

STONEYHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING, 18 JANUARY 2017

**Attendees:** Lesley Coyle (Chair); Lois Taylor (Treasurer); Cllr John Williamson; Fiona Macartney (Head Teacher); Debbie Newton (Staff Representative); Katie Hislop (Clerk); Alex Blair; Lynn Foley; Gayle Durham; Denise Ford; Vivien Struthers; Julie Anderson; Sarah Jones; Lynsey Melville

**Apologies:** Julie Durie; Jill Robertson (Vice-Chair)

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Agenda Item	
1	L.Coyle opened the meeting, welcomed attendees and circulated a list of apologies.
2	The Minutes of the last Parent Council meeting, on 7 December 2016, were approved.
3	<p><b><u>Musselburgh Area Partnership</u></b></p> <p>Iain Clark and Stuart Baxter of the Musselburgh Area Partnership gave a presentation on the purpose and work of the Partnership (see attached) and a discussion followed on how the Parent Council may make a bid for funding a project to benefit the children of Stoneyhill.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> L.Coyle to make contact with Janice McLeod, Chair of the Partnership's Children and Young People Sub-group</p>
4	<p><b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b></p> <p>L.Taylor reported a balance of £659.52 and provided an update on the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All 2017 school calendars were sold, making £1100.00</li><li>• The Christmas raffle brought in £753.70 (slightly less than last year)</li><li>• £2000.00 was paid to the school to cover the pantomime and other festive outgoings</li><li>• Paperwork is now with the bank to update the chequebook signatories.</li></ul>
5	<p><b><u>Parent Council Business</u></b></p> <p><b>Craighall Primary School and Catchment Area Consultation:</b> An HM Inspector from Education Scotland visited the school on Tuesday 17/01 to meet with parents, pupils and staff. L.Coyle thanked the parents who had attended. Those who attended felt that they were now more informed, and that the discussion had encouraged them to think about impact on areas other than the school and the children e.g. staffing, transport links and wider community impact.</p>



The next stage is for Education Scotland to make its report to the Council, who will then publish the report in tandem with its Consultation Report.

**Action:** L.Coyle / K.Hislop to include this on the agenda for future meetings

**Scottish Government consultation on Governance Review of Scottish Education:** This consultation closed on 6 January and the Parent Council submitted a response on behalf of the Parent Forum. Some parents also submitted individual responses.

J.Williamson referred to the East Lothian Council response, which is available at: <http://www.edubuzz.org/dunbargrammar/wp-content/blogs.dir/1325/files/2017/01/East-Lothian-Council-response-Final.pdf>

**Current Consultations:** L.Coyle referred to two consultations which seek parents views by 31 January 2017: one on the East Lothian Council's Anti-Bullying Strategy and another from the Scottish Government on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects in the Scottish school curriculum. Links to both have been posted on the Parent Council facebook page.

**Launch of the "Men's Shed" initiative, 31 January:** L.Coyle and G.Durham will attend to represent the school.

**Next ELAPCM Meeting, 21 February 2017:** L.Coyle and J.Robertson will be attending. Please let them know if you would like to attend, would like them to raise anything, or would like feedback on any particular issue.

#### **Matters Arising**

**East Lothian Council Secondary School Provision in Musselburgh:** J.Williamson provided an update and referred to an article in the East Lothian Courier of 29 December which attendees may have seen. Key points to be aware of:

- The Council has approved the proposal to proceed with the creation of a new, second secondary school close to Wallyford.
- MGS Parent Council, and others, have voiced concerns about the way in which the consultation was conducted; the disparity in facilities in the new school and the MGS building; the proposed new catchment; and the impact of the potential housing development at Goshen Farm.

**Stoneyhill 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** A number of attendees volunteered to be part of a small planning committee to look at and then take forward activities to mark the school's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Action:** K.Hislop to email names to F.Macartney, then seek other volunteers and advertise meeting on the Parent Council facebook page.

#### **Fundraising and Events**

**Bunny Drive, 30/03/17:** Lisa Livingston to run this event; David Barrett creating posters, flyers and tickets; Flyer to go via school bag drop advertising event and seeking donations of home baking, raffle prizes and chocolate for the kids tombola.



**Action: L.Coyle / K.Hislop to note for 01/02 agenda, agree when schoolbag drop should go out and other advertising of event**

**Action: K.Hislop to book Stoneyhill Community Centre or Musselburgh Rugby Club for 30/03.**

**School Fayre, 27/05/17:** J.Anderson; S.Jones and L.Melville are the planning group for this years fayre. Plans are shaping up well and they are looking at new ideas, as well as incorporating a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary element. The next step they would like to take is to engage with pupils – agreed that they would attend a pupil council meeting on 27/01. F.Macartney also suggested that extra volunteers could be encouraged via a coffee morning or by offering house points.

**Halloween School Disco, 26/10/17:** L.Coyle informed the group that there would be a Halloween school disco this year – continuing with a previous decision to alternate between Halloween and Summer disco each year. The discos will be split by age, P1-3 and then P4-7 and children will be given a party bag to take home, rather than sell snacks at the event.

**Action: K.Hislop to book let**

#### **Supporting the School**

**Teacher Requests - Play Pod:** L.Coyle, F.Macartney and a small group of pupils will visit the Play Pod at Aberlady PS on Tuesday 24/01. S.Jones will also attend.

