



# Tayport Primary School, Playgroup and Ferryport Nursery Parent Council

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013 7pm

## Minutes of the Meeting

**In Attendance:** Allison Wilson (Chairperson), Linda Welsh (Treasurer) Alison Christie (Secretary), Kirsten Rae (Vice Chair), Jane Holmes (HT), Jennifer Gowans, Sherree Rennie, Bruce Davidson, Chris Torrance, Fi Tough, Susan Mains, Angela Scott, Kirsty Wright, Stephanie Forbes, Cllr Maggie Taylor, Friedrich Wahnschaffe, Vanessa Rengger, Christy Allan, Catriona Sharp, Laura McDonald

**Apologies:** Jennifer Peterson (DHT), Andrew Dykes, Samantha Dykes, Kevin Wilson, Jenni McCallum

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| 1. | <p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were approved by Allison Wilson and Angela Scott.</p>   |  |
| 2. | <p><b>Rights Respecting School – Miss Baird</b></p> <p>Miss Baird has been working with P2-P7 in a cross curriculum/global project as part of the UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School Award. Part of this has involved finding out about how other children live in Africa, forging links with the Mashimoni Primary School in the Kibera Slum area of Nairobi. Miss Baird would like to send out essential equipment such as pencils, rubbers, balls, P7 have been taking part in a mini enterprise. The Christmas fayre will raise funds for our school and the Mashimoni school in Nairobi. Miss Baird will be visiting the Mashimoni School over the Christmas break.</p> <p>Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Fayre on 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you can spare some time please let the school office or Miss Baird know as soon as possible.</p> |  |
| 3. | <p><b>Playgroup News – LM</b></p> <p>Laura McDonald is now Playgroup Manager on a part-time basis after Jenni McCallum stepped down. Hannah is on maternity leave.</p> <p>Normally the Playgroup operates with a £2000 deficit however their administrator has advised them it will be nearer a £6000 deficit next year. Newport Playgroup is also running at a deficit. Allison suggested Bruce Davidson speaks to Laura about funding opportunities.</p> <p>Any ideas for fundraising or advice would be gratefully received to keep the playgroup open. There is already a programme of fundraising events that will be sent out in a bag drop.</p>   |  |



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|    | AC to give Playgroup paper trimmer.  |  |
| 4. | <p><b>Chairperson's Report (AW)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allison has new email for PC business <b>tayportpcchair@gmail.com</b></li> <li>- Thanked Playground committee for their work.</li> <li>- Acknowledged the Art Exhibition was well attended.</li> <li>- Thanked Sherree for all her work with the running club.</li> </ul>   |  |
| 5. | <p><b>Treasurer's Report (LW)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was suggested that we split Parent Council fundraising money as follows 70% for the playground project, 30% for the school. The PC committee and members present were in agreement with this proposal.</li> <li>- Mrs Holmes will discuss with staff what they would like to prioritise from their wish list: possible options <a href="#">Junior Librarian system</a>, <a href="#">visualisers</a> (Note: hyperlinks for these two products are for example only).</li> </ul> <p>£5,415.89 Current balance<br/> £20.00 Fife Council lottery licence<br/> Jill Tennant (set aside for<br/> £310.00 Playground)<br/> £400.00 Pantomime donation<br/> £275.00 Xmas class donations<br/> £50.00 Xmas donation to Nursery<br/> £50.00 Xmas donation to Playgroup<br/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">£4,310.89</div> Remaining balance</p> |  |
| 6. | <p><b>Secretary's Report (AC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mentioned Parent Council support for the nomination of Sherree Rennie as a Queen's Baton Relay runner. Flyer going out as bag drop.</li> </ul>  |  |
| 7. | <p><b>School News (JH)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Art Exhibition very successful and the children worked very hard on their artwork. School has purchased 20 pieces of art for the School hallway.</li> </ul>  |  |



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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The School sent 73 shoe boxes for the Blythswood Appeal.</li> <li>- Children have been taking part in football (P2-P4), rugby (P6-P7) and handball (P6-P7). Update: Rugby Festival will be rescheduled for 2014.</li> <li>- P6 busy reading for the Big Book Brain with librarian Pauline Smeaton.</li> <li>- Mrs Holmes commented on how good it was to see Tayport school children take part in Remembrance Day.</li> <li>- Staffing: Miss Black new this term. Mrs A MacMaster will be our new P1/2 teacher. Mrs Peterson is back in her role as deputy head teacher with the appointment of Mrs A MacMaster.</li> <li>- Mrs Holmes asked for Fife Big Change Challenge to be added to PC website.</li> <li>- With the colder months upon us and the 3hr loss of teaching hours, it has been decided that from 2<sup>nd</sup> December P1-P1/2 and P2 will have their lunch between 12:15-1pm. Comfort breaks will be given in the afternoon.</li> <li>- No progress on tuck shop.</li> </ul> |  |
| 8. | <p><b>Nursery News (JP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mrs Peterson sends her apologies for tonight's meeting.</li> </ul>   |  |
| 9. | <p><b>Any other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Election of Vice Chairperson: Sherree Rennie nominated by Kirsten Rae (1<sup>st</sup>) and Catriona Sharp (2<sup>nd</sup>). Approved.</li> <li>- Sherree thanked everyone for her flowers and gifts at the last running club session before she has her baby. Sherree is looking forward to restarting the running club in 2014.</li> <li>- School closure issue(SR): Mrs Holmes assured those present that lessons had been learnt from the recent school closure and took on board parents concerns.</li> <li>- Playground Project (SR): Sherree submitted an application form to receive money from the Tay FM Cash For Kids Appeal, in particular from the money Keith and Linda Mill raised from their sponsored climb of a Munro. The Mill's son tragically died last year. Any money we receive from this application will go</li> </ul>   |  |



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|     | <p>towards the playground project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Zebra crossing parking (AC): Mentioned the continuing parking problems around the zebra crossing; cars parking on the zigzags and on the pavement at the junction near Willison Motors. Mrs Holmes is now aware of this issue.</li><li>- Shoe Box Appeal (BD): Bruce thanked the school for their contribution towards the 1430 boxes that will be sent out to Hungary.</li><li>- Next Playground Committee meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013</li></ul> |  |
| 10. | <b>Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 22nd January 2014.</b>   |  |