

**MINUTES OF LANGHOLM ACADEMY**  
**PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010**

**Present:** Emma Neil - Head teacher  
Anthony Lane - Chair  
Archie Hyslop - Secretary  
Jacqueline Graham - Treasurer  
Christine Calvert - Asst. Treasurer  
Jackie Fletcher, Margo Henry, Diane Hay, Ruth Foster,  
Shirley Ritchie, Beverley Steele

**Apologies:** Sharon Turner, Maureen Smyth

**In attendance:** Cllr Denis Male

**Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.**

**Matters arising**

Schools meals – Anthony asked Ms Neil to give a summary of existing arrangements.

Cllr Male agreed to contact DG One when he is in Dumfries on Tuesday.

School Gate News – Anthony hopes that this will be a way to engage parents. After discussion it was agreed that in the intervening period an electronic news page would be on the school website. In the absence of a person to collate articles it was agreed that completed items be submitted to Gareth Drummond for inclusion. It was agreed in the intervening period the title would be NEWS.

**Council Education Budget Cuts** – Cllr Male gave an overview of the cuts which will amount to £51m with £21m being lost in the first year. This would amount to early retirement for teachers and redundancies for council staff. Also with falling school rolls final decisions have still to be agreed. Cllr Male invited the PC to attend a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm (venue to be confirmed). This will be open to both Primary and Secondary PCs and Mr Laran Foss will discuss the new school building. Gail McGregor will speak about budget cuts. Anthony thanked Cllr Male for attending.

**AOCB** - Emma agreed to produce a mock up of the cheque book style forms for the next meeting. Beverley Steele was impressed by the way Mr McFadyen had handled a complaint and asked Ms Neil to convey her thanks. Emma was concerned that parents were not monitoring pupils input on Facebook.

**Date of next meeting – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm**