

Tayport Parent Council- Playground Sub-Committee

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 20th November 2013

At 7pm in the school

Present: Jane Holmes, Jill Tennant, Vanessa Rengger and at beginning of meeting: Sheena Kenny (Fife Council)

Apologies: Sherree Rennie, Susan Mains, Christy Allan, Bruce Robertson

Update on action points from last meeting: 21.10.13

Playground measurements	JH reported that these should arrive soon. The playground improvement has been raised as a live COMIS project and the school will be allocated a contact person from Fife Council Property Services.	JH
Grounds for Learning	Free site visits are no longer available (RBS Supergrounds funding for this has finished). Cost of site visit is now £400, plus cost of landscape architect, so we would be better using Fife Council services at no charge. Contact at Grounds for Learning, Mark Robertson, (Tel:01786477190) mentioned that they can access funding from Exxon Mobil's "Greener Grounds" project. He will find out if the school is eligible.	JH to await reply
Public Right of Way and disused building in playground	Building and land were sold to a private individual for development, but no planning application has been successful. Maggie Taylor will look into it again	JH to await reply
Collect information on different kinds of MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)	A 5-aside-football MUGA, as at Freuchie, cost c £70k. Size of this is approx 25m x 16.5m plus a 2m margin, which would consume a lot of the playground space. Smaller versions are available, but would only be useful for the school. The fence and goals structure for these might range from 10k to 17k, but the specialised surface construction would more than double the cost and would cause major disruption in the playground again. A simpler goal and basketball hoop wall structure would cost about £5000 including installation. JH mentioned that she would be happy for children to have supervised use of the new gym for ball games during lunchhours, with the doors open In	

	summer.	
Playground consultation at Art Exhibition	JT analysed the results of our survey of families. The most popular items were a trim trail, a garden, a stage and a play area for younger children followed by a climbing wall/ climbing frame, covered seating area, games on the ground and a outdoor games area (MUGA). Lots of useful comments and offers of help, which we will incorporate into planning (see attached)	
Write letters seeking assistance in redevelopment of the playground	Susan has written asking for garden supplies to : Dobbies, B&Q, Plantlife Scotland, The Royal Scottish Geographical Society and Wood 'n Garden. Only one reply so far, from the last of these, saying they cannot assist just now.	SM to follow up.
Evaluate which pieces of playground equipment work best at St. Mary's Lochee.	Can any new information please be circulated within the sub committee.	BR

Sheena Kenny, Fife Council Policy Officer, Funding and Monitoring Team, provided us with the following information about funding for school based projects. Some of the funds below can be matched if funding of more than £10,000 is needed.

Fund	Comments
<p>Awards for All</p> <p>£500-£10,000 grants to cover any activities or projects that encourage young people to become more involved in their community, arts, sports, health, education or the environment. Will not fund curricular based work, so the application must reflect the fact that the project/activity or equipment will be used during lunchtimes or after school. No deadlines.</p> <p>www.awardsforall.org.uk</p>	<p>Most schools get capital funding for a big project from this, though it is getting more competitive.</p> <p>Could be used for a trim trail. We need to cost a suitable option. Trim Trail at Ceres PS cost £18000, but this including a soft surface underneath as it is located in a grassy area.</p>
<p>Celebrate</p> <p>£500-£10,000 grants for projects that bring people together to celebrate the 2014 Commonwealth Games. It will also support activities that celebrate the people, places and</p>	<p>We could apply for anything that promotes physical activity. Parent Council would have to make the application and would receive the money.</p> <p>JH advised that Sports Day will be a Commonwealth Day. School needs more</p>

<p>culture of the Commonwealth. www.celebrateit.org.uk</p>	<p>equipment such as javelins and discuses. Difficult to find a big ticket item which is suitable for this fund.</p>															
<p>2014 £300-£2000 grants to encourage more physical activity. Projects may include the purchase of equipment including personal kit, coaching fees or venue hire etc. Time limited to the end of 2014. www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/2014</p>	<p>There is likely to be a higher success rate for this. We could make one application from the school and then subsequently make one from the Parent Council. Could possibly use this towards a traverse climbing wall on the end of the gym. Indicative purchase costs are:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="818 629 1297 875"> <thead> <tr> <th>Length m</th> <th>Holes</th> <th>Cost £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2.2</td> <td>52</td> <td>1350</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.4</td> <td>78</td> <td>1995</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6.6</td> <td>182</td> <td>2995</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8.8</td> <td>234</td> <td>3745</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Length m	Holes	Cost £	2.2	52	1350	4.4	78	1995	6.6	182	2995	8.8	234	3745
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<p>Communities and Families Fund £250-£10,000 for activities that will improve the quality of life for children from pre-birth to 8. Successful projects might include parenting support, healthy eating initiatives or community play initiatives. This fund is administered by the Big Lottery Fund. www.biglotteryfund.org.uk</p>	<p>We could possibly combine the Awards for All application with this fund, in order to incorporate elements in the trim trail suitable for nursery and playgroup children.</p>															
<p>Foyle School Library Fund Grants of up to £10,000 for school library materials including books, furniture and I.T. equipment. www.foylefoundation.org.uk</p>	<p>Indirectly related to the playground project, as it might provide our electronic library loan system, thus releasing funds allocated to this at recent parent council meeting. JH to pursue.</p>															
<p>Fife Charities Trust Max £1000. Need a parent who works for Fife Council I to apply for this. Can be found on Fish.</p>	<p>JH mentioned that we need fixings and nets for volleyball in the new gym and some bibs for teams. Also suggested we might like slalom poles in the playground, which might be another suggestion for this fund. Volunteer needed to pursue this, once JH provides specifics. (BR?)</p>															

Sheena Kenny offered to send JH a list of everything that Fife Schools have been awarded by the lottery in the past 12 months or so, in case there have been applications for similar items.

Once we have costed out various pieces of equipment, Sheena would be able to help us with any applications. Tel. 441233.

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Covered Seating Areas General agreement that wood should be kept to a minimum, as it becomes slippy when wet and requires lots of maintenance. Ideally we would like a metal canopy anchored in the playground with fixed seating	JT asked to find who supplies such covered shelters and cost. Sheena Kenny's list may also have some ideas on this.
Garden area Some concern was expressed by parents at our consultation as to who would look after the garden. Decided at this stage to restrict the garden to planters in the top playground. We can develop this later. Should be able to fund this from own funds and use local manpower.	Need volunteer to look into cost of this in due course.
Games on the ground Feel we do not need to buy expensive surfaces for these. We could paint these on ourselves.	Volunteer needed to cost this. Apparently paint your own kits are available.
Stephanie Forbes is willing to be on the playground sub-committee. A relative of hers has recently been involved in applying for grants for a primary school playground development project. Stephanie also has plans to organise a 10k fundraising run in the summer, some proceeds of which she would be willing to donate to the playground.	Propose we invite Stephanie to next meeting.
Sherree sent a suggested fundraising calendar in for JH. Outline of events and dates are attached Sherree also applied for funding of £5000 from Cash4Kids. We will find out if we have been successful end November	

Agreed that the priority is to draw up costings and also size of the items mentioned during December if possible.

Next meeting at the school: Wednesday 15th January 2014 at 7pm (week before Parent Council Meeting on 22.1)