

Botriphnie Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 27th August 2026 at 6pm

Present: Ros Harris, Sammy Stewart, Jenny Bowler, Mel Irvine, Karlyn Wilson, Stacey Chalmers, Fiona Gordon-Duff, Rachael Smith

1. Apologies

Sarah Johnston, Charlotte Emily, Mary Stewart

2. Previous Minutes

Approved by Jenny and seconded by Karlyn

- A big welcome to our new staff and parents to the Botriphnie School community.
- The new P1s are settling in well.
- The fishing trip was a success and thanks to Chay for making the grill.
- £1279.38 made at the last Coffee Morning in the hall. Next time we think we could double the lucky square and the flyers were a great touch.

3. Matters arising

Parent council is paying for the Panto.

P7 school activity - their pupils are coming up with ideas

Macduff Aquarium potential visit when it's open.

Recent council news reports about the closures and mergers of small schools. Fiona is going to dig deeper into this and bring updates to the next meeting.

4. School Updates

26/27 - Planning inclusive and nurturing community events that place strong positive relationships at the centre of all children's experiences.

Miss Smith would like to see testimonials of previous pupils of Botriphnie. She would love past pupils to come back and tell about their journeys beyond school - their "acorn to mighty oaks" story.

HT Report - SIP

Priority 1 - Reading, Spelling, Listening & Talking

Priority 2 - Learning Through Play

Priority 3 - Maths & Numeracy

Curiosity Cube - for the agenda at next meeting

Staff have just attended sensory circuits training - Parent Council could fund resources required for this.

5. Coffee Morning - TBC Summer 2027 10am-12pm in Drummur Hall

Thoughts about hosting the coffee morning again next year. But this time involving the pupils engaging with the community. Perhaps creating and sharing a recipe book.

6. Tesco Funding

Tesco Funding report completed and done by Gail Lawrence and Ros and the final instalment of £200 has been delivered to the accounts.

We are going to put the £200 onto the Tesco card for Mrs Lawrence and the Chefs Club.

7. Reading Shed

Hill of Towie reading shed has been approved and is booked in for Oct/Sept.

8. Halloween Party:

Friday 30th October 2026 6-8pm £2.50 per child

Just school pupils and siblings only

Parents must be present

Music - just use a plug in speaker and music playlist

Games - ask one of the dads to get involved

Corners

Musical chairs x 2

Musical statues

Musical bumps

Fancy Dress

Pumpkins

Jenny - water and juice and disco lights

Karlyn - party bags

Ros - prizes

Mel - tubs of sweeties (allergies to be checked)

Ros - decorations

Sammy - door table

Help for the hall and tidying jobs to be asked

9. AOCB

Accounts to date: £5400 approx

Dates for the Diary

Netball - 3-4pm starts up Thursday 10th September till the 1st October

Halloween Party - Friday 30th October 2026 - 6-8pm

Next Meeting and AGM

Thursday 12th November 2026 - 6pm