



Rochsolloch Parent Council 13 January 2026

Minutes

1. Attendees and Apologies

PC members: NR, CN, NM, DS, LT, RL, LM, LCI, L D-A, LK

School SMT: MW (HT), JI (DHT)

Councillors: Chris Costello, Lesley Jarvie, Janice Toner

Apologies Tendered: HMc, HG, LMc, AC, CM, SC, SC

2. Opening Remarks

NR opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and reflecting on her experience of when committees run well:

- Decisions are final at meetings
- All members efforts, suggestions and ideas are treated equally
- All members are committed to the mission and collective good, these outweigh personal or vested interests.

NR reflected on 3 recent events that have all been financially successful, well run and well enjoyed, Halloween Disco, Supper with Grinch and the Xmas Fayre. It was also noted that children to be kept safe and monitored when assisting parents at school events and setups.

3. Review of Actions and Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes were accepted.

Outstanding Actions:

- Grants - Tesco is in, Hochtief is acknowledged, NLC is nearly there
- Constitution – Chair's Letter and revised constitution sent out to wider parents and placed on glow site for review, no responses or objections to the proposed changes received- so constitution can be taken forward
- PVG's – New links will be sent forward for the 2 outstanding PVG's
- School Lunch coordination – issues still continue, see parent items
- NLC packed lunches, continued discontent about food being sent home/wasted, parents asking for opt out.

4. Head Teacher Update

Vision, Values, Aims Refresh

We are in the process of refreshing our vision, values and aims. We recently canvassed opinions from parents and carers on their expectations for their child's behaviour in school, as well as their thoughts on the type of experiences children should have in school and the values they think should underpin our work. We gathered staff views and are in the process of gathering pupil views, and all of this information will be collated alongside the data gathered when we refreshed our



rationale around 18 months ago.

Christmas Activities

Our Christmas activities gave an opportunity for children to perform in front of an audience and raised valuable funds for school resources and activities. We received some feedback regarding the amount of time P1 were performing relative to the cost of the ticket, therefore, we plan to have a further free event later in the year. The ticket price was increased to reflect the prices charged in other schools and a raffle was added as part of the price; this will remain under review for future events.

Poppy Scotland Visit

We had a visit from 'Bud' the Poppy Scotland touring bus in December. P6 & P7 children visited in small groups to take part in an interactive workshop to learn the history of the poppy as well as the impact fundraising has each year. This was a free event and very worthwhile.

Toilet Issues

We had a period where children were reminded that one press of the soap dispenser was all that was required as it was having to be replaced extremely frequently, which has cost implications. Any time I was made aware of soap or toilet roll running out I alerted the janitor immediately and they were restocked. There have been no reports of resources running out since around early December.

Pupil Voice Groups

Aim High Team

- The Aim High Team have been supporting with gathering Vision, Values and Aims views from pupils. They are also continuing to plan for Mental Health Week.

Fundraising

- Our Christmas Pop-Up Shop was a fantastic success and raised £1100. Our Christmas Card fundraiser raised £550. The fundraising team will be working on their next fundraiser which is for the Airdrie Food Bank.

Sports Leaders

- Our Sports Leaders have received training from Stephen Hughes, our Active Schools Coordinator and will be starting a football lunch time club for P2 in the near future.

Rochsolloch Readers

- Our Rochsolloch Readers organised a sponsored reading event before Christmas. Children from P1-7 were given the option to take part and were issued with sponsor forms. We realise that a communication was not sent to parents. In future, we will ensure communications are sent to allow parents to chat to their children about taking part. Sponsor money is due to be returned by the end of January. This money will be used to purchase new books for our school library.

4. Parent Items



Toilet Facilities – Reports of no paper and soap

- The school assures that there is plenty of soap and toilet paper and that both are replenished frequently
- The vandalism in the toilets has been challenging. The school have asked children to report anything they see. If the vandalism continues, the school will have to take more serious steps.

