

BOTRIPHNE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024
IN SCHOOL AT 6 p.m.

Present Rachael Smith, Mary Stewart, Kelly Gordon, Ros Harris, Fiona Gordon-Duff, Jenny Bowler, Karlyn Wilson, Mel Irvine

Apologies Torquil Gordon-Duff

Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th October 2023 were read and no matters were arising from them. Rachael gave an update that the fences have now been erected out of the council property budget. This leaves one gate to be upgraded and the quote is in for this. It will need to be paid from the school budget. Proposed by Fiona Gordon-Duff, seconded by Mel Irvine.

Outdoor Learning There is no real progress with regards to our much wished for shelter. We are very tied in what we can do and who we can use due to the Moray Council procurement processes. Mary is still looking into every avenue possible to allow us to progress any with this.

It's hoped that the weather clears up so the children can get back outside for outdoor learning. Mel needs to sort out the poly tunnel after winter storms before any pumpkins can be grown. Since the poly tunnel is out of action the seeds could be planted in school. Mel and Jenny are to come in on 24th May to help with this. Mel will get seeds and Fiona will source the compost. Mrs Milne is keen to get involved with the mink project. Torquil will chase up new clay for the trap.

Groundforce Day Fiona to check with Scott (painter) if the fence would be better to be treated. The moss in the playground can be cleaned with a machine by the same person who erected the fence. Rachael is going to get a price for this. It was decided that we wouldn't do anything else to the playground until it was cleaned. The front fence also needs painted. Mary is going to check with the council if this is something they will do.

Fishing Trip A suggestion has been made to hold this at the weekend therefore the ownership is with the parents which takes away the need for risk assessments. This would also mean there are no clients at Loch Park. It was decided to go for this and a provisional date was set for Saturday 2nd June with Sunday 16th June as a back up. 10am start with a view to heading home by 2pm and everyone to take their own picnic lunch. Ros has first aid qualifications. Mel will check with the Fishery Board to see if they can do anything and Torquil will check with James at Loch Park about the boats etc. Mel will get equipment from her dad and he'll hopefully manage along too. Rachael is going to speak to the kids and see how many want to go fishing and organise other activities for those that aren't so keen on fishing.

Coffee Morning Following on from last year's coffee morning it was noted that the kids need to be kept to a minimum or have a 'kids corner'. More people are needed for the bottle stall but more people are required all round! Sweetie stall cleared very quick so it would be good to try to get more donations for this. To be discussed in more detail after the summer holidays.

Photos It was asked if Mel would like to do school photos again this year. Mel's happy to do them and a provisional date was set for 24th May, first thing in the morning before St Fumac's celebrations. If not suitable then they'll be done on 27th May. Jo to be asked if she would make a wreath for St Fumac's.

Bank The current balance in the account is £2383.92. Fiona asked if the bank account could be changed to Virgin bank since there is no longer a Lloyds TSB branch nearby. This was approved.

Speeding The council have approved vehicle activated signs to go up in the village. The Trust are trying to get funding to move this project along.

Swimming Rachael asked if the end of term trip to the swimming pool could be extended to include a picnic lunch at the park. There was no objections to this. The bus has been booked. Hopefully the games hall at the pool can be a back up venue if the weather isn't good.

Gold Star Reading To achieve the next level of the Reading Schools awards the school need to engage with the community. There is already lots of ideas and families come into school to read on a regular basis. It was suggested that Catherine Stables could be invited in or Jackie Ross. Mrs Milne is already working on this. Ros suggested that maybe they could work with her class at Ordiquhill Primary School on this and Botriphnie could do a presentation about Reading Schools for them.

Tesco Blue Tokens The kids are really keen on the cooking club and it was suggested that we could apply to the Tesco Blue Token scheme to help with these sessions. Ros is going to look into this and get an application started.

Date of next meeting Thursday 22nd August, 6pm, at school