

## **Breadalbane Academy Parent Council**

Final draft of the minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011 - AGM

### **Attending**

Al Irvine (Chair), Helen Taylor (Vice-Chair), Tommy Pringle (Treasurer), Julie Dunbar (Clerk) Elaine Burns, Henry Murdoch, Andy Pointer, Bees Cameron, Julie Wardle, Jeanette Hickman, Dorothy Proctor, Linda McLachlan, Nannette Menzies, Christina Bryson, Caroline Nash, Linda Swan (Head Teacher)

### **Apologies**

Nic Ferguson, J Riddell, R MacDonald

Al welcomed everyone to the AGM.

### **Chairmans Review**

Al summarised his last year as chair, stating that there had been many positive things happening, and still some things which require a bit of attention.

The Pipe Band was by far his favourite in the achievements for the year.

He thanked Helen for all her hard work in pulling together the email project.

He also thanked Fiona Broad for all her hard work with the thrift shop.

Other positives were, manning Parent Council stands at events, participating in the Ceilidh, the Quiz Night, Parent Council newsletter, the presentation by Colin Murray.

Where he felt there could be room for improvement was communication and getting more people to attend the meetings.

### **Treasurers Report**

Parent Council Account had £1031 from the Thrift Shop and £851 from the council deposited into it, the accounts have been audited and the current balance is £1102.75. Tommy stated that the amount from the Council would be reduced this year but he didn't know by how much and was having a difficult time finding out.

Friends of Breadalbane Account (Helen explained to people what this new account was) this account had £2000 deposited from the Parent Council and was passed to the Pipe Band as £1000 loan and £1000 donation. The loan has still to be paid back, Linda is going to chase this. £550 was given to the Ceilidh band for Hoodies for the trip to Poland. The current balance of this account is £450.55.

## **Election of Officers**

Al Irvine stepped down as chair

Helen Taylor stepped down as vice chair

Tommy Pringle stated that he would be happy to carry on in his position as Treasurer, he was nominated by Henry and seconded by Andy.

Julie Dunbar will remain the Clerk.

A lengthy discussion took place surrounding the Chair and Vice Chair positions, with no willing volunteers coming forward. Helen Taylor stated that if the Council were prepared to make an action plan of what each meeting would consist of and the year ahead could be more structured with the intention of attracting more parents along she would consider stepping up as Chair. It was felt that this would be the best way forward for the Parent Council. Helen was nominated by Julie and seconded by Tommy.

After further discussions surrounding Vice Chair, it was suggested that a tighter link with Pitlochry High School could be forged if a representative could sit as Vice Chair, Henry nominated Elaine Burns (Pitlochry) and this was seconded by Helen, Elaine was unsure of accepting the nomination, Tommy then suggested perhaps there could be 2 Vice-chair. Elaine nominated Henry which was seconded by Al.

## **Officers**

Chair – Helen Taylor

Vice-chair – Elaine Burns, Henry Murdoch

Treasurer – Tommy Pringle

Clerk – Julie Dunbar

## **World War Memorial Plaque**

Mo Cairncross had asked for this to be put on the agenda so that this was carried forward. Linda had been in discussion with John Lowe and they had found the sum of money which had been mentioned. This is around £300 and the plaque that was suggested is a small plaque with an inscription. The Community Council had also spoken to Linda regarding a joint venture which would be in The Birks, it was felt that more information was required before going forward with this, as this money was intended for a school memorial and not the wider community. Becs is going to speak to the Community Council and get more information and this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

## **AOB**

Helen suggested that to take on further our links with Pitlochry that a joint event could be held before the end of term, the Ballinluig Hall or Grandtully Hall could be hired and the ceilidh band perform, wine would be on offer for a donation and everyone could bring their own food. The date for this event is going to be 15<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 – 10.00 with children being welcome. Helen will speak to Peter Butters and Henry will speak to the people regarding the halls.

Al had received an email from Laurie Ann Carr explaining that they were to take part in an Art Project with the 3<sup>rd</sup> years from Pitlochry, Pitlochry Station Mural Project. This would involve a group travelling by train to York and then working together with Pitlochry High School to produce a mural for the train station in Pitlochry. It was going to cost between £600 and £1000 depending on the numbers. She was asking if Parent Council could subsidise each place by £20, it was then discussed that the joint event on the 15<sup>th</sup> June could be used to make a donation to this project. After discussion it was agreed that the money raised would support the project.

There is going to be an official opening day on 21<sup>st</sup> June 10.30am – 11.30am

Helen asked if a group email could be sent round the parents as June is a busy month with lots going on and it would be helpful to have all the information in one communication.

Henry wanted it minuted that he though Lochgoilhead was an amazing experience for the children, his son has just returned and is the happiest and liveliest he has been for a long time.

Linda thanked Jeanette Hickman for her dedication and support over the last 12 months, Jeanette will now be returning to Kinross.

It was decided that a planning meeting would be held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, this is to plan how the following year will be structured.

With no other competent business the meeting closed at 8.30pm