

CROSS ARTHURLIE PARENT COMMUNITY

MEETING AT BARRHEAD HIGH SCHOOL 03/02/2026

PRESENT: Eilidh Waddell (Chair), Victoria Magowan (Vice Chair), Nicola McFadyen (Secretary), Kirsten Fairlie (Treasurer), Seonaidh Keir (Fundraising), Fiona Carlton (Fundraising), Fiona MacDonald (HT), Gillian Rice (DHT), Megan Baxter, Colette Byars, Rebecca Coyle, Karen Howson, Kirsty McVicar, Natalie Murphy, Julie McFall, Catriona Azhar,

APOLOGIES: Fiona Moody (Fundraising), Susan Collins, Lora Johnstone, Nikki Stevenson

ITEM	DISCUSSION
Approval of minutes	Minutes from 4/11/25 approved by E Waddell
Chair Update (E Waddell)	No Chair meeting to report from. Upcoming interviews for HT position means members need training via ERC for involvement.
Treasurer's Report (K Fairlie)	Bank Balance total is £7442.48 : Nursery - £624.32; School - £6168.16 £2500 allocated for school trim trail renewal £1000 ring-fenced for first aid training Xmas Fair raised £2102.23 TY vs 2054.33 LY Crazy Hair Day raised £204.71
Fundraising Update (Fundraising Team)	Xmas Fair and Crazy Hair Day were both successful events. Xmas Fair date for next year to be discussed in AOCB Future events: 14 Feb & 25 April - lucky number draws; 26 March - Spring Fling disco End of term event: thinking of hamper raffle/quiz night/movie night - to be discussed and decided upon.

<p>Head Teacher's Report (F MacDonald)</p>	<p><u>Staffing</u> Recruitment has once again been a feature of this last few weeks. The PSA we had appointed was unable to take up post and this post has been re-advertised and extended to June 2026. We have also extended Mr Johnstone's temporary contract until June using PEF budget as agreed with the PC. Mrs Griffiths-Tapper will go on maternity leave from February 18th and Miss Hunter who was with us on supply at the beginning of term will return to cover P1/2. We are also currently recruiting a EYW in the nursery as Mrs Mackinson has decided not to return to work after having her baby. As you know I have also indicated my intention to retire this summer and the recruitment for a new Head Teacher is underway. The post was advertised on January 23rd with the final interview being on 12th March.</p> <p><u>Budget</u> We were able to use budgetary reserves to pay for the breakfast club for this financial year however going forward I believe that this limited resource would be better spent on PSA staffing. As a school we have a significant number of children who have additional needs and targeting our support to these children benefits the whole school, enabling us to be an inclusive school which supports the needs of our learners. The breakfast club will therefore cease at the end of this financial year and not be available when children return from their Easter holidays.</p> <p><u>School Improvement Plan (SIP)</u> We are moving forward with the SIP and as discussed have recently developed our classroom and corridor culture posters which we have shared with children. The behaviour ladder is just about finalised and after consulting with children staff will work on the behaviour culture poster during the February in-service day. We have moved forward with our targets from HMIE around assessment and are continuing to engage with the new developments from Education Scotland of the Curriculum Improvement Cycle.</p> <p><u>School's 60th celebrations</u> We still have some 60th birthday tea towels which we will be selling at the reduced price of £3 available from the school office...get your orders in quick!</p> <p><u>Trim trail</u> We have arranged for this to be replaced when the weather improves with budget from PC, school fund and school budget. All of which have been agreed by parents, staff and children.</p>
<p>AOCB</p>	<p><u>Pupil water bottles in class</u> - reports of children not being able to access water bottles easily in class, esp P1&2, as now kept in bags and their bags are in the corridor. Concerns from parents. P1&2 water bottles should be kept in tray within classroom. All other classes keep bags in classrooms, so easily accessible.</p>

Football in infant playground - lack of space without endangering other children. Will be easier to create space during nicer weather when allowed on the grass.

Homework Consultation - planned for discussion during Easter inset days.

Volunteering for Easter Disco - recruiting now to enable any new PVG applicants and confirm there will be enough help, as still struggling for helpers.

Update on Behaviour Policy - see Headteachers Report

Acknowledgement from emails sent to school - auto-replies have been looked into but cannot be set up due to phishing. HT drafted and approved message will be sent as a response by Leann and Claire.

Set date for future events - needs looked into re. dates for annual events that may clash with other schools. Discos ideally will be on Thursdays.

Additional Raised Business: Dance outfits for pupils attending events - final total to be confirmed, but to be funded by PC, as agreed at this meeting.

Confirmation of Prom organisation and outgoing costs, as hasn't been brought to PC TY