

**Minutes of the Scalloway School Parents' Council
Held on 18 September 2007
At 7.30pm in the Scalloway Staff Room**

Present

Clive Williamson - Chairperson
Karen Eunson – Parent Member
Gwen Sales – Parent Member
Julie Williamson – Parent Member
Karen Warner – Parent Member
Edna Nicol – Parent Member
Paul Leask – Parent Member
Allan Skea – Co-opted Member
Gregg Arthur – Co-opted Member
Ian Fraser – Co-opted Member
Patrick Robertson – Co-opted Member

In Attendance

Colin Nicol – Depute Head Teacher
Zoe Anderson – Clerk
Iris Hawkins – Councillor

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Ken Duerden, Joyce Gear, Betty Fullerton, Andrew Hughson, and Wilma Irvine

2. Approve Minute of the Meeting of Wednesday 13 June 2007

The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 13 June 2007 were approved by Karen Eunson and seconded by Julie.

3/4 Matters arising from Minute of the Meeting of Wednesday 13 June 2007

PARKING/DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

Colin informed everyone that this was progressing but it would be 2-3 months before the lines can be marked out. Iris brought the plans as this had come up at the Community Council meeting the previous night. The plan was shown to all members. Once the lines are marked out, a letter will be sent to all parents to inform. Karen Warner asked about if only 1 drop off and pick up point. Colin was to check with Joyce.

Action: CN

The following have all accepted the role of co-opted members: Ian Fraser, Gregg Arthur, Patrick Robertson, Allan Skea and Peter Dryburgh

The Councillors for the area will be invited to the meetings and if they attend will be in attendance only.

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5. Best Value Review

No further information available at the moment.

6. Library and Public Access

The library is moving downstairs to the sewing room during the October holidays and will have conference facilities, whiteboard, computers etc. The public will be able to access this in the evenings. A discussion was held about external door and access during the day, but this would not be able to happen due to various reasons. The school will have to look at who can use/when etc.

Action: JG

7. Visit by Maureen Watt, MSP, Education Schools & Skills Minister

Colin would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the school to Clive and Wilma and anyone else that was involved with the visit. The visit was very successful and the school received very positive feedback from her.

8. New Playground Equipment

The Eco committee was granted nearly £7,000 from awards for all for the playground. Painted games have been painted in the playground and there are play leaders who organise playground games. The Children are all enjoying the new markings. Scalloway School was nominated by Mark Lisk from the SIC when she awarded them with the green eco flag to attend a special eco-schools conference in Edinburgh at the Dynamic Earth on Friday 28 September 2007.

9. Science Upgrade

This is in a group of 12 capital projects, which is at the bottom of list.

10. Bank Account

We are in the process of opening a bank account.

Action: ZA & CW

11. Correspondence

A discussion was held on correspondence and it was decided for the Clerk to email all correspondence to the Chair and to use discretion as to whether to send to all members.

Action: ZA

- Training for the Clerk, Head Teacher, Chair and Vice Chair in October and November
- Minutes from Associated boards
- Back Chat
- Hard to Reach Training

12. AOCB

20mph signs are on a rolling programme and will be implemented in due course.

A discussion was held on parent helpers for various things. All parents need to be disclosure checked before they can help out at the school. Karen Warner is to submit an article regarding this on behalf of the Parent Councils' to the school by 4 October 2007 for the newsletter.

Action: KW

HEALTH WEEK - The meals on wheels were being delivered to the school as part of Health Week and the children would have the opportunity to mix with the old folk. Also there would be various activities going on in the school including yoga and salsa dancing.

School Policies the homework policy for secondary pupils will be shared with the parent council next term. Karen Eunson commented that the primary policy was really good.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19 November 2007 at 7.30pm in the School staff room.