THE AGM**

**Present** Rachael Smith, Mary Stewart, Kelly Gordon, Jemima Gordon-Duff, Ros and James Harris, Fiona and Torquil Gordon-Duff, Karlyn Wilson

**Apologies** None received

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd November 2020 were read and no matters were arising from them. It was noted that 8 families out of the 13 responded to the questionnaire for suitable times to hold these meetings. Proposed by Fiona Gordon-Duff, seconded by Rachael Smith.

**Fundraising** £235 was raised from the online raffle that was held using the donations from the coffee morning. As costs are rising and available funding sources are less, we do need to look to the Parent Council for funds to be able to continue providing the current activities for the children – Reading Challenge Prizes, Outdoor Learning/Earthtime, Buses, Transition Week activities, Hoodies for leavers, Playground Toys/balance bikes to name a few. It was discussed what costs might be needed and what would be possible with covid restrictions still in place. The school funds are currently around £3000 so it was decided there was no immediate need to fundraise.

**Parent Portal** Not all parents are signed up to Parent Portal yet. There is also still some issues with attachments on Groupcall. If anybody is having problems, could they please send a screenshot to Mary with details. Zurich Insurance has launched a Safer School app and is looking for feedback.

**AOB – Traffic Calming** James has been in touch with the police regarding the speed of traffic driving through the village, especially in the mornings. It was requested that the Parent Council write a letter of support to the police regarding this. There was a discussion about various traffic calming measures that might slow traffic down or changes that could be made to make school drop offs and collections safer. It was decided to write to Strathisla Community Council and approach Drummur & Botriphnie Community Trust for their support with this also.

**Halloween Party** The pupils have requested a Halloween party. It was decided that the Parent Council would organise a Halloween Party on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October, if the hall is available. It will be open to all school and toddler pupils and their siblings.

**School Sheds** It was mentioned that shelves in the school shed(s) would be useful. Jemima volunteered Alec's help to get these installed. This led on to speaking about the school grounds. There was lots of support to help paint sheds, tidy up outside or generally help where needed. Unfortunately, due to covid, this still wouldn't be allowed.

**Bees** There was a request for the school to keep bees. Lots of schools in England do this. As the meeting time was nearly up and signal was dropping it was noted that Rachael would see if she could find out more about it. Possibly speak to the UK Beekeeping Association or if Torquil might have a contact that could help us with this.

**Date of next meeting** week beginning 22nd November 2021