



Sgoil an lochdair Parent Council – Meeting Agenda
19:00hrs Thursday 4th December 2025 @ Sgoil an lochdair

Minutes

Present: Mel MacDonald-Butler (Chair), Phillipa Rewaj (Secretary), Bellina Currie, Joan MacDonald (Head of School), Louise McBride, Margaret Campbell, Andrew Shaw

Apologies: Martin Butler (Treasurer), Michelle Cameron, Donald Macleod (Chief Officer for Education and Children's Services – CNES)

• Item	• Action
<p>Treasurer's Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank balance currently £2696.52 (approx. need to check bank charges). • £500 award from MacLennan's MADL fund, to be split equally between football club and Youth club. • Workshop by Fèisean Nan Gaidheal, cost £90. Joan asked if Parent Council willing to fund – Council agreed. • £500 spent on Christmas gifts and Pantomime thus far – total spend looking to be in region of £600. 	Martin to provide a cheque to school funds.
<p>Funding/fundraising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £500 award from MacLennan's MADL fund, to be split equally between football club and Youth club. • Margaret mentioned An Commun Gàidhealach have funding for travel to National Mòd which might be of interest next year – Seonag Anderson is contact • Bellina to ask lochdair Community Council if willing to contribute to Youth club Christmas party 	<p>Council members encouraged to look out for other suitable funds that Parent Council could apply to.</p> <p>Margaret to look into Mòd funding further</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at other possible sources of funding: Healthy Living Fund – for breakfast/brunch club for snacks?; Music for All fund for Club Civil - new instruments/consumables (e.g. guitar strings), also Eilidh's Trust, but only once a year 	<p>Bellina to ask CC re Christmas Party funding</p> <p>Phillipa to look into Healthy Living & music funds</p>
<p>Playpark & Ball Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playpark now complete – waiting for grass to grow through matting, then plan official opening. Potentially end of February? • Ball Park – chasing lease. Hoping to add ground on other side of ball park to lease also 	<p>Joan to plan official opening of playpark once grass ready</p>
<p>Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After consultation at parents evening, looking to move all Groupcall school communication to Eduspot app. Families felt multiple communication channels confusing and some messages missed. • App link to be sent out to families before Christmas for people to download, start trial of effectiveness after Christmas holidays. • School Meals: more notice of school meal changes to be given to allow families to plan if packed lunches need to be sent. 	<p>Joan to send out link for Eduspot app to families before Christmas</p>
<p>Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights Respecting Schools (RRS) Award meeting took place on 3rd December. May be new year before we hear outcome. • Gold Health & Wellbeing Sports Award documentation submitted 28th November. • Eco Flag Gold award documentation to be submitted by 19th December. • 	<p>Joan to share outcome of award applications with families when school hears</p>
<p>School Handbook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed by Parent Council present – very minor changes. • To be submitted by Monday 8th December 	<p>Joan to submit School Handbook</p>

<p>Club Updates:</p> <p>Football club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next week last football club session of the year. • Club is looking for a Child Wellbeing Officer. • Andrew to look into new small sized bibs for club. <p>Youth club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One more usual session, then final Christmas party session on 16th December. Selection Packs to be purchased as gifts (40 + 2 Free From) 	Andrew to look into bibs for FC Call to be put out for Child Wellbeing Officer Phillipa to purchase selection packs
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew waiting on Chair of Chair meeting minutes • Validated Self Evaluation VSE in March (pre inspection) • Hall upgrade: Update from Gordie – funds have been set aside for lighting and media. Push to have complete in time for Uist Mòd in May. Borrowing PA & lighting from Ceolas for Christmas play. • Mòd Band: Christine & Billy have agreed to help with Mòd band in new year on Fridays 	
<p>Date of next meeting 19th February 7pm</p>	