

Kirkcudbright Primary and Nursery Parent Council 20th January 2026

Emma, Mary, Ruth, Joanne, Ailsa, Avive, Shani, Susan

Treasurer's report:

Bank charges an ongoing concern, as is access now the nearest branch is 20 miles away. Non uniform day raised £142.55

Bank charge letters detail a monthly charge for the account of just over £4.

Discussion resulting from this:

-Regarding an alternative bank account. [Joanne to investigate](#)

-Is there a parent council guidance booklet to give us an idea what parameters we're bound m-contact Vanessa Morris. vanessa.morris@dumgal.gov.uk (parental engagement officer). [Susan to contact Vanessa](#)

-Non uniform money accidentally banked by school as opposed to PC, all agreed not to transfer from school account to PC account, but amount to be deducted from amount payable to school from PC at end of year.

Head Teacher Report:

Main points for PC attention are condemned castle, reading nook, safer routes to school. Report attached at end of PC Minutes.

Discussion resulting from this:

1. Castle: PC to appeal for parent helpers with appropriate skillsets or links to local businesses to remove castle. Levelling of ground suggested in order to make gradual replacement of whole-school play area easier. This is an area of future fundraising, grant applications etc. [Avive to research any suitable grants.](#)
2. Reading Nook: Suggestions of Go-fund me or donations towards effort or financial assistance for creating new space. (Susan: *PC fundraising in excess of travel costs are to go towards reading nook, if I remember correctly from our last meeting?*)
3. Safer Routes to School: 14 responses to survey, all expressing concern for children's safety at drop off and pick up times. Locations of concern include, but are not restricted to, drop-off area at front of school within gated area, bus lane pavement area outside gated area, crossing at school gate where small barrier is still missing, High Street around the Tollbooth.

In the past we have approached Pamela Paterson but she explained there was very little she could do, after which Emma also approached the council who appear to require a total of three accidents to occur before they will act.

Discussions as to using other ground for staff parking and let parents use school one. Problem seems bigger than this, though; driver awareness from bus companies and individuals on the school run appears to be on the 'casual' side.

Community police: PC to ask to assess routes to school at start and end of day. Invite to next meeting, and [Susan to meet with Mr F again to discuss.](#)

Approach appropriate person to replace little barrier the council knocked over. John Dennerley is a councillor with a child in the schools may be a good contact to begin with. [Please can someone contact him and possibly other routes to discuss this?](#)

Maintain involvement with the junior road safety group from the school.

Other Business:

Seating arrangements at Christmas lunch; those with packed lunches were sitting apart and felt segregated, Mary agrees and seating arrangements for celebration meals will be approached differently in the future. Waiting times were acknowledged but agreed Christmas dinner simply takes a long time to serve.

Whole-school events: Legoman is very involved from teacher point of view, has been superseded by smaller school sections taking a seasonal event to present. This may take the form of a show or a fair etc and all are TBC by the school.

Perceived lack of Christmas show; Mary acknowledges a better communication required after church and Cochrane Hall were unavailable for the Christmas service, leaving some parents feeling uninvolved.

PC proposing to have a table to sell refreshments or PC merch etc at any school event

Calendar of events:

Valentines Disco 12th Feb 5:30-6:15, 6:30 -7:30. PC sales stand? [Emma to ask Bruce to provide the music](#)

Bunny Hop Thursday 26th March (fallback date is 19th). [Joanne to write a letter to the Co-Op to ask for donation of chocolate eggs \(and alternatives for those who need\).](#) [Mary to supply number of dairy-free and other alternatives required, please.](#)

Next PC Meeting 4th March 2026 Mary and Emma to advertise date on social media W/C 16th Feb (and probably again the following week!)

Next Steps and reiteration of action before next meeting:

Bingo date tbc at next meeting

Susan contact Vanessa Morris re parent engagement policy document for particular help with banking parameters

Joanne to investigate banking alternatives

Avive to research any suitable grants to begin the process of the replacement of the castle

Susan to meet with Mr Flannighan to discuss next steps after receiving feedback from the SRTS survey.

Emma to ask Bruce to supply the music for the Valentines' Disco

Joanne to write to Co-Op for Easter event