



Sgoil an Iochdair Parent Council – Meeting Agenda
19:00hrs Wednesday 1st October 2025 @ Sgoil an Iochdair

Minutes

Present: Mel MacDonald-Butler (Chair), Phillippa Rewaj (Secretary), Martin Butler (Treasurer), Bellina Currie, Joan MacDonald (Head of School), Louise McBride, Oni Fraser, Andrew Shaw, Margaret Campbell, Michelle Cameron

• Item	• Action
Election of Office Bearers: - No new candidates for Chair, Secretary or Treasurer – Mel MacDonald-Butler, Phillippa Rewaj and Martin Butler to remain in posts respectively. - Andrew Shaw proposed as Vice-Chair by Mel MacDonald-Butler and seconded by Bellina Currie.	Previous Office Bearers to remain & Andrew Shaw to take on Vice-Chair position.
Treasurer's Report: - After exploring options appears there is no fee free alternative bank account for Parent Council. To remain with Bank of Scotland for foreseeable, although rates likely to increase again soon - Suggested this is a point that could be raised with Alasdair Allan again - Chair of Chairs meeting later this week for all Parent Council Chairs – Mel and Andrew hoping to attend and raise issue of banking charges and seek other suggestions. - Looking for other funds that Parent Council could apply to, perhaps relating to school projects	Council members encouraged to look out for other suitable funds that Parent Council could apply to.
Annual School Update: - Improvement Plans & Standard & Quality Report 24-25 - Highlights: Large cohort of pupils going to National Mod as individuals and as part of choir and play; Multiple Fundraising events including Daffodil Tea, Bingo, Car Wash; Success of Immunisation Champions; Club Ciùil (to restart after October break); Arrival of Bike Shelter and Sgoil Araich shed - Sgoil Araich Care Inspectorate report very positive	Full Standard & Quality report will be available to view on website asap. Unfortunately the Sgoil Araich report isn't currently available to view

	via our website. However if you would like copy please contact the office.
Staffing: Sarah Jane MacSween Executive Head still Acting Head at Daliburgh – post has been readvertised.	
Playpark/Playground/Ball Park: - Aiming for Playpark to be finished by 7th October. However recommendations are not to use until after first cut of grass to ensure grass planting doesn't fail. - Will plan for official opening, possibly to tie in with P7 carwash in November, but more likely Spring if aiming not to use until after first grass cut. - Playpark to be open to general public as well as school. - Funding also for new playground markings – children have selected which markings they would like, FES to carry out. - Ball Park – lochdair Community Council plan to lease Ball Park to allow lochdair Saints FC to make improvements (astro turf, lighting, lower basketball hoops).	Joan to share more information on official opening of playpark when date set
Fundraising/Funding: - Saturday 8th November – P7 car wash for P7 trip. - Bag packing also arranged for end of week and also in December. - Explore other sources of funding for projects e.g. Coop Community Fund, UCVO, some kind of outdoor learning funding for gardener funding, funding for Epipen and First Aid training for clubs also.	Council members encouraged to look out for other suitable funds that Parent Council could apply to, and Office Bearers to explore.
Youth Club Update: - Youth Club to restart 29th October, starting with a Halloween Disco. - Looking for more parent helpers/volunteers. Youth helpers (Duke of Edinburgh etc.) also welcome. - Next Child Protection training for all club volunteers to be held on 12th November. - Issue of PVGs raised in light of tighter restrictions (e.g. one per club, or held with school, or held with CNES?; PVGs for Youth Helpers?) – to be raised at Chair of Chairs meeting.	Call for more helpers to be put out to parents and families.
Football Club Update: Football Club has secured use of Talla an lochdair for free when weather very bad	

P7 Trip • P7s residential trip to Fairburn Tuesday-Friday after Easter holidays. • Cost £500 per pupil, ask families to paid £180 and rest to be paid by fundraising	
AOB • Recent childcare meeting with Alasdair Allan – Sgoil an lochdair raised several times as a potential option for increasing childcare provision. Discussed maybe be capacity for under 2s childcare provision, but would need extra resources, staffing and modifications to building – needs to be brought to Council. Invite Donald Macleod to next Parent Council meeting to discuss. • Rights Respecting Schools – Sgoil an lochdair intends to go for gold. More information to be sent out to parents. • Proposal from CNES for Christmas holidays in 2026 – will finish early on 18th December and back on 5th January – extra long holiday will mean extra day will be removed from another holiday.	Mel/Phillipa to invite Donald Macleod to next Parent Council meeting.
Date of next meeting 20th November 7pm	