

Draft Minutes
Of
Lathallan Parent's Association AGM & Meeting
Tuesday 15th June, 2021
7.00pm by Zoom

Present:

Maria Coll

Ranjit Fernandez

Lindsey Home

Scott Keenan

Chair

Vice-Chair

Events Coordinator

Treasurer

Henry Irvine-Fortescue, Richard Toley, Karen Summers (note-taker), Mark & Kelly Dalglish, Lucy Ross, Rachel & Brian, Claire Adam, Bianca Henderson, Maggie, Vicky Jackson, Alison, Alex Thomas, Stephanie Grantham, Gary Duncan, Karen Hopkin and Lorna.

Apologies

Susan Dinnie, Rob McIntosh and Hazel Hamilton Hall

Welcome Chair

Maria, as the chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chair's AGM Report

As I reflect on the extraordinary school year we have just had to endure, one of the most striking aspects of it for me is just how well our children, the teachers, the staff and you the parents have rallied to respond to the many challenges posed by COVID-19. It's been a difficult time for everyone but hopefully the Lathallan Association will have managed to lift the spirits wherever possible. It's always worth reiterating that :

The purpose of the Lathallan Association is to enhance the experience of children and parents at Lathallan through the organisation of social and fundraising events throughout the school year and by providing funding donations to school projects and events which benefit the pupils and the school.

As such, during what could be described as a "typical" school year, the Association would support a number of school social events including:

- The Annual Bonfire Night
- The Lathallan Highland Games
- Quiz Nights
- Parent Dinner or Ball
- Support for the Lathallan Rugby 7s tournament.

Unfortunately due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, with the exception of a very successful zoom wine tasting evening which was well received by all those that attended, we were not able to hold any of these social events during this school year.

This had a knock on effect of the Association not being able to raise additional funds during these events however we have still managed to fund:

- Narnia Revamp - staging, decking, outdoor kitchen and seating area
- 3D Printer for use within the School
- Nursery trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park
- J7 Bash
- S1 activity day
- S6 Burns House day out

We have also been able to donate funds from the Lathallan Association and Pipers' Coffee shop to directly support local food larders and initiatives in Inverbervie, Gourdon and Stonehaven.

Looking ahead to the coming school year, we will have some changes in both the committee and the form reps. Once again, we require a team effort to enable us to continue to provide the high standard of social events we have been able to put on over past years. To that end, I would ask you to consider volunteering some of your time and also to encourage anyone you think may be interested to get involved with the Lathallan Association. We are always looking for enthusiastic and willing volunteers to lend a hand in whatever capacity they are able to.

Personally I would like to thank all current members of the Lathallan Association committee, form reps, supporting parents and, especially, those long serving members of the team who have repeatedly given up their valuable time to assist the Lathallan Association.

I would also like to thank those who are leaving the Lathallan Association committee this year for their service to the school and their hard work. Thank you also to those who have put themselves forward for positions this year either on the committee or as form reps.

May I wish all of you a relaxing summer break and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Maria Coll

Chair

Election

- Ranjit proposed Maria for Chair and Henry seconded this. Maria Coll elected to continue as Chair.
- Maria proposed Ranjit for Vice-Chair and Scott seconded this. Ranjit Fernandez elected to continue as Vice- Chair.
- Maria proposed Scott for Treasurer and Ranjit seconded this. Scott Keenan elected to continue as Treasurer.
- Maria proposed Karen for Secretary and Gary seconded this. Karen Summers elected as Secretary.
- Maria proposed Lindsay for Events coordinator and seconded by Victoria. Lindsey Home elected to continue as Events Coordinator.
- Maria proposed Lucy as Form Rep Coordinator and seconded by Lindsay. Lucy elected to continue as Form Rep Coordinator.
- Maria proposed Susan for Merchandiser and Karen seconded this. Susan Dinnie elected to continue as Merchandiser.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting in May were approved.

Finance Report

The Treasurer reflected on the absence of events during the pandemic having limited fund raising opportunities. The Association began the year with a healthy balance of £7139.50 £5K being ring-fenced for Narnia revamp and £700 for the S1 Trip to compensate for their cancelled J7 Bash.

Merchandise Report

Susan didn't attend the meeting but Gary updated that there has been steady income for this not for profit activity. £1004 (with an outstanding invoice of £150 to come off that total).

Funding Requests

- Ranjit is coordinating Leavers Gifts for S6's. £30 per head agreed to pay for the jewelry from local Jeweler for girls. Lathallan Ties agreed for boys.
- PA and School to jointly finance the purchase of good quality donuts from local bakery, as a little extra gesture at the end of a tough year.

AOB

- Maria delivering Mrs Collier's gift (3D printed vases, hamper and Lathallan puzzle) to school for Thursday to be handed over ahead of the end of term.
- Ranjit updated the LPA that the 3D Printer is working well and extensively across School. Mr Mackell having some successful prints with J2.
- The use of dormant FB Page was unsupported by new Marketing Manager as it was felt this would dilute existing communication platforms. Instead an E-Bulletin with links to existing FB posts is planned.

- Ranjit reported that the sweets and chocolates handed in from the LPA will be enjoyed by staff at a socially distant, end of term coffee morning.
- The pipe band is planning an online competition if the Lathallan Highland Games are not able to go ahead in their usual form.
- Mark Dalglish raised the idea of Children's Life Saving Skills Sessions. He will find out more information, including costs and share this with Mr Toley.
- Scott urged more parents to get involved with the Association. It was agreed that the zoom format will continue as it optimizes the time commitment.
- Richard thanked the Parents Association for support given over the year.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday **31st August at 7pm** on Zoom