

Marykirk Parent & Carers Council

Minutes of Meeting held on

Monday 1st June 2015

Present: Fiona Thomson (Head Teacher), Kim Tait, Karen Stather, Heather Herd, Bev MacKinnon, Karen Wolstencroft, Sara Adair, William Brown

Chaired by: Heather Herd

1. Apologies

Janet Thomson, Carrie Diack

2. Review of Previous Minutes - 27th April 2015

Minutes were proposed as a true reflection of events by Heather Herd and seconded by Bev MacKinnon.

3. Village Hall Hire

Essentially, the school is no longer in a position to cover the hall hire fee for MPCC organized events. Arising from this, it seems that the MPCC have been charged the incorrect rate for hall hire. This should have been charged at the discounted local rate. Kim will take this up with the Hall.

Action **KT**

4. School Uniform

Fiona explained that the school uniform is currently tied into an exclusive contract with Marks & Spencer which doesn't expire until Sept 30th 2015. It was suggested that Tesco could be used to provide an alternative source once the Marks & Spencer contract expires. This was agreed.

5. Summer Trip

Fiona set out plans for the school's summer trip to Stonehaven with a variety of activities scheduled in. Various options were discussed before settling on a price of £4 per pupil from parent/carer with the balance from the MPCC to cover ice creams.

6. Pantomime

The school has been approached by Luthermuir Primary with a view to a joint venture where a visiting pantomime would put on a show to be held at Luthermuir Primary. It was agreed to go ahead with this approach for this year's pantomime.

7. Scotplay adventure playground

All agreed that it would be best to have this ready for the new school year which would require work to be started in the last few weeks of the school summer holidays. The work would take 2-3 days to be completed with the cost to be paid within 4 weeks of completion. This schedule will be confirmed with the contractors.

Action **FT**

Fiona spoke of seeking additional funding from Aberdeenshire Council and will follow this up with the Council's Hazel Hall. Action **FT**

Karen Wolstencroft mentioned that it might be worth contacting Sanctuary Housing who are seeking to build properties in Marykirk, to see if they would be willing to make a donation to the MPCC. Action **KW**

8. Race Night

A date was chosen for this of Friday 2nd October. Kim will check hall availability for that date.

Action **KT**

9. Fashion Show date

27th August provisionally but to be confirmed in July by M&Co depending on whether they have sufficient volunteer staff to cover it.

Action **HH**

10. Cyclathon 10th June - update

This will be set up on Tuesday (9th June) evening 6.30pm.

Action **FT/WB**

11. AOCB

Pavement Barrier at Playground entrance

As had been raised at the previous meeting, concern had been expressed about passing vehicles driving onto the pavement. Because of the restricted road width, a pavement barrier isn't an option. As an alternative, the forthcoming adventure playground will feature a path from the playground that will exit onto Kirktonhill Road down towards the current play park. For those approaching the school from further up Kirktonhill Road, an alternative access route to the school grounds is possible via the school car park.

Parents Night/raffle prizes

Closer to the time, a flyer will be distributed to parents suggesting that Parents Night would be a good opportunity for the dropping off of any donations as raffle prizes for MPCC events. Action **FT**

GIRFEC Event, Hampden Park, Glasgow, 20th June

Fiona passed around a number of leaflets for this all day event with the aim of explaining what families need to know about the Scottish Government's GIRFEC (Getting it right for every child) initiative. Anyone who wants more information can find it on the [GIRFEC website](#) for Aberdeenshire.

12. Date of next meeting.

This will also include the AGM and will be held on Monday 7th September 2015 at 6.30pm – any agenda items can be handed into the school office.