

# **Kinlochleven High School Parent Council**

**Minutes of meeting and AGM held in the School on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012**

**Apologies** – AB, LY, BG

**Present** – JM, MM, KH, MC, PM, JM, FD, MH, CC, FB, SB

**Review of Constitution** – Mike ran through the constitution and it was accepted as it stood. (At this point in the evening).

**Review of Co-opted Members** – Although we can have up to 4 co-opted members, as the only other person suggested lives outwith the area we decided to just have the two that we have invited. (Andrew Baxter and Bren Gormley).

**Minutes of last meeting and matters arising** - The minutes were accepted and the matters arising will be covered in the next section.

**Head Teachers Report** –

Fujitsu – the software has been updated with very little problems. There have been Engineers on site to help with any problems the staff have encountered. As yet there has been no total cost given to the school.

School Roll – this is 152, as 2 students have left.

All weather pitch – looking good.

Staff – stands as stated at last meeting. John reported that the 3 probationers are keen and hard working. Staff total stands at 23.

St.Brides – the decision has been postponed till end of September. However the consultation said there seemed no reason not to change to Kinlochleven High School.

Budget Cuts – An email was forwarded to John showing that the Highland Council have to save £29.7 million (this is across the board not just education). No details have been released as to how the savings will be made, however John is concerned how any further cuts will affect the school.

Deputy Head – there were 3 applications (Mrs Mills, Mrs Roberts and Mr Milne). All 3 will share the job for a further year, with Mrs Mills and Mr Milne taking the first 2/3<sup>rd</sup> together, sharing the duties. A permanent Deputy Head position will be made, with the process starting next Easter. Mike thanked all 3 for their hard work last year.

Exam results – the results were as expected; with very high pass rates in certain areas, i.e. 5+ level 3 @ 100% for a second year and 3+ Level 6 being 4<sup>th</sup> best in the highland area.

Curriculum for Excellence – full move takes off next June – the staff are now getting information through.

Hydro Electric Scheme – moving along. John hasn't managed to get anywhere re. Extra funding/ grants. P Mills and K Hine said they would forward links which may be of use.

**Election of New Members and Office Bearers –**

New Members – Fiona Borland, Alison Gibson, Moira Hartley, Laurence Young, Stewart Borland, Francis Dent, Paul Mills, Cynthia Cassidy, Martine Cooper, Kirsteen Hine and Michelle McPhee.

New Co-opted Members – Andrew Baxter and Bren Gormley

(Concern was stated regarding family members being on the Council, so it was decided to discuss the matter at the next meeting with the possibility of restricting the maximum number of family members serving at any one time)

Office Bearers – Chair – Stewart Borland

Vice Chair – Moira Hartley

Secretary – Fiona Borland

Treasurer – Jill Mills

**Correspondence** – only correspondence was covered in the main business.

**AOCB** – It has been brought to our attention that the new way of doing the Parents evening does not sit well with some parents. 1<sup>st</sup> evening – all invited and the 2<sup>nd</sup> only certain parents are invited. We will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting** – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012.