

Burra Parent Council AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Burra Parent Council

held online on Thursday 10th September 2020 at 7pm

Present: Kay Anderson (Chair)
Carole Smith (Parent/Police)
Denise Duncan (Parent)
Julia Halcrow (Parent)
Shannon Thomason (Parent)

In Attendance: Zuzanna O'Rourke (Clerk)
Helen Robertson (Head Teacher)

Apologies: Jennifer Nicolson, Ashley Ritch

Kate Anderson and Trish Reid attempted to join but were not able to due to technical difficulties with the Vscene online platform.

- **Notice of Meeting:**
Notice of meeting was held as read. Kay welcomed everyone to the meeting. Special welcome to new members: Denise and Shannon.
- **Approve Minutes of meeting held on 10th September 2019**
Minutes were approved by Kay and seconded by Carole.
- **Chair Persons Report – Kay Anderson**
Kay thanked all the members for their work on the Parent Council, their commitment and availability. It is sad to say goodbye to Narene and Catherine who had been such great presence on the Parent Council. We wish them and their children all the best at AHS.
In 2019/2020 we ran some successful events: Family Fun Night, Christmas Concert and parental engagement night on the theme of health and wellbeing. All were well attended and very much enjoyed. Our rolling rota of annual activities allows us to prepare well and ensures that everyone knows what to expect. Kay expressed her thanks and appreciation to Hamnavoe School staff for their hard work and commitment during the Covid 19 lockdown and also on pupils' return to school. The Parent Council continued to meet online and offer support to families. There were lots of challenges but lots of positive points too: many opportunities arose for parental engagement and communication between pupils, parents and school staff was excellent. Wider Achievement really came into its own and this carried on when children came back to school. As schools are

being encouraged to spend as much time outdoors as possible, our aim to redesign the outdoor area with new equipment and opportunities for learning was further reinforced. An Outdoor Learning parent subgroup was created to take this project forward.

In 2020/ 2021 we are starting a new school year in a different way - but we hope it's going to be a good way. We are looking forward to supporting school staff in any way we can.

In terms of fundraising it is going to be a difficult year. Due to the lockdown our annual coffee morning and main fundraiser could not take place. As a result, our school fund now stands at £419, in addition to the £900 school trip fund. Last year, £2432 raised by our fundraising activities was spent on laptops; these were made available to families during the lockdown and were very well used. There are now 20 new laptops in the library and classroom laptops are being upgraded. One of the fundraising ideas for 2020/21 is a sponsored cycle to take place in late September.

- **Treasurers Report – Mrs Zuzanna O'Rourke**

Our bank account balance stand on £1.34 as Parent Council did not apply for SIC grant other than the clerk's fee. All our fundraising activities go towards the school fund, which is being managed by Caroline. The balance sheet can be viewed on request. Julia suggested that is should be shared with AGM minutes.

- **Election of Office Bearers**

Chair person:

Kay Anderson nominated by Helen seconded by Carole

Vice Chair:

Ashley Ritch nominated by Helen seconded by Shannon

Clerk/Treasurer:

Zuzanna O'Rourke nominated by Julia seconded by Kay

- **AOCB:**

- road safety concerns have been raised as there were reports of children cycling to school being in danger of fast driving cars. Julia to email Community Council and Helen to contact SIC Road Safety.
- As it is not possible now for parents to come into school and view the PC minutes, all minutes are to be checked by Parent Council members and when approved made available on the school website.

Meeting closed at 7.30

Next meeting Thursday 19th November 2020 at 7pm