

## Minutes LPPC 8.10.14

Present: Katy McLean, Justine Douglas, Lindsay Grant, Dawn Moloney, Alasdair Friend, Anna Cox, Jenny Shepherd, Christine Treche, Melisa Rodriguez, Amy O'Leary, Bryony Armstrong, Rebekah McVitie, Rachel Hein

Council officials: Andy Gray (CEC Children & Families), Moira Wilson (CEC Children & Families), Lindsay Glasgow (cec Corporate Property), Adam McVey (Councillor)

KC: Welcomed all to the meeting including representatives from Children and Families and turned floor over to Andy Gray. Notes are given in order of presentation:

Andy Gray: Presented the background information as to why school was in this position.

Immediate contingency plans:

1. nursery
2. p1 PE
3. p 2-7 PE
4. assemblies
5. lighting in playground

Alasdair Friend:

Nursery was working as well as can be expected within conditions and children were settling well with the support of staff.

PE: Staff are working okay within the hall but playing fields as much as possible. The school has access to a small cupboard in the hall where they can store loose PE equipment. The day to day PE equipment will be transferred to the bike shed to make it easier to transport to the hall or to use outside as weather permits. At the moment, Mr Cochrane is accompanying the children to and from the hall. This is currently sufficient but the school will review the situation regularly, particularly in relation to changes in weather. PE facilities for P1 children still requires work and the school is working on changing spaces within the building to make PE access easier for P1s. As with older children, staff are using outdoor PE facilities as much as possible. The refurbished space could be used for assemblies and school are currently experimenting with ages/ number of children attending assemblies. Currently P1-2, P3-4, and then 5-7 on a 3 week cycle.

Andy Gray: Clasps request for extra lighting has been approved and should be completed during the school holiday

Alasdair Friend: Leith Academy can help with space for specific activities like the P1/2 Nativity, Scottish Opera for p5-6, and the P7 leavers assembly.

Andy Gray: Nursery in January – there is not enough space at Stanwell for the January intake. They are looking at interim options prior to the survey being completed including the following

1. seek spaces in other venues with transport available for the children
2. using other venues out of area which are used for other purposes but can be fitted appropriately for a nursery
3. a temporary bespoke nursery classroom sited on school grounds which can house 40 nursery children in the am and another 40 in the pm. This would require groundworks for lighting and water and would cost £100 000 prior to buying/renting the temporary classroom.

If the survey is “catastrophic”, it will take considerable time for get appropriate provision to meet the statutory requirements for PE and nursery. It will cost more to demolish DPRC on site and then build there than it would to build elsewhere.

Jen Shepherd: clarification of Andy Gray’s statements:

The council cannot approve large sums without elected members and any long-term solutions would have to wait until the December full committee meeting of children and families but can make other decisions before then?

Andy Gray: If the council chooses to go with the purchase of a temporary bespoke nursery classroom, it will have a lifespan of 30 years. If the council goes with this option, then they will only have a statutory requirement for PE to meet.

Lindsay Glasgow: the survey will take several weeks to complete.

1. The coping stone (finished decorative pieces of the roof) was examined and a cordon was placed around it.
2. School requires operational access to road but will assess whether the road should be closed to parents and children
3. There are a number of temporary solutions in place for loose slates. (In a prior meeting, Peter Wotton had promised that the safety of slates would be re-inspected after serious weather)
4. In response to a question from Kirsty Chatwood about the issue of asbestos: Asbestos is safe as long as it is not disturbed. It is standard building protocol to require a survey of property to assess whether or not asbestos is present before undertaking any deep survey work.

Jen Shepherd: request for information about Freedom of Information act requests and the time limits which is 20 working days

Lindsay Grant: Will the closure of the parking lot be part of the plan

Lindsay Glasgow: Summer meeting of council had decided that budget was insufficient but this was before closure of DPRC and issue was now being reviewed

(council officials leave at this point)

Gardening Club would like to do some non-permanent fixtures to add colour to the playground including making flowers of recycled lids along the fence

What are the alternatives for Active Schools?

Alisdair: Active Schools coordinator is resigning so he is waiting for new appointment to see what can be done but they are unlikely to start before January.

Discussion about a small working group to continue to work with council about DPRC.

Leith Decides:

We agreed to spend £700 on skiing. Bryony Armstrong has suggested we start a separate funding for skiing.

Voted to spend £300 on instruments