

**Draft Minutes of - LATHALLAN PARENTS ASSOCIATION meeting
7.30 - Tuesday 10th November 2020
Meeting - Zoom**

Present: Maria Coll chair

Ranjit Fernandez- Vice chair
Scot Keenon- Treasurer
Lindsey Home -events coordinator
Rachel Kinkead –
Jenny Madden
Rob McIntosh- secretary
Ann campbell
Claire McFarlane
Joanne Grant
Lorna Smith
Elizabeth havens
Henry Irvine-Fortescue
Richard Toley
Hazel Hamilton Hall
Karen Summer

Apologies

Gary Duncan, Susan Dinnie, , Lucy Ross,

Welcome Chair

Maria, as the current chair welcomed everyone and for those who had not previously attended, Maria, explained the role of the association in supporting parents, the school and pupils ,and in particular in fundraising at events e.g. Highland games, fireworks, rugby 7's. The fundraising goes towards items matters which the school does not usually provide but the Association have not been able to hold such event so are losing out on not just the funding raising but also the important social aspects of these for the whole School community.

It was also explained anyone in the school community can make an application for funding.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 29th September were approved

Update Finance

Scott confirmed the Balance was still £6,240 as there been no income or expenditure

Merchandise update

Susan submitted her apologies but as noted in last minutes had done very well on sales on the initial return to school so we would obtain an update for the next meeting

Community interest Company “CIC “

Discussion moved back onto CIC and Ranjit explained he had submitted more information for the committee to review on this entity which can be used by the Association to access new funding streams.

Ranjit /Rob, summarised advantages/disadvantages of this kind of structure which are-

- Advantages - It can open up new funding stream and e.g. funds administered by the Kincardine Development Group, community windfarms etc
- Disadvantages:- it can become more onerous in terms of organisation and reporting and will require a special meeting and a vote of the majority of parents as the members of the Association to approve .

Henry– confirmed there was a significant amount of work in setting this up

It was agreed to look at what funds are available ,and their eligibility criteria before making such a move and item be left as standing item on agenda for the moment.

Funding requests

Update for S6 pupils Memory Orchard from Ranjit .

The S6 pupils are waiting an update from the preferred supplier, Scottish Orchards, who will evaluate the site but looking at about £500 and once the S6 pupils are ready to progress they will provide a presentation to the Association. It was agreed to continue support for this.

Richard Toley ,indicated Mr. Carter, is looking to introduce an outdoor performing area including, stage, outdoor kitchen, into Narnia, and once he has an indication of prices will come back to the Association. The Association indicated it is supportive subject to receiving the costs to be submitted to Maria ,who will circulate to the committee for final approval if works are to be done before the next meeting in January .

Karen Summer - Raised question of Green Power Initiative. This is a kit car can which be built and reused but kits are £3,000 but cost is not the main issue as it requires a substantial amount of volunteer time to support pupils . It was agreed to defer for further consideration once the Association have any future updates on the resources required to deliver it.

Fundraising

The discussion turned to what fundraising or social events the Association can undertake given the current restrictions. Ranjit suggested to look at zoom based charity events.

Rob, suggested , Woodhouse Wines ,who provide online wine tasting so we could look into this as both a social and fundraiser. It was agreed to investigate this to see if it would be practical to undertake before Christmas break. Maria & Lindsey ,could organize a hamper raffle at the same time.

Quiz - It was agreed to investigate an online quiz as well.

Gifts

The Question of providing a gift to non-teaching staff for their exceptional work in the current situation was raised and agreed should be undertaken. There was discussion on how this should progress but it was decided, Maria and Lindsey would progress this as a one-off gift to each non -teaching member of staff

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None

Date next meeting

Tuesday 26th January 7.30pm by Zoom