

Agenda of the Friends of Firth School Meeting

Thursday 28th May 2026 at 7pm

1) Welcome and apologies

Welcomes: Sandy Livsey, Amy Borland, Rosie Linklater, Serena Leask, Hazel Moar, Adam Marcus, Anna Craigie Christina Allnutt, Emma Jane Rendall (HT) Marie Drever (Chair) Michelle Pennington (Secretary)

Apologies: Gemma Morris, Kirstie Chalmers, Anne Leask, Rachael King, Gareth Talbot

2) Approval of minutes from previous meeting, Approved by Serena Leask, second by Marie Drever

3) Matters arising from previous meeting

- a) Treasurer hand over: *Marie Drever proposes Amy Borland as Treasurer second by Sandy Livsey as of 28.05.2026*

- b) Playpark Update:

Update from Gareth:

Hiya - I was aiming to come along tomorrow, but something's come up. By way of written update. We got £10K from the Orkney Fund, but didn't get the £10K we applied for from CEC LDF. I've asked CEC LDF for reasons why as we were one point below the threshold for being awarded the money.

This leaves us about £13K short of our target so I'm looking at other funds right now.

In the meantime Kirstie and I are meeting Carolynn Leslie at OIC tomorrow to look at releasing the £20K playground improvement fund money so we can order the play equipment and pay half up front.

- c) Summer Fundraising:

Different options were discussed, Gala, Shopping week and maybe a challenge. Also a 50p sale for children in school with donations given for

them to buy. It was suggested that an alternative meeting just for playpark fundraising may encourage more people to become involved.

Action: Look into separate fundraising meeting.

d) Upcoming school events:

i) Sports Days : *FOFS will provide refreshments. Volunteers are needed to give refreshments to children on the day.*

ii) *Leavers Service: Will be held in the afternoon of the last day starting at 14:30.*

iii) *P7 mugs have been ordered for each child by FOFS.*

e) 2026 P6 Outdoor Ed. Funding application:

The school will apply for funding before the end of term.

Action: See if application has been submitted.

f) P6 day trip to HOY feedback:

Emma Jane said that all pupils had a brilliant positive day and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

g) School loft items:

Clear out will be held on Wednesday 10th June at 14:00 in the school hall to sort all loft items. Volunteers are welcome to help.

h) 2026/2027 class structures:

Still to be confirmed, intentions are still the same as previous minutes.

Rights respecting School Award:

The school was awarded Silver.

4) Matters Arising to be carried over to next meeting

a) Bank Account change

- b) Clerk/Secretary remuneration
- c) Road & Car Park Safety
- d) Parent Council PVGs
- e) Parent Handbook
- f) 2027 P7 residential plan
- g) Replacement Cage Fencing

5) AOB

Gilmour shield - Stevie Moar organising one team to go on Sunday 14th June and FOFS will pay the £25 entry fee.

Netball Tournaments - FOFS funded £111 for three netball tournaments in May.

P6/7 Knockout - 12 bairns competed. Two teams.

Peedie Schools - 16 bairns competed. Two teams. Firth Vikings won the shield.

P4/5 Tournament - 19 bairns competed. Three teams. Firth Vikings won the shield.

Emma Jane has suggested that the school might be looking for Digital upgrades and potentially needing help with funding from FOFS.

- a) Future Meeting dates

Thursday 27th August, AGM & Meeting – time TBC.

6) Thanks and close 19:44