

**Annual General Meeting of the Harris Academy FP Association held in the school  
at 7pm on Monday 22nd April 2013**

1. **Attendance.** John Baxter (President, in the Chair), Dorothy Drummond (Vice-President and Treasurer), Isobel Colligan (Association Secretary), Joan Yeaman (Social Secretary), Margaret Fraser, Joyce Wood and Mabel Cruickshank (Hon. Vice-Presidents), James Thewliss (Head Teacher), Sylvia Alexander, Fay Burke, Ian Colligan, Jim Elder, Marion Milne, Janice Oram, Anne Simmers, Fiona Smart, Freida Soutar and David Wallace.
2. **Apologies.** Anna Doxford, Pat Kinnear, Rosemary Matheson-Dear, Margaret Mill, Mary Train, Doreen Strachan, Maggie Westley and Bill Yeaman.
3. **2012 AGM Minutes.** The minutes were read and approval of adoption was moved by Margaret Fraser seconded by Janice Oram.
4. **Matters Arising.** John Baxter intimated that the rebinding of the admission register as suggested by Margaret Fraser could not be taken forward in the immediate future. However, although it had not been forgotten, the move of the historic artefacts of the school during the coming rebuild is still on-going. It was felt therefore that this should be put on hold temporarily.
5. **Association Secretary's Report.** The secretary's report was read by Isobel Colligan and a copy kept on file.
6. **Social Secretary's Report.** Joan Yeaman gave the Social Secretary's report. The lunches had continued to be very successful although the attendance had continued to decline. Future lunches are booked for the 3rd June, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. and 2nd December 2013 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014.  
The new format of the Burns Evening had proved to be very successful. John Baxter thanked Joan for all her hard work in her time as Social Secretary, Rosemary Matheson-Dear for her assistance and Isobel Colligan for her work as Association Secretary.
7. **Treasurer's Report.** Copies of the Report were handed out by Dorothy Drummond and a copy kept on file. Approval of the adoption of the report was made by Joyce Wood and seconded by Anne Simmers. Dorothy thanked Fiona Smart for auditing the accounts for her. John Baxter added his thanks to Dorothy for all her hard work over the year and to Fiona for her work on behalf of the Association.
8. **Future Events.**
  - a) Lunches. The lunch dates have been noted earlier. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that a member of the Invercarse management team had mentioned casually that the ballroom is now not necessarily the most appropriate venue for the FP lunches because of the falling numbers and that a smaller room in the hotel might be more appropriate. Following discussion it was agreed that the new social secretary would meet with a member of the Invercarse staff to review the accommodation and that if necessary the change be implemented. It was agreed that the summer lunches (June and Sept) would

consist of a main course and a sweet and that the winter lunches (Dec and Mar) would have soup and a main course. The price would remain at £15.00 per head.

- b) Quiz Night. Ian Colligan gave a report on the current status. To date 50 tickets have been sold. Posters advertising the event are to be placed round the school with tickets on sale in the main office. The help of senior pupils has been enlisted both before the event and on the evening itself. The school has promised the use of urns on the night. The winning team members will each receive a £10.00 voucher for Tesco and a tea towel and the last team will all receive a tea towel.
- c) Armistice Day Service. The Second World War Plaque has been removed from inside the front door and transferred to Rockwell. The First World War memorial will be placed in store in the City Archives until the new school is built. There will be an Armistice Day Service in Harris Academy (Rockwell) as before. The school will give details nearer the time. John Baxter and the Association Secretary will approach an FP to lay the wreath.
- d) 2014 Burns Supper. There is a provisional booking with the Invercarse Hotel for the evening of Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 for a celebration of the life of Burns. John Baxter asked the meeting if we should continue with an annual Burns Night in some form because of the strong likelihood of inclement weather at that time of year. There followed lengthy discussions on the subject as to whether this should perhaps become a biennial event with other social events being tried. There was some concern that events which favoured couples made this difficult for some people but assurance was given that this would not be the case. It was agreed that the status quo remain for 2014. In the interim period Council would discuss the merits of various events and the decision would be put formally to the 2014 AGM. The price of the Burns Evening 2014 would remain at £18.00 per head.

9. **Election of Office Bearers.** The re-election of the Honorary President and all Hon. Vice-Presidents was agreed unanimously. John Baxter announced to the meeting that he would remain as President for 1 further year if that was what Council wished and that he would demit office at the 2014 AGM. Joan Yeaman proposed his re-election seconded by Sylvia Alexander. John Baxter proposed that Dorothy Drummond be re-elected as Vice President and this was seconded by Janice Oram. Isobel Colligan was proposed as Social Secretary by John Baxter and seconded by Mabel Cruickshank. David Wallace was proposed as Association Secretary by Isobel Colligan and seconded by Dorothy Drummond. Dorothy Drummond was proposed as Treasurer by Joyce Wood and seconded by Anne Simmers. At this point John Baxter reminded the meeting that if Dorothy Drummond was elected as President in 2014 then the AGM would be required to replace her with 2 people as she currently holds 2 official roles. There were 2 resignations from the Council viz. Joan Yeaman and David Wright leaving 2 places to be filled. Ian Colligan proposed Jim Elder and David Wallace seconded the proposal. Jim very kindly agreed to join Council. There being no other nominations it was agreed that Council could co-opt one other person. Scrutineer of Accounts: Margaret Fraser

proposed that Fiona Smart continue in this post and this was seconded by Faye Burke. John Baxter again thanked Joan Yeaman for all her hard work for the Association over a long period of time and proposed that she be given the title of Honorary Vice President. This was seconded by Joyce Wood and heartily endorsed by the meeting. Joan graciously accepted the honour.

10. **AOCB.**

- a) **New Harris Academy.** Jim Thewliss was asked if he would update the AGM on the plans for the new school. Formal planning has now been accepted by Dundee City Council. The current site will be completely cleared and a new school built. All heads of departments have been consulted and all departments now know exactly where they will be in the new building. Some of the existing features will be included in the new school such as the clock tower, the war memorial plaques and parts of the main door. Some of the carved sandstone features and blocks will also be incorporated into the new building. Dux boards, house boards etc have all been photographed and are now in store. These will be re-instated in a more modern way in the new school. A significant amount of work has now been done in Rockwell in preparation for the intake of pupils in August 2013. Everyone must be out of the building by 28<sup>th</sup> June and prize-giving will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Rockwell must be ready for occupation by 16<sup>th</sup> August. However Harris Academy must exist in some form in the interim period. Travel arrangements for pupils are mainly in place with one or two problems still to be overcome.
- b) **Web site.** David Wallace and Ian Colligan were thanked for continuing to act as webmasters. David gave the meeting some insight into the success of the website with monthly statistics on the number of hits being received. These are coming from places as far apart as the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Europe and Japan.
- c) **Publication Committee.** Ian Colligan gave the meeting an update on the group working to produce a publication to mark the move from one era of the school to the next. Old school magazines are providing much of the source material. It is hoped that the launch will co-incide with the opening of the new school. Ian thanked the group for all their hard work.
- d) **FP Artefact for new school.** It has been agreed by Council that some form of stained glass window representing the FP Association be investigated for incorporation into the new building. Although this has been delegated to John Baxter, Isobel Colligan and Rosemary Matheson-Dear timing has yet to be agreed by the school.

Thanks were given to the Chair and the meeting closed at 8.40pm