

**Minutes of - LATHALLAN PARENTS ASSOCIATION AGM
Tuesday 7.30 pm 29 September 2020
Meeting - Zoom**

Present:

Maria Coll - Chair
Ranjit Fernandez - Vice-chair
Scot Keenon- Treasurer
Rob McIntosh- Secretary
Lindsey Home - Events Coordinator
Rachel Kinhead – Pipeband Manager
Lucy Ross – Class Form Coordinator
Gary Duncan
Ann Campbell
Claire McFarlane
Lesley Hicking
Karen Summers
Gordon Drummond
Joanne Grant
Lorna Smith
Rosemary Scrimgeour
Lorna Smith

Apologies

Bianca Henderson, Rhoda Mackenzie, Susan Dinnie (Merchandise) Elizabeth Havens (Social Convenor), Steve Blackburn, Andrew Oriunwebho, Mark Dalglish, Henry Irvine-Fortescue

Welcome Chair

Maria as new Chair welcomed the committee, all attendees and new parents. Maria explained the role of the association in supporting parents, the school and pupils and in particular in fundraising at school events e.g. Highland Games, Fireworks Night, Rugby 7's.

Association fundraising is used for purchasing items and making donations towards events which we agree, by vote, are important but 'extras' outwith usual school provision. This usually means extracurricular activities and events. For example: stage lighting and sound equipment which benefits nursery, junior and senior school productions; J7 and S6 leavers events and gifts; the treehouse; part sponsorship of class or group trips e.g. pipe band trip to New York

Unfortunately, none of these events could run this year but we hope that we will be able to do so next year.

Minutes

The minutes of the AGM in July were approved

Update Finance

Scott confirmed Balance of £6,240 with subscriptions of £4,000 due.

Fundraising requests

1 - Nursery

Funds have been set aside for the nursery for trips and gifts. However, as usual trips are not possible, they have requested that they undertake some alternative onsite events using the funds. The principle of this was agreed as acceptable and agreed to ask Nursery to revert with some detailed proposals.

Ranjit raised there were two potential requests:

2 – Memory Orchard

This would be for the 6th year pupils to plant a tree in their name and they would look after it during their 6th year and it could be extended to other years. It was agreed to support this in principle and a 6th year pupil would be invited to present on the finalised proposal to the Association.

3- GYM

It had been hoped to convert the former PE classroom into a gym and the Association had been supportive of this previously. However, it was discovered this required works to the building which would be prohibitively expensive. The concept of a bespoke gym in the grounds which could also be shared with the community were options which could be explored. This would require significant fundraising but the option of converting the Association to, or setting it up as, a Community Interest Company could be an avenue for this.

Community interest Company “CIC “

Discussion moved onto CIC and Ranjit explained it was an entity which can be used by the Association to access new funding streams. It was agreed that Ranjit would undertake further work on exploring the possibilities and options of CIC and report back to the Association.

Merchandise Update

Gary gave an update for Susan in her absence and, so far, the merchandise sales were £1,192 in the last few months which is a great achievement and the Association asked Gary to pass their thanks onto Susan. The sales of items such as the notebook covers had gone very well.

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None

Date next meeting

Tuesday 10th November 7.30 pm