

## **Newbigging Parent Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on 9/12/2014

### **Present**

Lesley Milloy – *Headteacher*  
Mrs Gray – *Teacher*  
Lynsey Milne – *Treasurer*  
Craig Nugent – *Chair*  
Kathryn Foot – *Parent Council Member*  
Diane Melvin – *Deputy Chair*  
Lorna Rogers - *Parent Council Member*  
Ann Margaret McPhee - *Parent*

### **Apologies**

Lesley Murray – *Parent Council Member*  
Gillian Alcorn – *Parent Council Member*  
Ashley Thomson – *Parent Council Member*  
Anne Bruce - *Secretary*  
Elaine Patullo - *Teacher*

### **School Website**

Lynsey offered to update the website and mentioned that some of the links to the website need to be updated. It was suggested that Anne (secretary) might copy in Morna Duncan when sending the minutes out, in order that they might be included in the *Angus Parent Council Blog*. Craig will get in touch with *Education Scotland* to have a link amended. Lesley (Milloy) was asked to write a short intro for the website similar to the Monikie school website

### **Library Van**

Times and location of van were noted. Lynsey offered to take children to the van during school time – no conclusion reached, requires further discussion.

### **Parent Council Events**

Parents asked if they could run school events in the absence of staff which Lesley said would be possible.

Note: following the meeting Lesley (Milloy) clarified the situation and informed me (Craig) that she (at least) would have to be in attendance at all events due to various legal obligations imposed by Angus Council. (disclosure, insurance, etc)

### **Parent Council Banking**

Lynsey suggested that we adopt telephone and online banking. All agreed. Craig and Diane to sign forms and return.

### **Christmas party and end of term service**

Discussed giving all the children a small christmas gift. Lynsey informed that there are enough Parent Council funds to facilitate this - pending agreement with entire Parent Council.

### **Facebook and Twitter**

We now have a Facebook Group page. This is a closed group page ensuring that only members of the Newbigging Primary School parent forum can view and comment on posts. You can find the page here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/newbiggingparentcouncil/>

Lesley (Milloy) suggested using Twitter for real time updates, both textual and visual. This will be taken under consideration.

### **Restorative Approaches**

Lesley (Milloy) discussed the school's adoption of Restorative procedures in establishing discipline within the school. You can find out more about Restorative Approaches here: <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/supportinglearners/positivelearningenvironments/positivebehaviour/approaches/restorative/about.asp>

### **Mycro Tyco**

It was agreed everyone would feedback via form supplied.

### **Open days and educational aims per term**

There will be an open day next term. Learning Folios will indicate what the children have been doing up to the present and also what they will be doing six weeks in advance. This will allow parents to plan activities etc in order to reinforce learning.

### **Responsibility for salting access paths and school playground during icy weather.**

It was established that the school cleaner is responsible for salting access areas within the school grounds. The cleaner is obliged to carry out this procedure the night before icy weather has been forecast. A letter will be sent to Ged Gilmartin Principal Officer Physical Resources at Angus Council to discuss this issue in greater detail.

### **Student Support Service**

This is a commercial company marketing via the school. Angus Council encourages it's schools to give out the promotional literature for this company as it receives a financial benefit for doing so. Ostensibly the leaflets look as though they are endorsed by the school. This company has nothing to do with the school. Proceed with caution.

Next Parent Council meeting will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm in the school.

Craig Nugent  
Chair  
Newbigging Primary School Parent Council