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BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 18 May 2010 in the Staff Room, Balfron High School

Present

John Paton (Chair); Julie McEachern (Vice-Chair); Geoff Forward (Treasurer); Karen Merrick; Philippa Gray; Alistair Gray; Christine Robinson; Jo Skabara; Fiona Longley; Sheila Watson; Di Blackmore; Richard Gordon; Val Corry; Maureen McNee; Gordon McEachern

Apologies

Dot Carswell; Mary Clare Brown; Pat Monaghan; Moira Anderson

John welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Chairman's Report

The community policeman, Andy Faulds attends the meetings which the Council find informative.

Issues that the Council have discussed this session have been:

- Circumstances and procedures when pupils are removed from school
- Bike shed being converted to storage (still ongoing). Nothing will be done until new company has taken over from Jarvis
- Re-alignment of traffic management at the school which was done over the summer
- Val did a presentation about Curriculum of Excellence which will go ahead for the new S1 in August
- Gordon McEachern raised the issue about the Pipe Band not being involved in the Stirling Schools Pipe Band – which has now been resolved
- Pupils, parents and staff been surveyed about uniform and looks as if shirts and ties are the favoured option.
- Philippa has been giving talks to pupils in S2 about drug awareness which have been very successful. Hope to hold a drug awareness evening next session
- John attended the Community Council meeting about safe routes to school and traffic calming throughout the village. Stirling Council introduced '20' signs around the school. Speed humps to be introduced throughout the village, but not as far as the Clachan.
- Accident on Fintry/Kippen bus in the winter has still not been resolved. Di wrote to Stirling Council and First bus but has not had any replies.
- Still no further forward about the Fintry bus, dropping of children in the village who then have to walk where there is no pavement or lighting.

Action for next session

Worth inviting the 3 Councillors for the area to a meeting to discuss the transport problem with regards to the Fintry bus.

Change format of meetings next session, maybe hold them in the Staff Room and have speakers to encourage more parents.

Treasurer's Report

Geoff handed out the accounts which have been audited. It was agreed to transfer £1000 to the Trust Fund. Section 8.2 of the constitution has been changed about the auditing of the accounts. It was agreed that another two signatories are needed to sign cheques and John and Julie agreed. Geoff would contact the bank about getting this processed.

New members

Might be worth advertising the meetings by email or in the papers. Cindy Gray from Fintry has joined the Parent Council.

Any other business

Due to other commitments, John feels he is not putting enough effort into the role of Chair of the Parent Council and would like to stand down, but remain as a member of the Parent Council. Julie agreed to take on the role of Chair with John as Vice-Chair.

Thanks was given to John for all his hard work as Chair and Val thanked him for all his support.

Val reported that the S6 day at the loch passed without any trouble.

John thanked everybody for attending.