

Parent Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting 27th May 2026



1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Kirsty West, Joanna McCallum, Sheila Barr, Allison Conner, Claire McNally, Shonagh Pringle, Lucy Marriott, Kelly Price, Kirsty & Gary Lewis, Pamela Gaw

Previous Meetings Minutes were adopted by Shonagh Pringle, and seconded by Lucy Marriott

2. Matters Arising Fundraiser- Bingo Night.

Extremely successful event which raised £466 toward funds.

Feedback was very good and the evening was enjoyed by everyone.

Thanks were given to Mhairi and Dave Hackett for their help on the evening.

Although a great night, it was disappointing that only 13 families from the school and larger community were represented.

It was discussed that there seems to be a core group that will support events, but that going forward, this level of support cannot support the school/Parent Council needs.

It was discussed that, going forward, families should potentially be given the option of making a straightforward donation to the Parent Council fund to assist with costs if they do not wish to attend events.

Proposal to give families a target amount we need to fundraise in the year, which this coming year would be £2500 minimum, so that they are aware of why we ask them to support our events.

Swimming

The island now has 4 qualified , Level 2 swimming coaches, and funding has been secured to enable all primary school children across the island to receive 4 45 minute swimming lessons. Parent Council will be asked to cover transport costs once these are known.

3. Head Teachers Report-

To follow

4. Treasurers Report-

Balance sitting at £1200 approx.

5. AOB

- School have requested help toward the cost of the **P7 school trip** this year.
Cost to Parent Council would be £190 to cover the hire of Inflatable for use at the park
This was approved at the meeting.
- Suggestion by Chair to do a **mystery raffle** as an end of term fundraiser.
She has secured donation of the prize, worth a sizable amount of money, and tickets would be priced at £10
Suggestion was also made to source a Jellycat toy to sell tickets for too as a child prize
Winning tickets would be drawn at the End of Term show, in Whiting Bay Hall on Tuesday 23rd June.
- **Trim Trail** has damaged parts, suggestion of Parent help to repair
- **Astroturf** at outdoor structure in Playground-
After discussion it was decided that this was no longer necessary
- **Letter from Lamlash Nursery** (attached)-
Request from Lamlash Nursery to donate money toward the leavers gifts they will present to their early years children.
Decision was made not to support this request as it was felt that nursery parents should be supporting the establishment while their child is there, and also that it opens us up to having to support other nurseries on the island.
- Discussion as to whether the 3 elected Office Bearers can have authority to decide on **PC expenses** outwith meetings, such as for leavers gifts etc.
Suggestion was made that there should perhaps be other parents included in the decision, but it was ultimately agreed that if the Parent Council Constitution allows it, the 3 Office Bearers are able to make decisions alone
- Plans to repeat last years successful **Back to School BBQ**, and a date has been set for Tuesday 15th September from 4-6pm

6. Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 1st September at 5pm** in the school

This will be an AGM, and Office Bearers will, hopefully, be elected on this night.

Our current chair, Kirsty West, will unfortunately have to step back as she will not have a child at the school any longer. therefore we will be looking for a new Chairperson.

If you think this is something you would like to do, please either let us know, or come along to the meeting.

The Committee and Parents would like to extend a huge thank you to Kirsty for stepping in to the role and doing such a good job.

As we have previously mentioned, the turn out to our fundraising events, and to our Parent Council meetings is generally fairly disappointing, with it being the same faces every time.

We would love to see more people engaging in their Parent Council so going forward, it would be amazing to see more faces at each meeting.

Also, if there are reasons that people are unwilling to come along, such as timings or location, please let us know and we can look at trying to come up with an alternative.

Dates for you Diary

Action Points

Action	To be completed by	Complete
Final sand order and placement	Kirsty West	
Investigate external funding opportunities (including co-op joint application, Windmill Fund, Arran Society of Glasgow and Arrant Trust)	Committee	
Bank account signatories update	Sheila Barr	
Survey parents <i>r.e.</i> early years contributions and fundraising event ideas	Committee	
Shed roof investigations	Joanna Law	
Liaise with Arran Community Council <i>r.e</i> bus timetables	Sheila Barr	
Participatory Budget Youth Application for swimming lessons	Committee	
Fundraising event planning meeting (following survey of parent forum)	Committee	