

**FRIENDS OF DURRIS and CROSSROADS NURSERY**  
**Minutes of AGM and Meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 4th<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**

Present: Lynne Giles, Sarah Stewart, Dawn Rippiner, Aynsley Watson, Bridget Rhodes, Yi-pei Turvey, Catriona Woodburn, Lynne Street, Angie Rooksby.

Guests:

Aberdeenshire Council: Cllr Dennis Robertson, Cllr Sarah Dickinson, Cllr Wendy Agnew.  
 Crathes Drumoak and Durris Community Council: Mark Ansell

Apologies: Elaine Ingram

	<b><u>Actions</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Space</li> </ul> <p>Under Section 75 agreement planning obligation, the community and the school are waiting since 2016 for Kirkwood the developer to solve the issues of the use of the green space which involve Bald patches, rocks, hedges and public liability.</p> <p>CW and SS reported long waiting, lack of communication, different excuses and no completion of the duties of the developer to sort out the grass area which should be an asset for the community and the school.</p> <p>Last communication Kirkwood promised that the works should be starting mid November 2021 and finished by February 2022.</p> <p>CW and SS are asking for the reassurance that the Councillors will be following the progress of the developer. And that a risk assessment will be done.</p> <p>Councillors agree to follow up and if works are not starting mid-November to act to press the developer to deliver and for the planning office to act on enforcing this issue too. The community council will also follow and request the developer to comply.</p> <p>SS will see if we could involve a law firm to push the developer and CW will ask the community to sign the petition.</p>	<p>SS CW</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree minutes/actions from last meeting</li> </ul> <p>-Books for the school library: we are looking for 2nd hand books. Also, LG has books ordered for the book club, and there is money coming from bookfair which will be used for the purpose. LG has also books and other resources following Strachan school closure.</p> <p>-Music tuition: LG has requested more details and information but no answer yet. Will push to know what will be available.</p>	<p>LG</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head teacher (+ covid) update</li> </ul> <p>-Staffing: there is a preferred candidate for PSA, waiting for references and PVG, hopefully in 2-3 weeks. School has someone to interim.</p> <p>-Bookfair: Reminder to be sent on Whatsapp groups for final orders for 5<sup>th</sup> of November</p> <p>-Forest School: Monthly over winter, only mornings for the moment.</p> <p>-Rights Respecting: class charters and playground charter all agreed.</p>	

<p>-P1 virtual meeting: Well received by the parents, majority of the parents attended.</p> <p>-Insert training: 18/11 and 19/11 Talk for Writing will be done online sadly.</p> <p>Running Club, awaiting new assessment (weekly update), for the moment volunteers can't be at school so clubs only possible before or after school. Will try to see the feasibility to do so with authorities.</p> <p>Christmas thoughts: Christmas jumper on final day of term for the ones who like to wear them (all clothing permitted). Hope to have a Christmas HIIT workout with the parents with hot chocolate, mince pies, picnic and carol singing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insurance, Subcommittees of Parent Council - sports/fundraising</li> </ul> <p>The Parent Council looked with CONNECT at the possibility to cover all the groups of school under one policy for 3rd party liability insurance. The structure will need to have one person from each group (swimming, football, etc) to report to the Parent council. It has to be a parent led group, and big decisions and spending have to be brought to the Parent Council. To allow it, we need to amend the constitution of the Parent Council before 6<sup>th</sup> of December with an extraordinary meeting with 2/3 of parents members.</p> <p>SS is asking if there will be possible for the existing groups to ask for partial refund for the insurance policy. Need to investigate. CW need to check if swimming teachers are considered employees or not. Extraordinary meeting set up for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of November at 12:30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundraising and Christmas.</li> </ul> <p>SS the fundraising committee is going to buy a gift for each class. Idea also of a Giving tree at the Christmas Cracker so parents can gift things to school. LG will give a list of ideas for gifts to the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before and after school child care</li> </ul> <p>LG we will heard more about the possibilities after the holidays. DR point out that the same problem is going on at Drumoak. But there is a new afterschool club in Banchory which is possible for the children of Durris to join in if there is transport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AOB</li> </ul> <p>Number of pupils at school need to be 48 to secure 3 classes SS propose to challenge the Education services that if the school have to go down to 2 classes it will be only a short period of time, so not interesting for the council to do so.</p> <p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>TBC. But Extraordinary meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November</p>	<p>LG</p> <p>LG</p> <p>DR, SS, CW</p> <p>SS, LG</p> <p>LG</p>
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