



Rochsolloch Parent Council 04 November 2025

Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies

PC members: NR, CN, HMck, DS, LK, LDA, NM, LC, RB,
SMT: MW (HT), JI (DHT)
Apologies Tendered: HG, LT, LC, AC, SC, CM, LMcl

2. Review of Actions and Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes were accepted by those present and verified with those not in attendance.
Accepted.

It was noted that the following actions were outstanding from the previous meeting and AGM:

- Secretarial vacancy on PC
- NLC Grants for event support
- Tesco Blue Token applications

These were discussed and minuted under agenda item 5.

3. Head Teacher Update

Pantomime Visit

M&M Productions visited to perform Jack and the Beanstalk for the children on 22nd October. It was a fantastic morning, and the children enjoyed immensely.

Pupil Conference

One of our School Captains attended the NLC Pupil Conference at Airdrie Town Hall last week. There was a keynote address from Barry Smedley, Chief Officer, followed by the children having the opportunity to engage in discussion with peers around mobile phone use in schools.

P6 Samba Experience

NLC Instrumental Music Service offered us free samba band sessions for P6 from October to December. This takes place in the school and started last week. The first impressions were very positive and both children and teachers had a great time learning Brazilian percussion instruments.

Outdoors Help

(PC note - can we thank Johnny Scott for fixing the loose parts shed roof, and other parents who offered to help?)

We would be grateful for the help of our community to help us clear the courtyard garden. It's become overgrown and we would like to make it lower maintenance to allow us to use it more effectively. Help with clearing would be appreciated, and if there is anyone with loose chips they'd like to donate, then it would be a huge help.



We are looking to dispose of the tyres near the bin store. If anyone was able to help with that we'd be really grateful.

Head Lice

We will put a reminder in the newsletter about being vigilant for head lice with a link to the NHS guidance. We are not allowed to send communications to parents to make them aware that there is a case in the school so these reminders will be generic and the timing unspecific.

Clothes being dirty

We remind children often that they are not allowed to play on the grass during periods of inclement weather. Once it gets to around October there is generally a blanket ban until the weather improves in Spring. Some children make the choice to go on the grass despite this rule and can get very muddy when they fall as the grass is slippery and it is mostly on a slope in the back playground.

Uniform Expectations

We will put a reminder of expectations in the newsletter. Our policy is that children are dressed appropriately for learning and there are a few options to choose from. Parents can decide which options they prefer from shirt and tie to joggies and polo shirt, with sweatshirt and zipped sweatshirt options too. We will share the pitch rota if this helps parents with decisions on which type of uniform their children should wear each day. There is no formal or informal days.

We will be making clear that there is an expectation that children wear school uniform and not casual clothes in different colours.

Pupil Voice Groups

Aim High Team

The Aim High Team have begun school self-evaluation planning and are continuing to plan for Anti-Bullying Week.

Fundraising

The fundraising team ran their Halloween Tuck Shop and Raffles last week and raised £850 for the School Fund. Christmas Cards and related products have arrived in and will be distributed this week. We are still looking for lots of donations for our Christmas Pop-Up shop as we have not had many handed in yet.

Nursery Update

Parents of January starts to receive email in the next fortnight to arrange enrollment visit.

4. Treasurer Report

Current balance: £2,913.16

Income since last meeting:

£397 Hallowe'en disco profit



Outgoings since last meeting:

£2,000 School ICT
£515 School learning journals
£30 Card reader
£53 Raffle ticket
£687 Christmas Fayre stock

5. Council Matters

Meeting running order

Agreed to prioritise items relevant to the SMT, so that school staff can leave the meeting earlier if desired.

Secretary Vacancy

DS Acting Secretary for this meeting, NM agreed to take on role going forward.

Constitution

NR to draft letter to parents re: changes to Constitution (additional members) to be issued to parents by email from school.

Disclosure Scotland - Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG)

Parent Council members have all now had applications submitted via Volunteer Scotland and most have been returned and shared with the PC.

Photos at Disco

Discussion around the current arrangement, where PC members take pictures using a school device, then school review and remove any photos of children where consent has not been given. PC then share these photos on the closed Facebook group for Rochsolloch parents and carers.

Some concern that using a school device for a PC event blurs the lines of who is responsible. Screening photos takes time, and photos from within the hall are not always great quality.

Proposed compromise for future discos is a “photo/selfie zone” at school entrance, where photos can be taken on personal devices with consent.

Hallowe'en Disco Learnings

Around 200 pupils enjoyed the two discos. Not signing in reduced queues at entry. Sweets given out contained gelatine, so not vegan/halal. Although there were no complaints, PC agreed to ensure more inclusive treats in future.

Parent Attendance at Disco

Some parents stayed at the P1-P3 disco to offer reassurance to some P1s for whom this was a first PC social event. PC to consider how this can be managed at future discos (particularly Hallowe'en) to allow children to feel comfortable but keep within rules for PVGs for adults in attendance. The uncertainty around the changes to



guidance on PVGs for volunteers meant that the usual request for parent helpers wasn't made, which may have had an impact on this.

Disco Timings

Proposal to amend disco times, as there is some feeling that the disco is a bit late for children and can have an impact on next day's learning. Parents to be consulted on proposed changes to timings.

Christmas Fayre (Saturday 29th November, 10am-1pm) Set Up

As previously agreed, this year's fayre will be focussed on school fundraising rather than commercial stallholders.

School choir is up and running and will perform as well.

Requests to be sent out for gifts, with example products and photos from previous events. Letter to be sent to local businesses requesting support.

All Saints football club until 16:15 on Friday 28th, access to hall after that. For earlier set-up, room to be set aside for PC after music lessons at 10:30.

Volunteers to be requested to assist with managing stall.

Supper with the Grinch (Thursday 4th December, 6-8pm)

Agreed to keep price at £5/head to make event as accessible as possible. Keep food options of hotdog/soup, but drop mince pie option and just have cookies.

KPop Demon Hunters Tribute (Thursday 29th January, 6-8pm)

Confirm capacity with school, aim to keep price same as Taylor Swift last year. Open up hall prior to event for hair, glitter, tattoos etc. 360° photo booth to be looked into.

Parent Items

Packed lunches

Some children received packed lunches home as a council initiative to demonstrate what a school lunch includes.

Lunch queues

Concern that some children in the upper school were being made to queue for a long time. MW clarified that there is no formal requirement to queue. P1-3 are taken into the hall by teachers, P4-7 are free to play until called in by staff, but many choose to wait at the entrance.

6. AOB and Review of Actions List

Grant applications

HMc and NR agreed to look into possible sources of funding from NLC for event funding. It was also highlighted that Hochtief might be offering some grant funding to Lanarkshire Charities. Action ongoing

Tesco Stronger Starts ("Blue Token") application submitted to support P5 and P6 swimming lessons, and transport to Time Capsule for these.



Dates of future meetings and close

Next meeting:

13 Jan 2026 6pm - 7:30pm Parent Council Meeting

PC Events Calendar 2025-26:

29 Nov 2025	10am - 1pm	Christmas Fayre
04 Dec 2025	6pm - 8pm	Supper with the Grinch
13 Jan 2026	6pm - 7:30pm	Parent Council Meeting
29 Jan 2026	TBC	K-Pop Demon Hunters Tribute
12 Feb 2026	TBC	Valentine's Disco
03 Mar 2026	6pm - 7:30pm	Parent Council Meeting
25 Apr 2026	TBC	<i>Spring Fun Day (proposed)</i>
12 May 2026	6pm - 7:30pm	Parent Council Meeting
28 May 2026	TBC	Shorts and Shades Disco