



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

**Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 5:30pm, Ullapool High School**

1. **Present: (PC members):** Seori Burnett (Chair), Christine Crook (Vice-Chair), Dave Maxwell (Secretary), Gina Mauger, Anthony O'Flaherty, Fiona Saywell,  
**Others in attendance:** Robbie McFedries (Head Teacher), Anne Hunter (Depute Head)  
**Apologies** Sue Pomeroy (Treasurer), Suzanne Lewis-Ing
2. **Approval of previous minutes (5<sup>th</sup> Feb)** – Proposed by AO'F, seconded by CC
3. **Matters Arising from previous meeting**
  - **HC Chief Exec Invitation** – Unfortunately Donna Manson had to cancel at the last minute. **Action:** SB to re-arrange
  - **Youth Space** – AO'F provided an update on the meeting with Yvonne Boa, Ben Williams (UCT) and David Crook (UHS) last week. Discussions are ongoing. **Action:** AO'F to keep PC informed of progress
  - **PC Funded Activities** –
    - Climbing: CC has contacted Tim Hamlett about a 6-8wk block of climbing in late Aug/Sep. **Action:** CC to contact Will Copstake and Jules Macleod about Kayaking
    - Fusion club equip: Yvonne is putting together a list – may purchase via the school and then PC will refund.
    - Football/Netball strips: **Action:** GM to price up kit and request sponsorship via Facebook page, SB and others to approach businesses working locally for sponsorship.
    - **Action:** CC to run “Doodle Poll” of parents for other ideas
  - **Pupil and Teacher Reps:** some interest shown. **Action:** RMF to progress
  - **Winter Road Maintenance** - Assynt CC met Tracey Urry from HC Roads & Transport and discussed delaying bus by 1hr in bad weather to allow gritting. **Action:** FS to confirm to Assynt CC that school has not yet been contacted. FS to ask for specific, recent feedback on condition of busses.
4. **Head Teachers Update - RMF**
  - **Option Choices:** S3/4/5 course selection is almost complete and most pupils have what they need within the constraints of staffing/timetabling. West Highland College places are more difficult due to minimum 8 students required per course. For those applying to Inverness College, interviews will be completed by 26/04. UHS is looking to promote Modern Apprenticeship with local employers. **Action:** SB to ask Ashley Woodhouse from Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) to present to the PC on apprenticeships.
  - **Staff + School Role** – as discussed last month, the school roles is forecast to continue falling and, based on the Government funding formula, this will impact the number of staff and the subjects that can be offered. This is more problematic in rural schools as jobs cannot be split across multiple schools. **Action:** PC to consider how we can lobby for a different funding approach for rural schools.
  - **“Virtual Classrooms”** – some UHS teachers are running classes using video technology to share teaching with pupils from other highland schools in real time.
  - **Post-Exam Day Out** – this is being planned for senior pupils once exams are completed. Current thinking is a Go Karting day out + other activities. **Action:** PC to help as required
5. **Treasures Update** (by email) – Balance £2,325.96 on 1 March
6. **AOB**
  - **PC representation across all schools years.** **Action:** DM to contact PC members to confirm which years their children are in to see if there are any gaps.

- **Parent Fundraising Social (after Oct)** – **Action:** AO'F to contact the Seaforth.
  - **Outdoor First Aid Course** – available to S5/6s on 29/30<sup>th</sup> May for only £10. **Action:** Parents to contact FS if interested
7. **Date of Next Meeting:** TBC - 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> June. **Action:** SB to agree date with HC Chief Exec