

Botriphnie Primary School Parent Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2025 in School at 6pm

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

1. Apologies

Jemima and Alex Gordon-Duff, Torquil Gordon-Duff, Sarah Johnston

2. Previous Minutes

Point 5. Parent Council Funds exact amount is £4891.25

Approved by Rachael and seconded by Mel Irvine

3. Matters arising

See previous minutes and change of treasurer.

4. Change of Treasurer

Sammy is our new Treasurer. Proposed by Karlyn and approved by Mel.

Thank you, Sammy, for taking it on and thanks to Fiona for being in post for the last few years.

5. Parent Council funds update

£4991.25

Science day and ice-cream all paid for now

School to look at whether the children want to go to Panto again

6. Moray Council School Review

Ros, Fiona and Karlyn attended the focus group on the 13th Nov. At the focus group we were asked to discuss different scenario options for school closures. Key points were that they predict all school numbers to drop across Moray. Moray Council do not have enough funds to maintain and update the schools. A school role of 15 is the red flag number. There are no action points.

7. School's 150th Birthday

Saturday 14th June 10am-12pm - Hall booked and they have come back said that is something that the Community Trust could get involved in too.

Things to organise:

Press involvement - Fiona

Invites and Posters - School to make and us to deliver - Fiona

Catering - Like a coffee morning - Make nut free - Jenny, Jo, Mel

Stations around the hall to look at pictures and chat

Face painting - Mel to contact

Balloon lady - Ros to contact Dotty About Balloons

Lucky Square / Raffle - Karlyn

Ros to work with school to create a history timeline

Mrs Henderson - Sports games?

Kids area in the Committee Room

Everyone to contact anyone who has been previous pupil at Botriphnie to see if they have any photos or memories etc.

Decorations - streamers / bunting

8. AOB

Mrs Henderson is going to retire at the end of January.

PC would like to give her a gift - massage voucher at Ambiance, Dufftown

29th January is her last day to present.

PC checked in on Rachael as we are worried about her and the workload she has taken on. Mrs Milne is teaching 3 days and Rachael is teaching 2 days at Botriphnie.

Rachael introduced the Northern Alliance Toolkit to PC. The QIO wants to come to the school on the 4th Feb - permission forms are being emailed out. The QIO wants to create a video of "learner participation and ownership of learning" using Botrighnie pupils as a showcase of exemplar examples of practice using their Learning Pit. This is a fantastic opportunity for the staff and pupils to showcase nationally the fantastic work they are doing.

Rachael is also putting together a Partnership Approach to Play at Botrighnie Primary (Play Policy). At some point Rachael would like the parents to have a look through to include "parent voice" and feedback too. Rachael is also evidencing the Learning for Sustainability (sketch note) using ThingLink. All of this is to evidence how everything they are doing is helping to improve outcomes for the pupils. Rachael will go through it in more detail with us when it is further on.

The Tesco application has gone in for funding for Cookery Club - asked for £800 instead of £500 so that potentially equipment like an air fryer could be bought.

The pupils are really into design and tech crafts atm. Potentially need helpful parents to help with creating workbenches or sawhorses. Mary to see if Moray Ranger Ged could be involved.

Fishing Trip - Sat 24th May 2025 provisional date

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 24th April 6pm

Meeting closed by Mel