

**Annual General Meeting of the Harris Academy FP Association held in the school
at 7pm on Monday 23rd April 2012**

1. **Attendance.** John Baxter (President, in the Chair), Dorothy Drummond (Vice-President and Treasurer), Isobel Colligan (Association Secretary), Joan Yeaman (Social Secretary), Rosemary Matheson-Dear (Hon. President), Margaret Fraser, Joyce Wood and Mabel Cruickshank (Hon. Vice-Presidents), James Thewliss (Head Teacher), Sylvia Alexander, Fay Burke, Ian Colligan, Jonathan Matheson-Dear, Marion Milne, Janice Oram, Anne Simmers and Fiona Smart.
2. **Apologies.** Helen Dalzell, Christine Darroch, Anna Doxford, Helen Kippen, Margaret Mill, Freida Soutar, Doreen Strachan, David Wallace, David Wright and Bill Yeaman.
3. **2011 AGM Minutes.** The minutes were read and approval of adoption was made by Joyce Wood and seconded by Dorothy Drummond.
4. **Matters Arising.** John Baxter intimated that the rebinding of the admission register as suggested by Margaret Fraser had not been forgotten, but with the move of the historic artefacts of the school during the coming rebuild yet to be decided, it was felt that this should be part of that discussion.
5. **Secretary's Report.** The Association report was read by Isobel Colligan and a copy kept on file. Joan Yeaman gave the Social Secretary's report. The lunches had continued to be very successful although the attendance had been slightly down in March. With this in mind it had been decided to change the September lunch to a supper (6pm for 6.30) to give those members still working the opportunity to attend. The Invercarise Hotel is able to accommodate this alteration and it was agreed that this should go ahead. The other lunches are booked for the 11th June and 3rd December 2012 and the first Mondays in March, June, September and December 2013. There had been an indication that some members were failing to get notification of the lunch dates and the list was passed round to ensure that this was being addressed. John Baxter and Isobel Colligan will collect the money at the next lunch. Joan handed over to Rosemary Matheson-Dear to up-date the meeting on the 2013 Burns Supper. As there had been suggestions that the format of the evening might be altered, steps have been taken to accommodate this and the name, An Evening with Burns, will reflect this. As happened previously the evening will start with the Address to the Haggis followed by the traditional fare for the Burns Supper. The exact details have not yet been finalised but will take the form of 4 speakers giving a short talk on their thoughts on Burns, followed by music to support this. Two names were mentioned viz Gary Fraser of 4 in a Bar and Alison Almond. It is envisaged that this will be relatively light-hearted and further discussions will take place at the next Council meeting. The M.C. for the evening will be Mabel Cruickshank. The greeting of guests on the evening is also to be reviewed. John Baxter thanked all concerned for their hard work over the year.
6. **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 Janice Oram and seconded by Ian Colligan. Dorothy thanked Fiona Smart for examining the accounts for

her. John Baxter added his thanks for all Dorothy's hard work over the year and for agreeing to collect the money for the Burns Supper. He added his thanks to Fiona for her work on behalf of the Association.

7. **Future Events. Lunches.** The lunches have been commented on earlier in the minutes.
Armistice Day Service. Jim Thewliss reminded the meeting that 2012 will be the last Armistice Day Service in the current building. John Baxter commented that several members had attended the first one and that it might be appropriate if one of them laid the wreath. This decision will be taken at the Council meeting in September. **2013 Burns Supper.** This has already been addressed. As 2012/13 will be the last year of the current school building, Jim Thewliss offered its use to the FP Association. John Baxter had already been contacted by some members who had hoped to have the opportunity to visit the building on an informal basis before it closes. Discussions will take place at the Council meeting in September. Rosemary suggested the printing of a calendar with some more unusual views of the building with the possibility of any money raised being put towards a tangible expression of the bond between the FP Association and the school.
8. **Election of Office Bearers.** The re-election of the Honorary President and all Hon. Vice-Presidents was proposed by John Baxter and seconded by Joan Yeaman. All Council office bearers were re-elected for a further year with Joan Yeaman re-iterating that she would only continue as Social Secretary for that time. She expressed the hope that some other members would become involved with the running of the Association and this was endorsed by all present. One further member of Council was required and Sylvia Alexander was duly elected, having been proposed by Rosemary Matheson-Dear and seconded by Isobel Colligan. Fiona Smart agreed to continue as Examiner of Accounts.
9. **New Constitution.** Discussion took place about Associate Members of the Association in 4.2 under "Membership", as some present felt that this was confusing and possibly unnecessary. Consensus was reached with the recognition that "Clause 3.1" as mentioned under Membership 4.2 should in fact read as "Clause 4.1" and attendees were requested to change their papers to reflect this. John Baxter proposed the adoption of the New Constitution and this was seconded by Ian Colligan. The president then announced that this would take effect from midnight.
10. **AOCB.** Joyce Wood told the meeting that Margaret Chalmers has her father's original FP membership card. She was asked to approach Margaret to ask if she would consider donating it to the Association for the archives. Suggestions were again requested for a tangible representation of the FP Association to be incorporated into the new school.

Thanks were conveyed to the Chair and the meeting closed at 8.05pm.