



Clober Primary Parent Council

Monday 12th September 2022 7:30pm

Minutes

- **Present**
 - HC, AM, TK, LT, JL, CM, CG, AM EDC, SC, LC
- **Apologies**
 - XL, HD
- **Update Clober Primary Parent Council Constitution**

It was agreed that the membership would increase from 10 members to 14 members. If more than 2 parents are interested in representing a stage, this would go to a vote.

Roles and Responsibilities of Parent Council Members

CM outlined the process for raising concerns. Any concerns should be shared with a parent council member and these will be passed to Hannah Duncan to add to the agenda for the next meeting, where appropriate. As Chair of the Parent Council they will decide what is appropriate for Parent Council to discuss or if concerns should be sent to HT instead.

Parent Council Representatives will report back on meeting discussions to their stage.

1 represented per class was appointed.

P1 = Louise Crane & Simon Cook

P2 = Lucy Trinder & Gail Bon

P3 = Vivienne Reid & Xavier Lopez

P4 = Hannah Duncan & Vivienne Tennant

P5 = Pooja & Gail Braid

P6 = Trish Kennedy & Amanda Mathieson

P7 = Helen Curry

- **Head Teacher's Update**

- **Standing and raised items**

- i. Parking updates/road safety

- Response received following the joint letter from Craigdhu, Douglas Academy and Clober Primary.
 - Parents advised by Alix Mathieson from EDC to report incidents of speeding on Hunter road as there are no records relating to speeding or dangerous driving on Hunter Road.

To whom it may concern

Regarding the various elements of your original email;

i. Clober Primary School; a 20 mph speed limit applies on Hunter Road when the school is opening and closing and during lunchtimes in any school

day, a limit which is enforceable and where breaches of that limit are a Road Traffic Offence and should be reported to Police Scotland, a set of enforceable parking restrictions, particularly in Kirk Road, was introduced earlier this year and that set of restrictions is being extended until the end of December this year so that their impact can be assessed fully and the school has a Crossing Patrol Officer who operates outside the school on

Hunter Road. In that last regard, School Crossing Patrol Officer vacancies are being filled currently and an officer will continue to operate at Clober Primary School as will arrangements whereby if a Crossing Patrol Officer is absent then it falls to the school's Janitor, as part of their contractual duties, to fill that gap.

ii. regarding dangerous driving and speeding on Hunter Road, these are matters which should be reported to Police Scotland as it is that organisation which has the legal authority to act in such circumstances; such reports also contribute to the build-up of an evidential base to support claims that Hunter Road is 'dangerous' and that actions to minimise

that danger need to be taken. It is worth noting that relevant databases have no records relating to speeding or dangerous driving on Hunter Road.

Similarly, any occasions when traffic on Craigdhu Road ignores a red light should be reported to Police Scotland. The Council's Community Safety

Officers meet frequently and regularly with Police Scotland and they will raise these concerns about driver behaviour with them.

The issues referred to in your email have been a concern to residents in the Mains Estate for some time - various possible solutions have been investigated, e.g. the creation of parking bays on the left side of the road leading to the roundabout, the possibility of using the grassed area opposite the flats at the bottom of Castlemains Road as a parking area although this land is not owned by the Council and its sale for this purchase could not be negotiated and it should perhaps be noted that the Council proposed a pedestrian crossing to the south of the junction at Castlemains Road, but this was rejected by local residents. As regards the introduction of speed bumps, this would be a matter which would have to satisfy a number of very stringent criteria. We think that general issues about Hunter Road need to be revisited and we will be happy to do that.

iii. regarding over-hanging vegetation, almost all of this comes from privately owned land and the Council's preference would be for the owners to take responsibility for clearing any over-hangs. The Council will contact the land owners and ask them to act to remove any over-hangs and if they fail to do it will intervene to clear the over-hangs. Given the time-scale we expect that the Council will intervene as a one-off goodwill gesture but, in the longer term, this is a matter for landowners to address.

iv. regarding signage to alert drivers to the presence of the crossing on Craigdhu Road, the sign below is to be used only where the visibility distance of the signals is less than that specified in a table which gives a distance of 65 metres for 85% vehicle speeds up to 30 mph and 80 metres for vehicle speeds up to 35 mph. As the visibility to the signals is at least 80 metres, additional signs are not appropriate.

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It looks as if the advanced directional sign is missing so this will be highlighted to the Roads Inspector to check and arrange a replacement.

We would be happy to discuss these matters with you at a future meeting of the Parent Council.

Regards

Jim Goodall and on behalf of Jim Gibbons and Graeme McGinnigle

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Chemical strimming

A question was raised regarding strimming in the playground and if/what chemicals are being used. CM (HT) is going to look into this.

Changing for PE

Members had a detailed discussion regarding some of the concerns raised by parents regarding the current procedures for children changing in school for PE. The school feel it is important to reinforce wearing uniform, particularly in older year groups and that getting changed for PE fosters independence. CM (HT) reported that not all pupils were appropriately dressed last session when children were coming to school in their PE clothes and that it made it difficult to monitor and reinforce the wearing of appropriate school uniform.

There have been changes made this session to how pupils get changed. In P4-7 children swap classrooms to get changed.

CM (HT) highlighted that if any child feels uncomfortable they can go into a different room to change. Parents are encouraged to phone and

Speak to SLT if they have any individual concerns regarding the changing for PE and the school will endeavour to support where they can.

- Pop up shop for second hand uniform will run for parents
- Lost property will be left out at Parents Night for parents to collect lost items from.
- **Discussion agenda items for future meetings**
- **AOCB**
- **Dates of next meetings**
 - Monday 14th November, 7.30pm, Douglas Academy.