

Monymusk School Parent Council
Annual General Meeting (held online)

Thursday 1st October 2020

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Fiona Esson, Jan and David Watt, Laura Ferguson, Jane Veitch (P1,2 Teacher), Angela Pond (Head Teacher), Jen Dunbar, Niall and Lauren Ferguson, Gemma Wood, Joanne Reid

Apologies: Rob Brookes

2. Approval of minutes from AGM 30th October 2019 – No amendments and so minutes approved.
3. Chairperson's report (see below) – approved as an accurate record of the year's activities.
4. Treasurer's report (see attachment) – Auditor is happy to sign off the accounts, just needs final bank statement. No questions from those present. Sarah Flavell (Chair of Gordon Rural Action) appointed as auditor for 20/21 accounts.
5. Parent Council Members announced

Under guidelines from Aberdeenshire Council all who volunteer for the Parent Council automatically become members of the committee, unless the maximum according to the constitution is exceeded, in which case lots would be drawn. The following parents have volunteered and are duly elected – Fiona Esson, Jan Watt and Laura Ferguson.

Fiona Esson advised the meeting that she would not stand again next session but will of course work with a new chair to ensure a smooth transition.

6. Election of Office Bearers

The current Office Bearers volunteered and were appointed to the same positions again.

Position	Volunteer	Nominated	Seconded
Chair	Fiona Esson	Jan Watt	Laura Ferguson
Treasurer	Jan Watt	Fiona Esson	Laura Ferguson
Fundraising / Events	Laura Ferguson	Fiona Esson	Jan Watt

We are still missing a Secretary, Fiona continues to fill this role but please get in touch if you are interested.

7. There were no matters for discussion reported to Parent Council by the Parent Forum but if there are any please get in touch. Email parentcouncil@monymusksschool.co.uk or speak to Fiona, Jan or Laura.

Chairperson's Report 2019/20 – covering activities and events of the past year

It seems such a long time since our last AGM and so much has happened, but I would like to start by saying thank you to all the staff at Monymusk School for not only providing work and support during the period of home learning but for getting our children safely back to school. All their hard work is much appreciated.

In terms of Parent Council activities...

Parent Council Communications (ongoing) – inclusion in newsletter, use of Facebook to share useful/interesting information, ensuring meetings advertised in advance and all parents invited, agenda and minutes issued. Continue to introduce to new parents (unable to do this face to face for 20/21 session due to Covid restrictions, info sent with induction paperwork).

Garden (ongoing) – the grass we had put down finally started to grow, the pond was removed due to safety concerns but there was a plan for developing this area and also the use of the beds (including Playgroup). Unfortunately, we couldn't progress this and the garden became a bit wild during "Lockdown" but Mrs Pond has ensured the area is again fit for purpose (with the help of Monymusk Estate and parent volunteers) and the children are now making use of the area for learning.

Induction Policy – 19/20 intake parents were consulted by the school and the amended policy was sent to Parent Council for review. We added information covering Parent Council since we could not meet.

Homework Policy – Full review and consultation with parents carried out by the school, new homework policy now in place and being followed as far as possible (agreed to review again at end of 20/21 session).

Grant applications/Competitions – School received c£100 from Evening Express competition, unfortunately did not manage to hit target for ALDI and Lottery application was unsuccessful.

Parent Questionnaire (postponed) – draft prepared for May/June but put on hold; nothing requiring an urgent response during the period of home learning, parents had enough to deal with.

Meetings, Correspondence:

Pupil Council – planned meeting with Pupil Council could not take place

Parent Council Chairs – Fiona attended online meeting in June

Issuing/Publicising items as requested by Aberdeenshire Council

Fundraising - The Parent Council is also involved in the organisation of events raising funds for school as well as agreeing areas for the money to be spent with the Head Teacher. This year we had a Bags2School collection, held a Christmas Fair and our first ever (I think) School Disco but unfortunately the Muddy Run and Football Tournament could not go ahead. We have funded the purchase of Maths No Problem resources and reading books amongst other things, but I will hand over to our Treasurer (Jan Watt) for more details on the accounts.

Thank you

Fiona Esson