



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

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Sep 6:00pm, by Zoom**

1. **Present: (PC members):** Seori Burnett (Chair), Christine Crook (Vice-Chair), Dave Maxwell (Secretary), Sue Pomeroy (Treasurer), Anthony O'Flaherty, Fiona Saywell, Nadine Lunn.
2. **Apologies** Suzanne Lewis-Ing, Andrew Lintern, Anne Wood, Andrew MacKay
3. **Others in Attendance:** Julia Campbell (S4 parent), Fadzai Mwakatuya (S1 parent).
4. **Approval of minutes of the previous AGM meeting** – Proposed by SP, seconded by DM
5. **Report on the work of the PC** – SB

- Since the last parent council AGM in September 2019 there have been three parent council meetings. The last of these meetings in June was held online specifically to address parents' concerns over COVID-19 and because of the pandemic. The meeting was very well attended and may indicate that an online element should continue in future to make our meetings more inclusive for those unable to attend evening meetings in Ullapool.
- Over the year the parent council has received regular updates from the head teacher and specifically since the onset of restrictions has worked to find ways of supporting the school staff and pupils where we have been able to. Inevitably activities and events have not been possible however we have continued to look for new ways of supporting the school whether by providing a forum for online discussion or voicing the concerns of the parent forum and the wider community.
- The parent council had aimed to provide funding to support climbing and kayak activities in the summer/autumn term 2020 however these activities have fallen victim to the lockdown and ongoing government guidance relating to COVID-19. We were able to provide funding to support the purchase of equipment for Yvonne Boa's Fusion activities.
- Parent council members have been involved in a parent/pupil/staff learning support group. This group is working on themes to support educational resilience. The winter term theme was 'study, skills and revision' and in the spring term 'sleep and the use of technology'. Information leaflets were produced and parent council members attended a number of parents' evenings to promote this work and generally raise the profile of the parent council.
- In February we held an 80s themed quiz night at the Seaforth which raised £350. The Seaforth very generously hosted the event and provided a complimentary buffet and drink. Thank you again to Andrew and the Seaforth.
- The school took delivery of new football and netball kit sponsored by Wester Ross Salmon again many thanks to Wester Ross Salmon for their generosity.
- We continued our attempts to host the 'new' Highland Council CEO, Donna Manson, at one of our meetings. We are still looking forward to discussing the opportunities and challenges that schools face in such a unique location as the northwest highlands and particularly now in such unique times.
- Two members of the parent council sat on the interview panel for the post of Depute Head and were delighted with the choice of Joanne Stewart who was selected from a field of three very strong candidates. We would also like to say a fond farewell and thanks for many years of hard work devoted to our children's learning by Anne Hunter and Phil McCann.
- Finally the parent council would like to express it's thanks to Robbie McFedries and his team for the amazing work they have done to continue our children's learning during 'lockdown' and enabling the school to successfully re-open for the 2020/21 session.

- We look forward to finding further ways to support our school in the forthcoming year and hopefully welcome some new faces to help with our activities.

## 6. Appointment of new Parent Council

GM has stepped down as vice-chair and CC volunteered to take over. SB, DM and SP volunteered to remain in post. Two new parents, JC and NL, volunteered to join. All were elected unopposed. Susan McSweeney (S2 parent) was unable to join but volunteered by email. SB commented that using Zoom makes it easier for parents outside Ullapool to participate and encouraged more parents from these areas to join.

The new PC is as follows:

Name	Role	Area	Child's Year
Seori Burnett	Chair	Dundonnell	S3
Christine Crook	Vice-Chair	Ullapool	S5
Dave Maxwell	Secretary	Ullapool	S5
Sue Pomeroy	Treasurer	Dundonnell	S3, S6
Fiona Saywell	Member	Drumbeg	S5
Anne Wood	Member	Ullapool	S4
Andrew Lintern	Member	Ullapool	S6
Janis Patterson	Member	Ullapool	S3, S6
Sot Otter	Member	Lechmelm	S6
Suzanne Lewis-ing	Member	Ullapool	S3, S5
Andrew MacKay	Member	Ullapool	S2
Julia Campbell	Member	Achiltibuie	S4
Susan McSweeney	Member	Badcaul	S2
TBC	Pupil Rep		
Andrew Inglis	Teacher Rep		

## 7. Treasurer's Report - SP

Balance as of Aug was £2946.63 with £906 paid in this year from the Seaforth event, Highland Council and Easyfundrasing. £368 was paid out

The accounts have been audited by Laura and were duly approved.

8. AOB: None
9. Date of 2020 AGM: Tue September 7th 2021 at 6pm