



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

Wednesday 3rd Sep 6:00pm, Ullapool High School

1. **Present: (PC members):** Seori Burnett (Chair), Christine Crook (Vice-Chair), Dave Maxwell (Secretary), Gina Mauger, Anthony O'Flaherty, Fiona Saywell, Andrew Lintern,
Others in attendance: Robbie McFedries (Head Teacher), Anne Hunter (Depute Head), Andrew MacKay (S1 Parent)
2. **Apologies** Sue Pomeroy (Treasurer), Sot Otter, Janis Patterson, Suzanne Lewis-Ing,
3. **Approval of minutes of the previous AGM meeting** – Proposed by AO'F, seconded by SB
4. **Report on the work of the PC - SB**

- Since the last parent council AGM in August 2018 there have been five parent council meetings.
- The parent council has received regular updates from the Headteacher and worked to find ways of supporting the school staff, pupils and activities and engaging with the wider community.
- The parent council produced a flyer outlining our aims and purposes and inviting engagement from the wider parent forum and the community. This message was reinforced by members of the parent council attending school events such as parents' evenings and publicising our work via social media.
- We were also involved in the presentations to the feeder primaries and UHS regarding internet safety and the Chromebook rollout. We also took part in the annual welcome presentation to the parents of new S1 pupils.
- In February the parent council organised a tabletop sale including a soup lunch, teas, coffees and some amazing cakes. The day was a great success and raised well over £1,000 to support climbing and kayaking activities as well as purchasing equipment for Fusion.
- The parent council is always keen to integrate our work with and hear from the pupil council. We were pleased to welcome Leah Cunningham to our last meeting, representing the voice of the pupils. We look forward to the pupils continued involvement.
- We made a number of attempts to host the new Highland Council CEO, Donna Manson, at one of our meetings. We are looking forward to discussing the opportunities and challenges that schools face in such a unique location as the northwest highlands. Unfortunately she has had to cancel twice already however we will continue to keep the invitation open.
- Finally at our last meeting in June we welcomed Ashley Woodhouse of DYW (Developing Young Workforce). Ashley has been liaising with Anne Hunter and is keen to engage with the parent council to further support their work. He delivered a very interesting presentation which highlighted how the parent council might be able to support DYW and the school in developing meaningful career, study and employment opportunities within the local community and the wider region. We are forming a sub-group to work with DYW and the school and look forward to progressing these ideas.
- We look forward to finding further ways to support our school in the forthcoming year and hopefully welcoming some new faces to help with our activities.

5. Appointment of new Parent Council

CC stepped down as vice-chair but remained as a member and GM volunteered to take over. One new S1 parent, AM, volunteered to join. RMF indicated that Mr Inglis has

volunteered as the Teacher Rep, but was unfortunately not able to attend the AGM. All were elected unopposed. A number of additional pupils have expressed an interest in becoming Pupil Reps – this will be confirmed at the next PC meeting. SB commented that there were currently no members from Lochinver or Achiltibuie and he would encourage parents from these areas to join, even if they can't attend all meetings.

The new PC is as follows:

Name	Role	Area	Child's Year
Seori Burnett	Chair	Dundonnell	S2
Gina Mauger	Vice-Chair	Ullapool	S2, S4
Dave Maxwell	Secretary	Ullapool	S4, S6
Sue Pomeroy	Treasurer	Dundonnell	S2, S4
Fiona Saywell	Member	Drumbeg	S4
Anne Wood	Member	Ullapool	S3
Andrew Lintern	Member	Ullapool	S5
Janis Patterson	Member	Ullapool	S2, S5
Sot Otter	Member	Leckmelm	S5
Suzanne Lewis-Ing	Member	Ullapool	S2, S4
Christine Crook	Member	Ullapool	S4
Andrew MacKay	Member	Ullapool	S1
Leah Cunningham	Pupil Rep		
Andrew Inglis	Teacher Rep		

6. Treasurer's Report

Balance brought forwards from 3rd July 2019 £2409.28. Easy fund raising 19th Aug £25.22.

Total as of 3rd Sept 2019 **£2434.50**

The accounts will be audited and approved for the next PC meeting.

7. AOB: None

8. Date of 2020 AGM: Tue September 1st 2020 at 6pm