

Time began - 6.05pm
Time finished - 6.25pm

SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE 26 JANUARY 2004

Present: **Group A (Local Education Authority)**
Councillors L Allen, J Hickson, Winter, Wynn

Group B (Church of England Diocesan Board)
Maxine Bull, Hannah Simmons, Alison Brown

Group C (Catholic Diocesan Board)
John Honey, Christopher Reynolds, Graham Doust

Group E (Schools Group)
David Cunningham, Richard Morgan, Carmel McKenna

Group F (The Local Community)
George Mighty

08/03 Appointment of Chair

Resolved to appoint Dave Cunningham as Chair for a one year term.

09/03 Appointment of Vice Chair

Resolved to appoint Christopher Reynolds as Vice Chair for a one year term.

10/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gerrard (Group A), David Edwards (Group B), Jean Moss, Paul Hassall, Eunice Robinson (Group E) and Nirmal Pheasant (Group F).

11/03 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

12/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

13/03 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2003 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

14/03 School Organisation Plan

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Education, which outlined the School Organisation Plan for the period 2003/04 – 2007/08. The plan set out the local authority's conclusions and policies regarding present and future school places. Councillor Wynn advised that the Education Commission had scrutinised the plan and endorsed it. The Committee asked that the plan be updated with the current position in regard to potential building sites. Gurmail Nizzer advised that all building proposals were subject to the Local Plan enquiry and would be included at a later date.

The Committee asked for data from this year's PLASC pupil census to be included in the tables at the back of the Appendix. This would enable the Committee to have the most up to date information for its work. In a short time this information would be available and it would be useful to include latest participation rates. Dave Cunningham asked that an updated Appendix 1 and 2 be distributed to all Committee members when available.

Resolved to approve, without modification, the School Organisation Plan 2003/04 to 2007/08.

15/03 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

The Committee was advised that the provisional date of 6pm on 25 March had now been confirmed to discuss the proposal to change the status of Borrow Wood Junior School, if objections were received for High View School this would also be discussed at the meeting.

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