

Glaitness School Parent Council

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Minutes

Monday 31st August at 7 pm at Glaitness School

Status	Office Bearer	Office	Initials
In attendance	Alice Cant	Chairperson/P7S1 Parent Rep	AC
	Sarah Harcus	P7/S1 Parent Rep	SH
	Bridget Moodie	P6 Parent Rep	BM
	Sheena Leask	P6 Parent Rep	SL
	Heather Scott	P7 Parent Rep	HS
	Gillian Brown	P5 Parent Rep	GB
	Valerie Bleakley	Co-opted Member	VB
	Sharon Smith	Clerk	SS
Apologies	Karen Jackson	P7A Parent Rep	KJ
	Kath Fennell	P3A Parent Rep	KF
	Ruth McCurrach	P3/4 Parent Rep	RMCC
	Lynn Rendall	P2 Parent Rep	LR

Topics	Details	Action
1. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies were assumed from those noted above. 	
2. Minutes of last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were proposed by Heather Scott and seconded by Sheena Leask. 	
3. Matters arising from Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite reassurances from the Council that there were sufficient staff to cover there was an incident when there was not a lollipop man on patrol at Clay Loan crossing. Sarah contacted the Police who said that they insufficient staff to cover any gaps in cover but would instruct the traffic warden to patrol this area for that day in question. The Education Department was contacted and Alice had received an email saying they were glad it was brought to their attention and since then the process of recruiting more school patrol officers was under way, and they would be interested in hearing from anyone on the School Parent Council who would be willing to apply. They were also prioritizing the crossings and the Clay Loan would now be put towards the top of their list Valerie agreed to send out a letter to parents informing them that if they had any problems with the School Bus Service they should report this to the Education Department. 	VB
4. New Parent Council Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All School Council members present said they were happy to carry on for the year ahead. Alice is to stand down as Chair as she has served on committee for 4 years and feels its time to go. Sarah is willing to stay on as treasurer if she is nominated as a co-opted member by the committee. Alice to write letters to the parents of nursery children asking for Volunteers to join the School Parent Council. A new Chairperson and Treasurer were needed for the next year ahead, and this would be on the next Annual General Meeting agenda. 	AC
5. AGM Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The date for the next Annual General Meeting was to be held on Monday 21st September 2009. It was decided to incorporate this with a beetle drive to try and entice parents and children to attend. All parents to be invited to this via the next school newsletter. 	

6. The Term Ahead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valerie updated members on plans for the term ahead, the focus was to be on the outside areas and some working parties of parent were needed to assist with digging beds etc. 	
7. Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some fundraising suggestions for the term ahead were Christmas hampers, Halloween parties and bingo nights. 	
8. Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The balance of funds in the bank is £690.40 	
9. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valerie informed members that there was a change in Orkney Islands Council insurance resulting in the after school clubs not being covered. Following a meeting with Orkney Islands Council we are requested to take over the running of these clubs from the school (who have done so to date) so that the leaders are insured to take the children for practices. This new ruling applied to all of the schools in Orkney and no clubs would be able to meet until the problem is resolved. Members decided that they were not happy with this new policy as the information has not seemingly reached all schools, and they feel it is difficult enough getting helpers to run these clubs without suggesting that they need worry about insurance issues. Concern was also expressed that this may distance school involvement with the teams and diminish children's pride in being in a school team and wearing the school strip. Heather and Alice to speak to Helen Killean to see how this situation can be resolved quickly to allow netball and football teams to be entered in winter league competitions and for practices to resume. Valerie to put in newsletter how parents can volunteer for school trips. 	VB
10. Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting will be an Annual General Meeting and will be held on Monday 21st September 2009. 	