

# Friends of Glaitness School Minutes

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

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| Present      | Ingrid Rendall (Head Teacher), Caroline Paterson (Business Manager), Maggie Henning (Chairperson), Michelle Kennedy, Nicola Wilson, Barbara Brown, Rosie Drever, Karen Rorie, Cathy Smith (Nursery Manager), Cheryl Gould, Sharon Muir, Chrystall McBarron, Ruth Smith, Kate Towsey (P5 Teacher), Stacey Dorricott, |
| 2. Apologies | Katy Firth, Abi Ross, Laura Thomson, Kareen Macleod, Jenny McGrath  |

| Topic/ Agenda Item                | Notes  | Action   | Who? | Additional Information /Comments  |
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| 3. Approval of Previous Minutes   | Minutes from 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025.  |  |      | Approved.                         |
| 4. Action Log Update              |  |  |      | Incorporated into following items |
| 5. Mrs Muir update on Bikeability | <p>Active Schools don't have resources to assist due to Island Games and their Road Shows. They asked for parent volunteers within the School, nobody came forward.</p> <p>Carolynn Leslie, Active Schools Coordinator for Glaitness had a meeting with the school, while she is very passionate on the Bikeability Program she can't guarantee any help this term. They hope to run this next term in August/September for the new P7.</p> <p>BL asked what happens with children cycling to school with no Bikeability, is it parental judgement?<br/>Katell from the Education Department emailed S.M saying Active Schools are a small team of 3 full-time staff and</p> | <p>Is somebody to chase this up?</p> <p>Do we need to find out officially what happens to children that want to cycle that haven't managed to get their Bikeability completed?</p> |      |                                   |

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|   | <p>Bikeability isn't within Active Schools remit.</p> <p>Would Glaitness get Active School assistance as it's a busy area of town and so many pupils can walk or cycle?<br/>Johnny Russell helped last year, and some other schools have janitors who do it.</p> <p>NW offered to help if she can alongside her current role within the school.</p> <p>Pete Bentley from Orkney Cycling Club is offering free biking after school for 3 sessions, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of June and 1<sup>st</sup> July. The sessions will be for P3 &amp; P4 or P5 – P7 for 1 hour 15 minutes. A letter will come out to parents and will be on a first come first serve basis.</p> <p>Could the Cycle Club assist with the Glaitness Bikeability?</p> |  |                             |  |
| 6. Improving Engagement with FoGS/ The Blue Door Fundraiser | <p>In an attempt to promote the work of the Parent Council we will run a 'design a logo' for FoGS with a prize for the winning pupil/pupils. FoGS will be more active and we will look at having the reps photos and names up in the office area.</p> <p>MK &amp; JM are leading the Blue Door week, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> of May. A container has been secured for</p>  | <p>1. MH to arrange a presentation for assembly on 23<sup>rd</sup> May to explain about logo design competition.</p> <p>2. FoGS to provide lollies to the P3 class as a thank you for sending letters.</p> <p>3. Facebook post to be shared confirming what the FoGS money goes towards and try to</p> | MK to contact ice-cream van |  |

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|                           | <p>free from Orkney Containers, drop off times have been advertised. We have struggled to fill slots for volunteers which is disappointing. We have circulated a request for donations, raffles and baking. The P3 class has written letters to local businesses asking for donations, as a thank you to them FoGS will buy lollies for the class.</p> <p>The money raised by FoGS previously have helped with books, Halloween Discos, Sumdog, residential trips, baking, ipads and P7 jumpers.</p> <p>Should we confirm to parents what the Blue Door money will go towards, we hope to be able to gift another £1000 towards the P7 trips for the next three years, like has been done previously.</p> <p>A car-boot sale/fayre and bingo was mentioned but we will leave until later in year and concentrate on the Blue Door this month.</p> | get more volunteers for Blue Door help. |  |  |
| 7. Next year class groups | IR has no class structure for next year at present. There is a big current P1 & P2 cohort, as they are both a class and a bit. The supported classes change as children come from other schools.  |   |  |  |

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|                          | <p>6 possible class structures have been put forward for new year.</p> <p>There is a new composite Class Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If there is a new composite class it will be done on D.O.B only, no other factors to be taken into account</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
| 8. Class Reps update     | <p>Tied in to what was mentioned above</p> <p>Parent rep board at office.</p> <p>Teacher and support staff photos?</p>   |  |  |  |
| 9. Treasurer's Update    | <p>1.BB said there is £7729.29p in the account on the 31<sup>st</sup> March.</p> <p>2.The School Lottery remains the biggest income at £500.</p>   |  |  |  |
| 10. Headteacher's Update | <p>1. Schools are to design an Island Games banner for different Islands. All Schools except the Kirkwall Schools have been given funding from the Community Council. FoGS will pay the £200.</p> <p>2. Mrs Stockan will return on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.</p> <p>3. A Poly Clinic will be provided for the Island Games in the dining hall/sports hall.</p> <p>4.Parent Reports will be sent out this term.</p> <p>5.20<sup>th</sup> June – open afternoon.</p> <p>6. Sports day has been changed to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June. It will be on the track this year and we</p> |  |  |  |

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|                                       | <p>will need parent helpers for the P4-P7.</p> <p>.Pupil Ambassadors are working on Anti Bullying &amp; Relationship Policy. The Ambassadors have done a survey/research into the playground and its come back with the kids being happy with their playground.</p> <p>Swings, ropes and trees has been mentioned a lot. They want 'action, adventures and to be wet and muddy'.</p> <p>8.IR will run 'tea and chat' round the table to talk about learning and get parents views.</p> <p>9.Mobile Phone Policy, BL &amp; CG wish to share the duties to allow all the sessions to be covered.</p> |  |  |  |
| 11. Early Learning & Childcare Update | <p>1. 5 new kids started after Easter.</p> <p>2. Carol &amp; Susan providing Forest School sessions.</p> <p>3. Judy liaising with the P1's moving up.</p> <p>4. A lot of work is going into developing the outside garden, with parent volunteers moving topsoil and they are growing things in the plant area. The polycrub has not been used this year so far.</p>   |  |  |  |
| 12. AOCB                              | <p>1. P7 jumper colour to be voted on shortly.</p> <p>2. Could there be more school staffing updates</p> <p>3. AGM in August.</p> <p>4. Time to update constitution.</p> <p>5 We will look to appoint a Vice Chair &amp; Clerk to assist MH as Chair.</p>  | Contact Orkney College to see if any Business students would like to be our Clerk. |  |  |

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| 13. Correspondence       | None.  |  |  |  |
| 14. Date of Next Meeting | Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 7pm in Glaitness Nursery Family Room |  |  |  |