**Action: L.Coyle to report back to parent council, note for agenda 01/02.**

L.Foley has spoken with Kelly Clark who is a parent at Law PS and has been involved in training staff for the use of the Play Pod at that school. Kelly has offered to visit Stoneyhill to discuss Play Pod purpose, users, staff training, security and appropriate siting / space.

**Action: F.Macartney to invite Kelly Clark to visit Stoneyhill at a convenient time, after the Aberlady visit and if the Parent Council agrees to fund a Play Pod for Stoneyhill.**

#### **AOB**

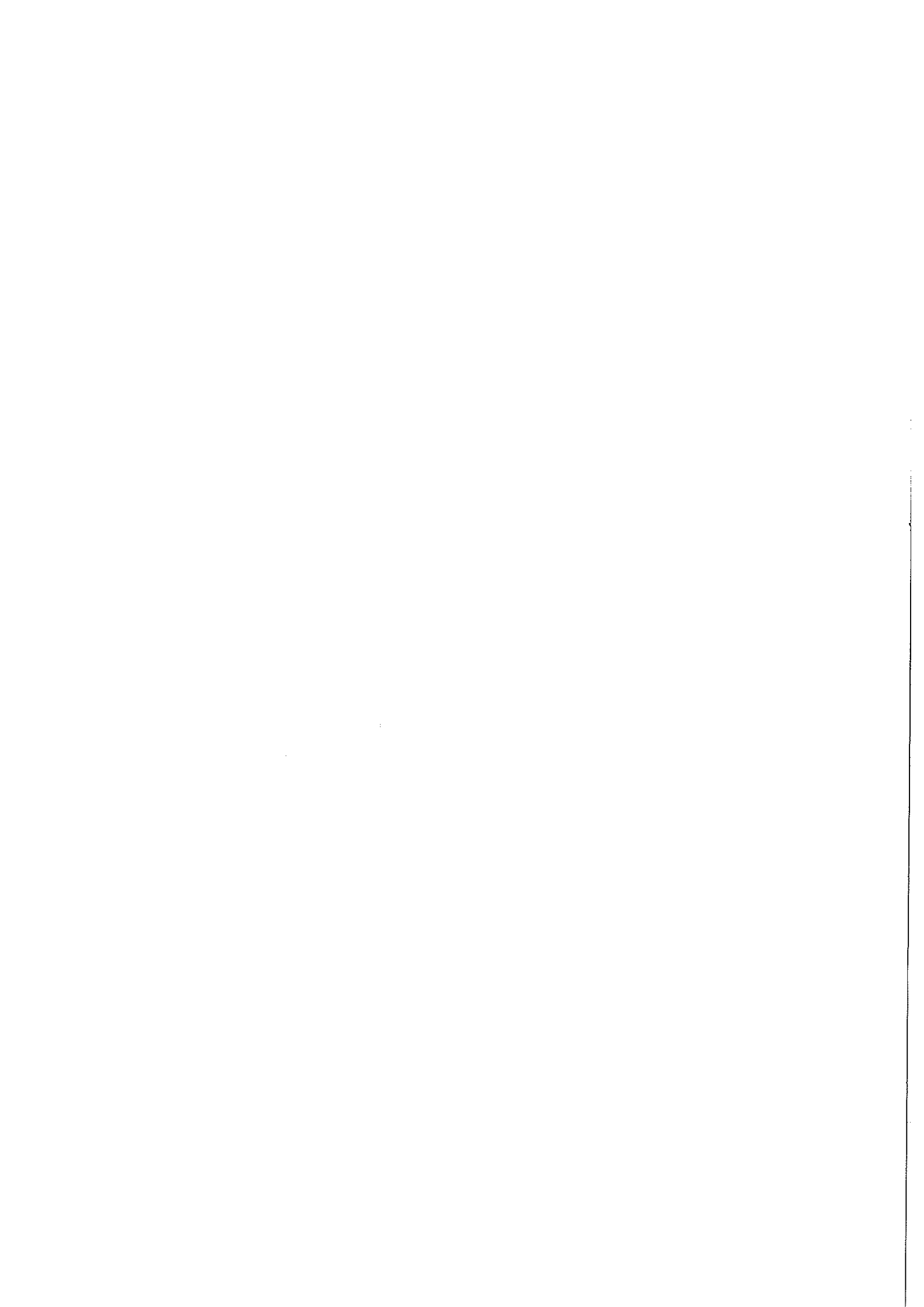
L.Coyle invited any other business from attendees. The following points were raised:

**School Lottery:** V.Struthers had noticed that Campie PS are running a school Lottery to raise funds for the school.

**Action: V.Struthers to look into this in greater details – how it would work for Stoneyhill and what we would have to do to put it in place, then report back.**

**Action: L.Coyle / K.Hislop to note for agenda, 01/02.**

**Road Safety and Parking around school area:** J.Williamson has noticed that the road



surface close to the Co-op is in need of upgrade. Will check this out and provide an update. L.Coyle noticed Police banners close to another school in East Lothian and suggested that these would be useful in the Stoneyhill area. J.Williamson advised that this suggestion could be brought to the Youth Police Officer, Dougie Smith; or could be brought to the next CAP meeting, on 24 January.

**Action:** L.Coyle / K.Hislop to note for agenda, 01/02

**Action:** L.Coyle to take forward suggestion of safe-parking banners

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be held on Wednesday 1 February 2017, 19:00 -20:15 in School. All Welcome.

K.Hislop  
22 January 2017

