

**FRIENDS OF DURRIS and CROSSROADS NURSERY**

**Minutes of Meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 16/03/2023**

Present: Lynne Watson, Dawn Rippiner, Yi-pei Chou, Katrina Gray, Sarah Stewart, Claire Wallace

Apologies: Catriona Woodburn, Lynne Giles, Elaine Ingram

	Actions
<p>Agreed minutes from previous meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Actions on minutes of last PC:</u></b></p> <p>Defibrillators for outside school and nursery – see HT report</p> <p>Kirkwood Fyfe/Planning Gain Funds: SS met with Rob McIntosh (Developer Obligations, Aberdeenshire Council). Rob confirmed although all funds are provisionally allocated there is a pot of around £11k we could potentially access. To resurface playground to MUGA would be in region of £100k. Match funding is possible and Council can help with that. Next step to contact local planning officer to discuss options. SS has emailed and continues to chase for a meeting. Mark Ansell from Community Council was present at meeting with Rob and fully supportive of school seeking playground improvements.</p> <p>Green Space: Local residents were told the destoning will start end of March. Still no action. No confirmation from council. Concerns over Sports day. SS discussed with Rob McIntosh who advised enforcement action is difficult due to historical nature of agreement. SS to keep Council informed if no action by mid-April so they can consider what steps they may be able to take.</p> <p><b><u>HT report:</u></b></p> <p><b>Forest Schools</b> – still waiting on half dozen trees to be taken down as unsafe. No further update from Forestry Commission.</p> <p><b>Seesaw replacement</b> – council looking at a council wide replacement, which is currently being used in Northern Ireland and Wales. Will be DIPA compliant. Will not start until Aug at earliest. Weekly emails with info from school and 6 weekly Sways from nursery will continue until then.</p> <p><b>Silver Stories</b> – will run to Easter and look to start again after summer.</p> <p><b>Pupil Questionnaire</b> – reissued in Feb, few responses – only 12</p> <p><b>Stay and learn</b> – only 7 people took us up on the offer – will offer again in T4</p> <p><b>Parental Engagement</b> – following on from our Talk for Writing input in T1, the next topic requested for an engagement session was numeracy. We will be planning this and offer dates for T4.</p>	

**Bikeability** for P4-7 – in term 4 P4s will complete level 1 Bikeability and level 2 for P5-7

**Defibrillator** – One to go on front of school and one to go on brown cabin next to Crossroads nursery. Cabinets will be installed as soon as funding is released (hopefully a couple of weeks). Defibs take up to 2 months to come. Training available for up to 6 people per defibrillator – PC to discuss who in the community may be interested in training.

**Transition activities** – May 17 P1/2/3 @ Drumoak – take part in a variety of activities including Drama and Science. £120 bus.

**Scottish Opera** – P4-7 Thursday 8 June, all day. Performance for parents in afternoon. Bus one way - £80.

Looking to rearrange P6/7 transition day at academy – possibly Term 4/cars LG/CW

P4/5 transition event at Crathes – looking at Tuesday 20 June – £120

Total buses - £320 – if not PC, will need parents to pay

**Nursery update** – 14 after summer. Care Inspectorate visit due imminently – haven't been since pre-Covid 19.

4 mornings identified for school transition visits in Term 4 – Tuesdays – 16/5, 23/5, 30/5 and 6/6

### **Durris Dolphins Subgroup Report**

There are currently 33 children (P2-P7) attending on a regular basis.

Unfortunately, the small trainer pool at Banchory Sports Village is still closed due to technical problems with no current expected opening date. We are currently teaching all children in the main pool, but we will be unable to invite the P1s to start swimming until either the training pool reopens or there is space in the beginner class.

### **Durris Dashers Subgroup Report**

Durris Dashers started up after a 3 year break on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023. It is currently held on Friday lunchtimes, with the children either running through the woods near the school or on the green playing area behind the school.

We have 9 parent helpers working on a rota basis, with 3-4 helpers each week. Although the club has only just started again, we already have 31 children signed up which is fantastic!

To ensure safety, we have so far restricted the club to P3-P7 children only. Once these children are happy running, we will be inviting the P1s and P2s to join us.

Planned events: 5 children from P5-7 will be attending the Albyn cross country championships on 17<sup>th</sup> March. This is being co-ordinated by Sarah Stewart and parents will be taking their own children to the event. We wish all the children good luck in this event.

**Durris Football Subgroup Report**

Accounts - £708.12

Recent Activities/Events: Regular Friday training ongoing. Awaiting payment from all families involved.

Issues of Concern: Try to get parents to utilise Pitchero so we know who is attending each session to make planning easier.

**PTA Subgroup Report**

Accounts update - £2901.99

Recent Activities/Events: Funded reading rocks subscription at cost of £304.35.

Also approved funding new speaker for nursery approx. cost of £250 (both still to come off account).

Recent event – Beetle Drive – reasonably well attended – made approx. £120.

Account sitting high as payments are coming in for the Afternoon Tea.

**Planned events:** Spring Afternoon Tea 22<sup>nd</sup> April sold out. Fantastic support from Crathes, Drumoak and Banchory. Looking for local businesses to sponsor/support.

Summer BBQ 9<sup>th</sup> June, Halloween Party 29<sup>th</sup> October (possibly/may be cancelled), Burns Supper Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**AOB**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023