



MPCC Meeting Minutes Tuesday 26th April 2016

Present: Heather Herd, Bev MacKinnon, Fiona Thomson, Willie Brown,
Chantal Hay (Chair & Minutes)

Apologies: Karen Wolfencroft

1. Bingo Fundraiser
2. Raft Race
3. Charitable Status Application
4. Councillors Invite
5. First Aid Training for Pupils
6. Road Safety
7. Laptops
8. Reading Scheme
9. Date of Next Meeting

- 1 Discussion took place around the final tasks to be completed both prior to the event as well as on the night. There has also been a good number of prize donations handed in so far with the hope that there will be more to come.

It was agreed to hold 6 games, each for a full house to win a prize, and prizes were picked and agreed in advance from what had been handed in to ensure that prizes were of a decent standard for a main prize. Some suitable for children were included in case a child won.

It was also agreed that the rest of the donations could go to the raffle but should more come in beforehand, and there were plenty, then it may be that the games would play for a line then a full house but this will be decided on the night.

Posters in the wider community have not been put up yet but there are ones up at the school and hall with the leaflet drop having also been done last week by pupils. **Chantal** took some leaflets and will put some up in Montrose and Laurencekirk.

Willie, Heather, Bev and Chantal will set up the hall on Friday from 2.30pm. **Bruce** will take down the tables on the Thursday night to assist.

Heather will pick up the prizes, pens, microphone etc and take them to the hall.

Karen S will get a float and take this and the raffle books on the night.

Heather will be bingo caller.

Bev/Kirsty/Morven and Karen W to share taking money on the door until the bingo starts and then to check winning cards and hand out prizes.

- 2 Fiona had a rota for manning the kebab stall for the raft race and this has been filled, bar one 30 minute slot, however there were still more volunteers than previous years so covering this was not thought to be a problem.

Kim has contacted What's For Tea to organise strawberries and **Kim and Heather** will organise the marshmallows and kebab sticks. It was also agreed to buy water to sell on the stall as previous soft drinks for sale on the day had all been fizzy ones.

The raft is all ready to go but 4 volunteers are needed to man it. Bev said that Kirsty was keen now that the age had been lowered to 14 so it was agreed that **Kirsty and Willie** would man the raft with an email, newsletter, text and tweet to be put out by **Fiona and Chantal** to ask for a further 2 volunteers.

*(Confirmation received by email on 27/04/16 that **Sara and Kevin** have volunteered to man the raft.)*

It was also agreed to advise on the sponsor sheets that are to be handed out that a donation would be preferable rather than getting sponsorship as it was felt this was easier for people.

Chantal will also email Paul Diack of the raft race committee to confirm everything.

- 3 **Chantal and Willie** have a provisional date of Friday 6th May to complete the application for charitable status. Chantal will confirm this once she has checked her work commitments.
- 4 The local councillors are to be invited to the next MPCC meeting on Tuesday 14th June at 6.30pm. **Karen W** will contact them to invite them and **Heather** has kindly offered to take home bakes on the night.
- 5 Fiona discussed the First Aid Training for P5-7's that is being proposed for before this Summer holidays, giving a letter from the organisation that runs this with information about the event. It will require to be funded but the plan is to include Fettercairn, Redmyre and Luthermuir schools so as to utilise the places and reduce costs as it is a set price for up to a total of 64 pupils.

Further information is to be gathered by **Fiona** as there will also be transport costs for some of the schools depending on where the training is to be held but Fiona stated the school does have some funds in its budget so there may not be the need to use MPCC funds.

- 6 Fiona discussed an email she had received from PC Austin Stevenson to inform the Kincardine and Mearns schools of a road safety initiative that was launched on 4th April. This was due to public concern about the significant increase in road users as a result of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route being under construction as well as holiday period visitors.

From the 17th April, when the schools reconvened, there is to be proactive patrols carried out around the schools until the end of April. It was felt by those present, on reflection, that there had been no noticeable traffic police presence in and around Marykirk during the period of April to date.

Bev has also contacted a Traffic Officer to request more speed patrols for Marykirk however is still awaiting a response due to the Officer being on annual leave at present.

Heather also discussed the lollipop person competition being run by Churchill to nominate a school to receive a lollipop person for their school.

7 Fiona confirmed that 6 new laptops are now in use at the school but that 6 old ones had been removed as part of the refurbishment scheme. It was also the removal of the old ones that has allowed their software to be utilised on the new laptops and this has saved money by not having to purchase more licenses. Once the school receives the invoice for the laptops this will be passed to MPCC for their contribution of £1500 as previously agreed.

8 Discussion took place about the reading scheme that the school is undertaking where the emphasis is on reading for enjoyment. This led onto discussing the choice of books available for the pupils, which is unfortunately limited due to the huge expense involved in buying new sets of books as they have to be bought from particular suppliers and this can be restrictive for the school in terms of cost and sets available.

Fiona hopes to seek funding for new books through the Local Authority literacy scheme and will provide an update once she has further information on this.

MPCC could purchase books and donate them to the school as this would allow greater choice in supplier and reduce costs as well. This is to be discussed again at the next meeting as ideas on what books to buy need to be sought first.

9 Next MPCC meeting **Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 6.30pm.**