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**Minutes of the AGM/Parent Forum Meeting held at Baltasound Junior High School on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015 6.00/6.30pm in Room 4.**

<b>Present:</b>	Mrs. C. Waddington (Chair)	Mr. M Cox (Vice-Chair)
	Mrs. V. Mouat	Mrs. E. Brown
	Mrs. J. Thomson	Mrs. C. Jamieson
	Mr. P. Thomson	Mr. G. Rodger
	Mr. D. Jamieson	
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Miss. M. Reyner	Miss. H Sinclair
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mrs. E. Ramsay	Mrs. L. Paul
	Mrs. M Spence	Mrs. J. Priest

**1. Introducing the new Parent Council Chair**

Catriona stood down as Parent Council Chair. Victoria was nominated the new Parent Council Chair. Kathryn will be Co-Chair.

Cheryl said that a huge thank you should go to Catriona for all her hard work as Parent Council Chair (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015).

Lisa Hunter and Duncan Scott joined the meeting.

**2. Council's plans for Junior Highs**

Education Scotland have stated that children cannot move until the new AHS is built, so this would not be until at least 2017. During the Yell Consultation, Education Scotland stressed that you must consult with parents etc that are affected by any changes within the next 2 years and this was not done, possibly making the process illegal because it was aborted and a report was not published.

Helen Budge had said that logically Baltasound could not be consulted on until Yell has been consulted on.

**3. New Curriculum for Excellence and Exams**

Powerpoint on Curruculum for Excellence (age 3 – 18).

Curriculum for Excellence is the name given to the reform of education in Scotland that came about as a result of the Education Debate in 2002.

By July 2014 it has been implemented in all of Shetland's primary schools and primary departments, as well as in secondary schools and departments up until the end of Secondary 4.

In the year 2014/15 new Highers will be implemented, and in the year 2015/16 new Advanced Highers will be implemented. By July 2016 the full Curriculum for Excellence will have been implemented across all of Shetland's schools.

Paul explained how the 'appeals' system has changed, to be put in place right away. The new system will mean that marks could go down as well as up.

Further information can be found online at

[http://www.shetland.gov.uk/education/coe\\_about\\_the\\_curriculum\\_for\\_excellence.asp](http://www.shetland.gov.uk/education/coe_about_the_curriculum_for_excellence.asp)

Shetland Learning Partnerships –

The Shetland Learning Partnership Project was established in early 2014 in order to implement some of the recommendations agreed by the Shetland Islands Council in response to the Strategy for Secondary Education Report presented to Education and Families Committee and Council on 13 November 2013.

The Shetland Learning Partnership Project is about creating a new future for secondary education in Shetland, particularly in the Senior Phase. It aims to ensure the wider and more innovative learning opportunities expected as part of Curriculum for Excellence are delivered. The Project will make a vital contribution to ensuring the Senior Phase in Shetland provides the widest possible range of learning opportunities to meet the needs of all learners.

In summary, it is about equipping young people with the appropriate skills and experiences to help them achieve their future goals whether those are further study or employment.

#### **4. Sweatshirts**

The Parent Council have ordered 25 sweatshirts to be held in school.

The sweatshirts will be optional and can be ordered direct from Intersport.

#### **5. New Parent Council Members**

New members to the Parent Council are Yvette Carnell and Lisa Hunter. Although Catriona has stood down as Chair she will remain on the Parent Council.

#### **6. AOCB**

Summer Fete.

The Summer Fete will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June (UnstFest 10<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July).

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2015 at 6pm.