

FRIENDS OF DURRIS and CROSSROADS NURSERY

Minutes of Meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 18/05/2023

Present: Katrina Gray, Dawn Rippiner, Catriona Woodburn, Lynne Giles

Apologies: Lynne Watson, Sarah Stewart, Elaine Ingram, Yi-pei Chou

<p>Agreed minutes from previous meeting.</p> <p><u>Actions on minutes of last PC:</u></p> <p>Defibrillators for outside school and nursery – see HT report</p> <p>Kirkwood Fyfe/Planning Gain Funds: - see HT report</p> <p>Green Space: - Destoning and reseeding is yet to still take place (previously promised March/April 2023). No update from Kirkwood to local residents or school. CW to take issue to upcoming community council meeting (June 2023) to gain support from local councillors on how to proceed forward with this. Possibility of going to the press to highlight issue to local community. KG to discuss with other local residents to determine if anyone objects to involving press with this issue.</p> <p><u>HT report:</u></p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>Mrs Tuck has resigned her post and will finish later in May – we have secured supply until the end of term, Mrs Pirie, who has previously covered in the school.</p> <p>Live advert for an Early Years Support Worker (fixed term of 23 months) to work across Crossroads and Drumoak settings</p> <p>Forest Schools - still waiting to hear on new permit for Clune wood site</p> <p>Stay and learn – we had 8 parental visits – will offer again next session</p> <p>Parental Engagement – following on from our T4W input in T1, the next topic requested for an engagement session was numeracy. 14 June 2023</p> <p>Defibrillator – The defib box has been delivered and is now waiting for the electrician to fit this on the wall.</p> <p>Young Emergency Saver Award for P5-7 pupils, it is 1 and a half days of training which gives them level 1, 2 & 3. It works out at £300 a day so the course would be £450 but they have funding at the moment so it would be £300, and they can take up to 32 pupils</p>	<p>Actions</p> <p>CW</p> <p>KG</p>
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Term 4 – incredibly busy, details of the main events in the newsletter which went out last week, and also in the regular parent mail.

Sports – hoping for sun on 26/5 and no further work on grass, reserve date is 2/6.

Crossroads Nursery

14 for the start of new session Aug '23

Trip – bus paid for by PTA – many thanks

Busy term – lots happening – lots of opportunities for parents to come in – recently started a big room blether to help reach out to parents who may feel isolated living in a rural area

4 mornings identified for transition visits in Term 4 with new P1s – Tuesdays – 16/5, 23/5, 30/5 and 6/6

Transition activities –

Scottish Opera – P4-7 8 June, 2 seats per family for afternoon performance

P4/5/6 transition event at Drumoak or Crathes Primary – 20/6

Bus money from Community Council – such a help – thanks Mrs Ingram for completing paperwork on this

With regards 'slush' money – the cupboard in school fund is pretty bare – use for incidental lesson resources, masterclasses, working groups etc. Would it be possible to have some money please?

Playground improvements

£11 K available from Community fund, up to £8K from Council funds, approx. £1k in lieu of replaced wood (at the back of school) plus other grants could be accessed

Looking to get costing for new surface at the back of school, Thermal activity track at front of school, outdoor tap, improve area – e.g. mud kitchen, wet area, planting etc

Treasurer report

£819 currently in PC account.

Discussion on how best to use this money to support the school. Agreed £200 to be used for "slush money" to replenish arts and crafts supplies etc.

Durris Dashers Subgroup Report

Recent Activities/Events:

We have 9 parent helpers working on a rota basis, with 3-4 helpers each week.

After a phased return of the older children in the school to ensure safety, we have finally opened up the club to all pupils. We have 40 children signed up for the club and regularly have 28 or more children attending which is fantastic!

Planned events:

Durris children have recently run in the Albyn cross country championships on 17th March and Run Balmoral on 25th April. All children ran really well and encouraged each other at the events which was fantastic to see!

Issues of Concern:

None

The following are up to date:

- Risk assessments: yes
- Incident log: yes - not required until the club commences

Durris Dolphins Subgroup Report

Recent Activities/Events:

There are currently 36 children (P2-P7) attending on a regular basis.

The small trainer pool at Banchory Sports Village opened at the start of this term and we have finally been able to invite the P1s to start swimming with us.

Planned events:

No unusual events planned - only Thursday night training sessions

Issues of Concern:

None

The following are up to date:

- Risk assessments: yes
- Incident log: yes

Durris Football Subgroup Report

Accounts update: £708.12

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

Planned events: Burnett Cup which is P5-7 tournament with Crathes and Drumoak – planned for Monday 12th June. Not an event we are organising but Drumoak School

are holding their Family Fun Day which involves a football festival on May 27th – anyone wanting to sign up should advise availability via pitchero so we can give numbers to Drumoak – note Durris coaches will not be part of the organisation.

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

The following are up to date:

- Risk assessments: Yes
- Incident log: Yes.

PTA Subgroup Report

Accounts update: £4,712.14

Recent Activities/Events: Really excellent Afternoon Tea event – great event and have had great feedback so well done to the organisers. Event made about £3,500 in total.

Sourced funding from community council to provide funding for various bus trips for children this term – total of £720. Trips covered include P1-3 transition day at Drumoak and P4-5 transition trip and P4-7 bus over to Scottish Opera event being held at Drumoak

PTA agreed to fund bus transport for P1-3 trip to Mosque and the bus transport for nursery trip to Hazelhead (having already funded bus for P4-7 trip to Discovery earlier in year). Also agreed to fund the cost of the P4-7 trip to Drumoak for Scottish Opera (in region of £300) (not the bus that is covered by community council money) and authorised a spend of about £300 for the P1-3 class – event TBC by school if one is possible to try to even out spending.

Planned events: Summer BBQ 9th June, Burns Supper Jan 26th 2024.

Issues of Concern: None.

The following are up to date:

- Risk assessments: yes/no/NA – N/A
- Incident log: yes/no – Yes.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data protection policy- on its final draft, requires confirmation from each subgroup as to duration and how data is stored for each. KG to liaise with subgroups to confirm this and finalise policy.• After school care- parents of potential pupils have again enquired about after school care. Discussions around ways in which this potentially could run such as after school activities starting straight after school e.g. a choir/music group. Liaise/revisit this issues with the working group to try and bring this forward next year. | |
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING – AMG Thursday 14th September 7pm