

Minutes of Kirklandpark Primary Parent Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2009.

Parents - Patrick Flood, Catherine Doig, Mick Wilson, Fiona Kennedy, Karen Sterritt

In Attendance - Elaine Kirkwood, Linda Hunter, Debbie Smith, Stella Falder (Clerk)

Parent Forum - Ray MacLean, Anita Bennie

Visitors - Vance Sinclair (SLC), Grant Law (Strathaven Dynamo)

Vance opened the meeting by discussing the 2014 refurbishment program for KP. A number of other schools have been refurbished and Vance explained that this involved stripping the school right back, extending for example to provide dining/PE additional hall space. All accommodation is looked at with a view to making significant improvement/changes. HT will be a fundamental part of the design team with full consultation following an initial presentation which is estimated to begin around 2012.

A number of months ago the Strathaven Dynamo Football Team approached SLC regarding the upgrade of Kirklandpark from grass pitch to 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation pitch. SLC as part of School Modernisation have an allocated £110,000 which it planned to use to put in place a multi-use games area for a school of Kirklandpark's size when the school is refurbished. This money is now being included as part of the funding towards a much larger £450,000 3G. Planning has not so far been approved and the terms of use have not been ratified. Discussion took place regarding KP having sole access throughout the school day, with the Strathaven Dynamos using the site early evening. Liaison with the Academy is also envisaged. The Site will be fenced and floodlit.

Strathaven Dynamo are required to put forward a sustainability plan to cover the 25 year lease which will be held by education. Additional funding is being sought from Sports Scotland, Whitelees Renewable Energy Fund, Virador and Strathaven Dynamo club. An estimated £30,000 per year will be required towards sustaining the site with £8000 maintenance and insurance covered within this figure. Club hopes to cover half this cost, the other half will need to be found. Strathaven Dynamo currently have 250 children and 50 adult volunteers within the club including boys and girls, this figure has been capped due to lack of facilities, Strathaven Dynamo currently let from SLC the Ash Pitch but this is inadequate for training sessions. This proposal is seen as a community resource to be used by local groups. The issue of Male/Female changing was discussed, Strathaven Dynamo are willing to continue to use the facilities currently in place. If the school facilities were to be used charges would apply. Weekly cleaning will be taken on board by Strathaven Dynamo Club members. The 3G pitch is suitable for primary children; it is made up of three 7a-side pitch which when combined make 1 full size pitch. School trainers/shoes are suitable but metal studs would damage the surface. School Sports Days events could be undertaken regardless of weather conditions.

Vance has agreed to contact Anne Rooney to discuss terms of access and hopefully Elaine will liaise when sitting on management meetings with Cluster Schools.

Fiona discussed her anxiety re overall priority on SLC spending - concerns over a primary school in the middle of such a venture and possible increase in vandalism which KP are already struggling with due to young people 'hanging around'. Vance noted the difference between bringing forward £110,000 for this project, in contrast with the £4.5 million required for the refurbishment/extension. Anita also asked about security - a substantial security fence will be put in place. St John the Baptist school does have some security issues relating to similar recreation pitch within grounds however Vance felt there were other factors which could account for this. Questions were raised about responsibility for cleaning of broken glass, needles, litter etc - this will have to be looked into further. Car parking issues will also have to be looked into.

Vance pointed out that this money is not coming from KP repair budget and will not affect it in anyway.

Mick brought up the issue of the recently approved path. Discussion followed to where the path would run and issues over access during school hours will have to be considered more fully. Timing for the upgrading of the path is set for Nov/Jan - this will also have to be looked at in light of these new proposals - however Mick noted that the money is available from this year's budget and therefore the work must be completed by March 2010.

Vance agreed to leave the plans with the school and come back with more detailed answers some time in November if planning is approved.

**Dates for your diary - 30<sup>th</sup> September 6pm Tour of Strathaven Academy**  
**1<sup>st</sup> October 7pm Waterside Pub**  
**21<sup>st</sup> October 6pm Parent Council Meeting**