

Papdale Parent Council – 24th June

Present, Lynette Shearer, Jane Bruce, Charlotte Harrison, Karyn Tait, Diane Clark, Anita Sandison, Claire Louttit, Carmen Luke, and Lisa Poke.

Kieran Henderson and Councillor Mr Bill Stout attended for first half of meeting.

1) Apologies: Lesley Mulraine, Shonagh Merriman, Margaret Keenan

2. Councillor Bill Stout met with Karen Greaves (OIC) to discuss our school project and review issues. Bill reiterated that Karen and her team are keen to support the project. Discussions with Bill continued pertaining to timescales of the project, the CDF application, and support from ward councillors, plus the frustrations of the PC.

3. CH opened discussions regarding the timescale dates for the CDF meeting in July; land lease; incorporated status; maintenance and repairs; our application by Kieran Henderson had been submitted on time to the OIC; PC is applying for a 50% grant from the CDF fund and a huge amount of work has gone into getting to this stage.

4. CH and MK met with Peter Diamond and Karen Greaves. Stephen Kemp (Orkney Builders) was also present for part of the meeting. Issues had arisen that could have been addressed earlier pertaining to a contract for repairs and maintenance between the OIC and OB, and not between the PC and OB as previously thought. Steven Kemp will draw up a contract or letter of intent as to what he can offer over a 10 year period.

5. Janice Allen could possibly help with our application by putting forward a more positive stance on the project – her involvement with the CDF and Council need not be seen as a conflict of interests, but a positive one.

6. 6th July CDF application – Councillors will be on holiday leave until August – next meeting of the CDF is possibly beginning of Sept

7. Insurance and Legal issues – both issues are being reviewed by the Leisure and Recreation department of the OIC.

8. This has been a very long fundraising project but with the delay this will now bring the project into the winter months. We are doing well with the amount raised – still aim to reach £155,000.00 – Charlotte has spoken to a representative from Morrison Construction and we will hopefully qualify for a substantial sum of money which would boost the balance considerably.

9. KETRA – as we are within their catchment area they have been approached – Mr Stout will keep us informed as he attends their meetings – up to possibly £5000. But as they have lots of other play-park projects in the pipeline it is slightly more doubtful that we would get the full amount.

10. Orkney Builders also need to be kept informed to co-ordinate the project with Dream Climbing. The free running trail and ring of brodgar will take approximately 3 months to prepare and a couple of weeks to install the equipment – although they are less likely to come up to Orkney and install the equipment in the winter months. The work may have to be carried out in term time, which Mrs Bruce thought would be possible as the school extension was done in term time and worked out fine.

11. If CDF only approve the project for 25% funding then the PC will have to downsize the project and then look for other major funding. Existing play equipment may need to be removed in the very near future due to corrosion, leaving yet more empty gaps in the playground

12. Steven Kemp will pass information onto Karen Greave regarding the maintenance agreement – it is hoped that the project will not have to go through the full Legal procedure. Karen Greaves will then speak to other Council members – and get back to us by 26th July.

13. Stephen Kemp has spoken to Orkney College pertaining to apprentice joiners building the seating area and outdoor stage area. Steven had gone to several businesses to ask for donations of materials for the above.

14. Sponsor Walk - Richard Walker, money so far is just over £1000. Update on funds will be at the next PC meeting. The PC is very grateful to the school, pupils, parents and Richard for all their efforts for fundraising. CH will speak to the Orcadian newspaper once all fundraising efforts have been recorded to thank all involved.

15. Discussion regarding the National Play Strategy and the Government target of 2 hours of PE per week. More information is needed on this subject.

16. Development plans can go out to businesses once we are closer to our fundraising target. Action – KH

17. MK has spoken to Donald Glue to see if we can use his premises in town for a pop-up shop, possibly for a whole weekend or two consecutive weekends.

Date of next meeting – Monday 26th August 6pm

AGM date set for 23rd September 6pm

Meeting Closed 7.45pm

Signed by Chairperson.....