

**St Andrew's Primary School
Parent Council**

**Meeting Minutes
Monday 4th December 2017**

Present: Committee: Anthony McAllister (Chairperson)
Donna Shaw (Vice Chairperson)
Carolann Shields (Treasurer)
Elaine Johnston (Church rep)
Frances Bath (Secretary)
Alison McCool (Council Member)
Adele Meechan (Council Member)

 School Reps: Jennifer Flanagan (HT)

Apologies: Kelly McLaughlan (Council Member)
Kelly Goldie (Council Member)
Siobhan Kerr (Council Member)

1. Welcome

AMcA opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance.

2. Approval of previous minutes

All members agreed the minutes from the previous meeting.

3. Councillor Pettigrew

AMcA introduced Councillor Nancy Pettigrew. Councillor Pettigrew provided an update on all initiatives being worked on for the school.

Unfortunately, having conducted a study the Council have determined that there isn't enough traffic or pupil footfall at the crossing on Ballochney Street to warrant a Patrol Crossing Officer. The Parent Council will look at appealing this decision.

The Councillor advised that she feels the '20s plenty' road signs should be mandatory on the roads surrounding the school and will refer this to the Roads Department.

She will also check whether the speed bump petition has been approved and whether there is scope to erect further safety barriers on the roads near the school.

The existing safety barrier at the rear entrance will also be repaired.

The Councillor confirmed that now the lane and other access points to the school have been cleaned and cleared this would now be maintained on a regular basis.

A case has been presented to North Lanarkshire Leisure to have repair work conducted on the drainage system of the water logged football pitch to allow pupils access to the pitch more often.

The Councillor has pledged to offer continued support to the school and the Parent Council and will provide further information in relation to grants from both North Lanarkshire Council and commercial companies.

4. Fundraising

Funds raised by the Parent Council 2017 – 2018 will be primarily used to purchase new quality lighting for the school stage.

- The Parent Council is looking to host a Race Night to raise funds. The detail is yet to be decided. The event will potentially run in April.
- The family quiz (details of which were agreed at the previous meeting) will commence in January.
- Details of the Bingo Night, including a date for the event will be confirmed when possible. AMcA has requested that a case be submitted detailing the expense of the evening in order to submit a request for support from North Lanarkshire Council.

AM advised she has submitted a request for a grant of £500 from Scotmid for outdoor storage and supplies for the garden. A response is expected in 6 – 8 weeks.

5. AOB

JF provided a brief update on the Christmas Fayre to be organised and hosted by the Pupil Enterprise Committee.

AMcA, EJ and FB have volunteered to help at the event.

EJ will speak to Father Taylor to ensure a note about the Fayre is including in the Chapel Bulletin.

Date of next meeting – 5th March 2018