

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
 AUCHENBLAE PARENT COUNCIL  
 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 7.45 to 8.45pm**

**In attendance**

Paula Harris* (Chair)	Julie Butler
Lynn Leslie* (Treasurer)	Chris Robinson*
Sue Barrie* (Secretary)	Marieke Wood*
Clare Ptaszek*	Gillian Milne
John Forrester*	Mrs Young
Therese Hendry*	Mrs Blakemore
Isabelle Riddoch	Miss Currie
Lindsay Cochrane*	Mrs Wallace
Nicola Doherty	Miss Thomson
Karen Carmichael*	Mrs Ralston
Susan Maynard	Mrs Craik
Denise Bird	Miss Campbell
Tom Lawson*	Mrs Jamieson

\* indicates Member of the Parent Council Committee

**Apologies**

Trish MacEachern	Anna Burgoyne
Lizzy Dixon*	Margo Titmuss
Sheila Morgan*	

**Action**

**1 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were approved without amendment.

**2 Treasurers Report - September 2013**

The Treasurer reported that the Parent Council was in credit by £4,055.55. In addition about £2,000 was expected to come in from the Sponsored event.

**3 Sponsored Back to School Challenge**

Sue Barrie reported that the sponsored event held on Friday 6th September had been a success, and was expected to raise around £2,000. Safedrive had donated the bus transport for free. The Committee thanked her for organising it.

**4 Rock and Roll Bingo**

Julie Butler offered to take the lead in organizing a Rock and Roll Bingo night to raise funds for the school. A sub-committee was set up to take this forward:

Julie Butler, Isabelle Riddoch, Lindsay Cochrane, Susan Maynard, Denise Bird and Karen Carmichael.

**Sub-  
C'tee**

**5 Cinema Events**

Clare Ptaszek and Lindsay Cochrane offered to continue running a series of cinema events in the village hall.

**CP  
LC**

**6 Other fundraising events**

Other fundraising events were suggested and will be included in the next agenda:

Vinyl night  
 Spring Fair  
 Gala Day  
 Quiz Night  
 Ceilidh

Gillian Milne and Isabelle Riddoch also announced that they would donate all funds raised at their November nearly new toy sale to the school.

#### **7 School's 'wish list' - technology**

Mrs Young explained that the school was generally well resourced. However there were gaps in the school's technology which was where she thought funds should be directed. She was currently negotiating with Aberdeenshire Council to get funding towards a new smartboard for the P7 children who were without as they are sharing a classroom with the P5s. The type of smartboard would be the latest technology based on a TV screen which would be mobile. The cost would be around £4,000. Also on Mrs Young's wish list were a number of i-pads.

There was quite a bit of discussion about the purchase of the new smartboard at a cost of £4,000. The outcome was that the Parent Council agreed by a majority vote to provide all the funds for its purchase, although Mrs Young would first try to obtain a contribution from Aberdeenshire Council.

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#### **8 Bike shelter**

Gillian Milne suggested that the cycle and scooter parking would benefit from having a shelter over it. She offered to cost her proposal and investigate potential sources of funding. The meeting agreed that she should bring something to the next meeting for discussion.

GM

#### **9 Christmas fundraising**

It was flagged up that if we were going to sell personalised bags, tea towels or coasters for Christmas then this needed to be thought about now. Mrs Young expressed a preference for tea towels if anything. None of these items had made a lot of money in the past, and there was no volunteer to take anything forward.

#### **10 Next meeting**

The next meeting will be at 3.30pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013.