

**Minutes of the Scalloway School Parents' Council  
Held on Tuesday 23 September 2008  
At 7.00pm in the Scalloway Staff Room**

**Present**

Clive Williamson – Chairperson  
Marvyn Jamieson – Parent Member  
Karen Warner – Parent Member  
Edna Nicol – Parent Member  
Gwen Sales – Parent Member  
Julie Williamson – Parent Member  
Wilma Irvine – Parent Member  
Lynsey Rendall – Parent Member  
Allan Skea – Co-opted Member  
Patrick Robertson – Co-opted Member

**In Attendance**

Joyce Gear – Head Teacher  
Zoe Anderson – Clerk  
Iris Hawkins – Councillor  
Andrew Hughson – Councillor  
Wendy Kelly - Parent

**1. Notice of Meeting**

The meeting was held as read.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Marvin Jamieson, Karen Eunson, Ian Fraser, Paul Leask, Gregg Arthur and Betty Fullerton.

**3. Approve Minute of the Meeting of Tuesday 20 May 2008**

The minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 20 May 2008 were approved by Clive and seconded by Wilma.

**4. Matters arising from Minute of the Meeting of Tuesday 20 May 2008**

4.1 Pupil Council

Patrick & Alan are to check with Pupil Council before each meeting. It was suggested that later in the year the Pupil Council might come and report to the Parent Council.

**Action: PR & AS**

4.2 Drugs Awareness Evening for Secondary Parents.

A provisional date of the 25 November 2008 was set. Clive is to contact the various agencies, Police, Shetland Alcohol & Drugs Awareness, Dogs against Drugs, Paramedics etc and will get back to the Parent members to see who is able to help out. There will hopefully be another evening for primary bairns and parents after this event. Iris stated the Road Safety Panel would be willing to be approached to come to any events. This may encourage the wearing of helmets when children are riding their bikes.

**Action: CW**

4.3 AHS New Build & Curriculum for Excellence

Iris felt that from attending the AHS New Build working group that bairns would be moving at the end of third year to the Anderson High School but Joyce said a number of educational areas will need significant discussion in the future and that at present this move at the end of S3 is unlikely to happen. Firstly Curriculum for Excellence (CFE) includes proposals to change the way secondary education is delivered. This will mean that the local authority will have to work with schools to decide on a model of education for Shetland in line with CFE. This will take some time, as much of the CFE will be

developed over the next ten years at least and not all the details are finalised as yet. The Schools Service Blueprint, which is currently being developed, will in the future incorporate any such changes.

#### 4.4 Progress on International Links

Two teachers are currently involved with this- Cameron Mackenzie & Suzanne Inkster and they are to take forward structured programme of work this session.

#### 4.5 Curriculum for Excellence

This is the biggest change in education that has happened in a long time. There will be some changes in primary but more in secondary. Joyce is hoping to issue a leaflet to all parents once there is more information confirmed. There is a DVD and if anyone would like to see, please contact Clive.

#### 4.6 Progress Report

No further involvement is required with HMle. The progress report will be going out this week or next.

#### 4.7 Health Promoting Status

P1 and S1 coming in to school for school lunches, unfortunately this has not happened this term due to lack of staffing but will happen in Term 3. Anybody who wants a copy of the menu is to ask at the School Office,

#### 4.8 Parent Volunteers

Joyce is going to issue this with the newsletter.

**Action: JG**

### 5. Recruitment

The Chemistry post will be short listed for on Friday. Patrick & Tracey have been teaching Chemistry and are doing an outstanding job.

Suzanne Briggs has been appointed as the French teacher.

Meg Laurenson and Nicola Irvine are currently job sharing in the primary.

Diane Forsyth has been appointed to mentor and teaching supporting for Kathleen Williamson from Whalsay who is the Probationer.

### 6. Yellow Lines

The yellow lines have now been done. A suggestion was made that if the teachers could be asked to park in the far away spaces.

**Action: JG**

### 7. 20mph Signs

There is currently a problem with funding for this and this will not happen to the next financial year. The community council has also taken up this issue and are going to be writing to the Education department. Clive is to write a letter to the Roads department.

**Action: CW**

### 8. Additional Support Needs (ASN) Special Interest Group

Karen Warner & Clive attended the first meeting and this was an introductory meeting. Karen is leaving so Julie would like to attend along with Clive.

### 9. Family Evening

Bingo night to be held on Friday 20 February 2009. The following all volunteered to join the fundraising sub committee: Julie Williamson, Gwen Sales, Wilma Irvine, Lynsey Rendall and Wendy Kelly. Clive is to contact a member of the Bells Brae Parent Council to see how it works.

**Action: Fundraising Sub-Committee**

**10. Correspondence**

Child Protection Training: 10am – 1pm, on following dates at Islesburgh.

Rural Skills – The SNP government is protecting rural school where possible.

Parents' Newsletter will be being sent out shortly.

**11. Any other Competent Business**

Wendy Kelly agreed to become a parent member on the Parent Council.

**12. Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 November at 7.00pm in the Scalloway Junior High School Staffroom.