Nativity Cost

- The cost has risen to reflect costs in other schools. Cost of tickets is under review.
- Parents have complained about cost of ticket v time on time on stage. A free event will be offered later in the year to compensate.
- Some discussion took place around the fact that there is a lot to pay for in December with PC events and school events. For this reason it was decided to keep the cost of the school discos low, whereas other optional events will be a bit more pricey.

Advertising of Extra Curricular Activities

- Parents have asked if the advertising of Extra Curricular activities can be done in a more discrete manner rather than sending flyers home in bags, so that children are not aware as this places financial pressure on parents.
- School has agreed to do a photograph and a groupcall instead to advertise.

Scottish Show

- The date of the Scottish show is not advertised in advance because not all classes are involved. It is only the families of performing children that will be invited.
- The school has agreed to add the date to the annual rota and inform parents of the potential in advance going forward.

Lunches

- Some pilot changes have been made to the lunch schedules based on feedback, to ensure that children are not waiting outside or in queues for too long and that all children are being fed in a timely manner

Sumdog

- There are currently no plans to replace Sumdog, as it was becoming expensive and not having the same engagement and educational impact.
- Parents are able to pay for for an individual subscription, if desired

Reading Books Not Being Sent Home

- The school will issue comms to note all children receive books to take home. It was noted that they are most probably left in school trays.

5. Fundraising Lessons Learned:



Halloween Disco - reflections continue on too late and concern at the number of unknown adults at the event. Risk of children leaving with an adult they shouldn't also noted.

Fayre - A huge undertaking for Treasurer - need to do more to take note of floats and takings and record/share in message for future reference. Check that all raffle prizes have been issued. Move location of Santa next year and offer DITC a stall? Need more adult volunteers on the games. More background music in canteen. Too many sweets bought and not sold. Forgot pricelist for cafe.

Grinch Supper - No gas again this year - may need to reconsider soup or make clearer on the let requirement that gas is required.

6. Look Ahead

- KPop Demon Hunters Tribute – The group discussed the organising logistics for the event such as Volunteers needed, Tuckshop set up, Merchandise stall, 360 Photo booth, First Aid requirements.
- Valentines Disco – *re-brand to Dis-Glow to encourage uptake*. The group agreed on a trial of earlier timings (P1-3, 6-6.50pm and P4-7, 7-7.50pm) for this disco as a result of complaints about tired children the day after school discos. It was also agreed that all would pay £3 at the door and sign in at the same time.
- Spring Fun Day – A provisional date of 25th April has been agreed between the group
- Shorts and Shades Disco – DJ is booked and the Let is in. Timings to be as Valentines Disco if successful

7. Treasurers Report

Current balance: £9,358.29

Income since last meeting:

Halloween disco	£394
Supper with the Grinch	£645.22
Christmas Fayre	£3918.57
GoFundMe	£357.86

Outgoings since last meeting:

TBC

It has been requested that at events can everyone take a note of their float and count their own stall takings before handing to the treasurer so there is a double check process with the accounting.

8. Council Issues

Swimming Lessons

The current P4 children will be due to start 6 weeks of swimming lessons in September. All post Covid backlog lessons have now caught up. It was discussed that The John Smith pool may not be ready for September

9. AOB



P1 Starts and P7 Leavers

- The group asked to be made aware of dates of the P1 induction, so there can be some Parent Council representation.
- P7 Leavers arrangements need to be made, Hoodies have arrived. HG has offered to coordinate arrangements as a P7 representative.

10. Dates of future meetings and close

Next meeting:

3 Mar 2026 6pm - 7:30pm Parent Council Meeting

PC Events Calendar 2026:

03 Mar 2026	6pm - 7:30pm	Parent Council Meeting
12 May 2026	6pm - 7:30pm	Parent Council Meeting
28 May 2026	TBC	Shorts and Shades Disco
TBC		<i>Spring/Summer Fun Day</i>