

FAB Minutes – 4th November 2025

Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

- **Attending:** Susan MacKinnon (Chair), Iain Livingstone (Head Teacher), Moira Martin (Secretary), Jackie Ormsby, Eve Murray, Nicola McDonald, Amy Torrie, Vivian Allison, and Ersal Borsis (online).
- **Apologies:** Linda Cranston (Resource Manager and Treasurer), Lauren Murphy, and Caroline Herring.
- **Welcome:** Susan welcomes and thanks everyone for attending the meeting.

FUNDING BIDS

Lego Club: request is for £450 for registration, participation, and equipment for this year's Lego competition. It is the 27th season of the Lego robotic competition, the theme is archaeology called "Unearthed". There are approximately 15-20 pupils in the Lego Club, it helps skills such as team building, computing, and engineering. Braes High enters two teams, they must design and build the robots, present their plans utilising PowerPoint and participate in the Lego challenges. Points are awarded and the team with the most points will be entered into the final that can be held anywhere in the world.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

The primary aim is to replace the lighting in the assembly hall, which is 25 years old. Estimated cost is circa £25000.

- **California and Shieldhall Regeneration Fund** – rejected as school not based in the area.
- **M&G** – a subsidiary of Prudential based in Stirling. Being progressed by the drama department to complete application.
- **Persimmon** – application submitted, should have feedback within 3 months.
- **Arnold Clark** – Adele Deeley the Community Development Worker to progress the application. Her application will be specifically related to a young girls group she runs in the school.
- **Robertson Trust and Wolfson Trust** – both being considered.
- **ASDA Foundation – Action:** Susan to contact the Community Officer (Irene) for more information.
- **Howden – Action:** Vivian to find out more information and pass details to Susan.
- **Pharmaceutical company** – can provide grants of up to £5K for science-based activities.
Action: Ersal to find out information and email Iain with the details.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes for the previous meeting held on the 30th September 2025 approved by Jackie Ormsby and Amy Torrie.

Actions completed:

- Nicola emailed information required for M&G community grant to Susan and Iain.
- Laura Arbuckle signed off 2024-25 accounts on the 4th November 2025.
- All S1 Disco and BYT actions completed.
- Ipay fund set up for Xmas raffle.

Actions carried forward:

- Chair person's successor to be discussed early 2026.
- Poster for the Xmas raffle is at the council Printworks.

TREASURER REPORT

Opening balance was £5,339.59.

Income of £698.27 from Lotto receipts, Uniform donations, S1 disco, Xmas raffle tickets and BYT show.

Expenditure was £2,502.46 for S1 disco expenses, Funding Bids, Lotto winner, Service charges on bank account, refund from audit and float for BYT show.

Available funds at 31/10/2025 was £3,535.40.

Further income since 31/10/2025 was £170 from BYT takings and float returned to the bank. Minus £450 from this meeting's Lego Funding Bid gives a balance at the time of the meeting of £3,255.40.

NEW TREASURER

Eve Murray has agreed to take over from Linda Cranston as Treasurer. She has been receiving a handover and training from Linda and is waiting on final checks for full bank access before fully taking over the role.

LOTTO UPDATE

£67 paid to the winner in October. **Action:** Susan to promote the Lotto on social media etc.

HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

Iain thanked FAB for their continued support with the various fundraising activities for the school. The S1 Disco was a great success again, behaviour was excellent and it was a very enjoyable event. Suggestion moving forward, if events do not have an interval, then it is probably not viable for FAB to provide refreshments as was experienced at the recent BYT show.

The school is heading into a very busy period of the year with academic exams, out of hours learning and the ceilidh. The school will be supporting Children in Need again; uniform requires to be worn that day but "Pudsey" accessories can be worn in addition.

The staff pantomime is being held on the morning of the 18th of December and Iain has extended an invitation to all FAB members.

UNIFORM RECYCLING

There continues to be large donations of uniform to be recycled, some of which require washing but all require ironing, put on hangers, labelled and returned to the school. **Action:** Susan has requested ironing volunteers to help with the backlog. She will organise the donations, hangers, and labels to be stored in the school cupboard then communicate when they can be picked up for ironing.

XMAS CONCERT

- There are 40 raffle prizes now. Raffle to be promoted through the various social media, email routes. **Action:** Susan.
- Lauren will package and prepare the three hampers on offer. She will have one available for the concert. **Action:** Lauren.
- Pre-concert stocktake required and order refreshments if required. **Action:** Susan and Moira.
- Susan has emailed request for volunteers for the concert on the 3rd of December.
- Bakers required for the concert. **Action:** Susan to request via email, Facebook etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS PLANNING

The Braes Big Night In has changed format, it will now be a Pyjama Party running from 6 to 9pm instead of overnight. Proceeds will be donated to the homeless charity and the usual activities will take place such as writing of Xmas cards etc. **Action:** Susan to organise donation of sweets from FAB.

Caroline Jones from the Humanities department is organising the Xmas present drive again. FAB will promote this activity and if help is required from FAB then Caroline to contact Susan.

AOB

Moira received an email from Easyfundraising allowing the addition of debit or credit cards to your account that allows funds to be raised automatically when you shop in person using your card(s) such

as Tesco. **Action:** Moira to forward the email to Jackie and Susan to see whether it is worth promoting this further.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th January 2026.