



**Ullapool High School Parent Council**  
**Comhairle Nam Pàrant Ardsgoil Ulapul**  
**Minutes**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Aug 6:00pm, Ullapool High School**

1. **Present: (PC members):** Anthony O'Flaherty (Chair), Christine Crook (Vice-Chair), Dave Maxwell (Secretary), Sue Pomeroy, Stephanie Sutherland, Fiona Saywell, Joany McGuire, Janis Patterson, Ian Williams (Teacher Rep).  
**Others in attendance:** Robbie McFedries (Head), Anne Hunter (Depute)  
**Apologies:** Andrew Lintern, Gareth Lewis-Ing, Anne Wood, Sot Otter, Helen Meek (Treasurer), Nellie Collins, Gina Mauger
2. **Approval of minutes of the previous meeting (30<sup>th</sup> Jan) –** Proposed by SP, seconded by AH
3. **Head Teacher's Report: (RMcF)**
  - **Exams** –RMcF presented a detailed analysis of the exam results. In summary, results were good and some areas there were wide variations both up and down from previous years due to the small school roll. **Action:** RMcF to publish a Standards and Quality report in Oct. for all parents to review. The maximum number of National 5s pupils can sit in S4 was discussed. RMcF advised that Highland policy is for pupils to sit 6 National exams at the end of S4. This fits with a Senior Phase model that allows pupils to sit Nationals and Highers throughout their time in school. Almost all Ullapool pupils stay on to fifth year and most stay for sixth year and the school works with parents and pupils to try and provide each with the right curriculum at the right time, including 'custom' solutions where possible. The main strands of the improvement plan for next year will be (1) improved Tracking and Monitoring (2) developing use of Google Classroom and Chromebooks (3) linking school with career opportunities, and (4) mental health particularly Adverse Childhood Experiences. The PC thanked the teachers and school staff for all their hard work supporting pupils through their exams.
  - **Staff Update** – 2 new staff have joined - Beth Milne, Biology (1 year probation), Marion Boledovic – French, replacing Marie-Pierre for 1 year. Kathryn Parker has been promoted to Principal Teacher, Science. Welcome and congratulations from the Parent Council.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (HM by email) – Bank Balance at 28th June was £3641.91 (this includes £2500 from the UCT 3D fund and Easy Fundraising credit of £42.38).
5. **Matters Arising from previous meeting**
  - **Friday Afternoon Activities** -
    - **Photography**– unfortunately no-one has been identified to run this
  - **Fundraising** – **Action:** SS, SP, FS and NC to form a Funding Sub-group and report back
  - **Youth Space** – this project is difficult for pupils to progress because of the funding issues and long timescales involved. **Action:** AO'F to speak to Yvonne Boa to see if the PC can help to move this forward (carried forward).
6. **Role of the Parent Council** – a lively debate followed with a number of ideas discussed. The key areas identified were:
  - Fundraising and co-ordination to support Fri afternoon activities
  - Lobbying the council over education, funding and staffing issues
  - Improving communications with the school and between parents
  - **Actions:** FS to produce a flyer based on the PC Constitution for distribution to all parents. All who use social media to promote the use of the PC Facebook page
7. **Pupil Update** – carried forward
8. **AOB**
  - The PC congratulated IW on the success of "The Importance of Being Earnest"

- AO'F will be stepping down as Chair at the AGM and IW will be stepping down as Teacher Rep
9. **Date of AGM: Wed 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** (after the S1 parents event)