

**Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 24th October 2024 in School at 6pm**

**Present:**

Mary Stewart, Rachael Smith, Fiona Gordon-Duff, Karlyn Wilson, Mel Irvine, Sarah Johnston, Kelly Gordon

**1. Apologies**

Sammy Stewart, Torquil Gordon-Duff

**2. Previous Minutes**

Fiona approved and Mel seconded the minutes.

**3. Matters arising**

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Thanks for coming. Halloween party 2023 was a success and great run up to Christmas with kids all excited about parties and nativity show. Moving into this year we purchased the outdoor equipment for the school. We said a temporary farewell to Mrs Chalmers and welcome back to Mrs Milne. The fishing trip was a great success as well as the coffee morning which was a huge success. Thanks to everyone for all support this year. Big thank you to all the staff at Botriphnie who are amazing.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Opening balance on 1/9/23 was £1516.90

Closing balance on 31/8/24 was £2734.60

We paid for the Christmas books and for Outdoor learning equipment.

Last year's coffee morning 2023 was £1400

**6. Election of Office Bearers for 2024-25**

Chair - Mel - proposed by Fiona and seconded by Sarah

Secretary - Ros - proposed by Mel and seconded by Karlyn

Treasurer - Fiona is standing down this year - will put to the wider parent group for volunteers

**7. Headteacher's Report**

A lot of the highlights have been around the work that goes into play pedagogy and the developments of this in the school. The children really enjoy playing and understanding the skills behind what play means to them. For the children to be able to work through relationships through play helps them to be enthusiastic and energised to work through problems together. Play pedagogy has led to a QIO visit feed-backing that the children are able to talk about their play and their experiences confidently. The play has increased motivation to come to school and the healthy relationships they are building through it. They are able to use the language of their school values and "learning attitudes" and understand how to link them through their skills in trying new things, building relationships, problem solving and emotional resilience through growth mindset and learning from mistakes. The interactive pit teaches the children that there are always going to be hard tasks ahead that they may not want to do or complete but will need to and find the perseverance for it, followed by the praise for the effort. Play pedagogy helps support and build the strong relationships throughout the school, the support for each other. The children get a lot of opportunity for wider achievements and it's well supported within school. The coffee morning was great achievement and the fishing trip was a super experience for the children and families.

Mel fed back to Rachael that the newsletters she writes are wonderful insights to school life and we all enjoy reading them. It was lovely to hear that the children also enjoy providing inspiration and ideas for the newsletters too.

**8. AOCB**

None

**9. Date of next meeting**

October 2025

Meeting closed by Mel.