



Madderty Parent Council (MPC) Minutes

Date: Tuesday 18th November 2025

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Madderty Primary School

1. Attendees

- Ashleigh Pink (AP)
- Nathan De la Haye (NDLH)
- Gillian De la Haye (GDLH)
- Mark Lewis (ML) – Chair
- Atalla Buretta (AB)
- Claire Quail (CQ)
- Joe Hickey (JH)
- Suzanne Emptage (SE)
- - David Crichton (DC)
- Alexandra Crichton (AC)
- Samara McLaren (SM)
- Alanna (surname not provided)

School Staff:

- Head Teacher: JF

External Attendees:

- Betty – Chair, Madderty Hall
- Maggie Bush (MB)

2. Welcome

ML opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.



3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Proposed: CQ

- Seconded: JH

Minutes approved.

4. Treasurer's Report (DC)

- Intention to retain £2,000 in the account for contingencies.

- Recent raffle raised an unusually high amount, but this level of income is not sustainable.

- Need for structured budgeting across the year aligned with planned events.

5. Head Teacher's Report (JF)

HT Report For Parent Council November 2025

All classes are working well . Planned Quality Assurance visits have taken place, leading to discussion with class teachers about the learning taking place in each class, progress being made and pupil engagement in learning. Pupil focus groups are meeting over the next week.

Thank you to parents for meeting class teachers last week to discuss children's progress. Unfortunately Mrs Greig is unwell meaning P6/7 will be rescheduled on her return.

Parent Volunteers

We now have a few volunteers to help with PE – many thanks to those parents who are able to help. Thank you also to parent helpers on trips – without your support we would be unable to do this.

Transition to High School

Mr Donnolly, Headteacher of Crieff High, came to visit our P7 group with the aim of preparing them for their visit to the school last week. He spent time getting to know them all, telling them a bit about the school and answering their many questions. This was followed by a day long visit by the P7s, following a timetable for the day, becoming familiar with staff and classes. This was a great success with all very well behaved, participating well in each class. Mrs Fotheringham (DHT) will visit shortly to gather feedback from the day to help in planning of next visit.

Cross Country

Thank you to the 16 pupils (and their parents) who represented the school at Glenalmond Cross Country invitational. The children all ran well and enjoyed the event. Congratulations to Finlay and Quinn who each set a course record in their category.

Again , we are grateful for Parent Support with this as school staff were class committed and unable to attend. Thanks to Maggie for coordinating on the day on our behalf.

Christmas Show



We have begun rehearsals for our Christmas performance! Parts have been cast and costumes discussed! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Madderty Hall next months. Ticket details will be issued shortly.

6. Madderty Hall – Presentation by Betty (Hall Chair)

- Introduction by ML.
- Betty outlined:
 - The hall is run by a Board of Trustees (finance) and a sub-committee (events).
 - Aim to strengthen links with the community, particularly younger people.
 - Only 16 children attended the recent Halloween Party, prompting a review of event planning.
- Proposed event: K-Pop Demon Hunter Party, possibly hosted by Kirsten Brock (fee applicable).
- CQ asked if hall hire fees could be discounted for school use.
- Betty clarified the hall costs around £20,000 per year to run and needs to generate income.
- MPS currently pays a local rate of £25; PKC receives a further reduced rate.
- Board open to discussing a designated MPS rate.

Actions:

- Meeting to be arranged between MPC and Hall representatives.
- DC and Betty to take this forward.

7. Music and External Resources

Morrison's Academy Proposal:

- One teacher available for a six-week block focusing on classical music and composition.
- Cost: £120 per class, total £720.
- Timing: Term 4 (Easter onwards).
- Includes a musical performance for parents.

Other Music Options:

- MB mentioned possible violin lessons.
- JF suggested a school choir with Kat Grieve.
- SM estimated £50/week for year-round sessions, though KG is not a qualified teacher.



- Discussion around fundamentals of singing (rhythm, movement).
- Chamanga resource noted as positive; used by MPS for two years.
- SE highlighted importance of exposure to a range of instruments.

Agreed Actions:

- Proceed with Morrison's Academy music block in Term 4.
- JF to discuss choir options with KG.
- Continue using Chamanga.

8. PKC Minibus Update

- JF contacted PKC; minibus must be booked through a council representative.
- JF to approach Nick Keilor.

9. Crieff Hydro Panto

- AP confirmed reduced rate details.
- AC raised whether parents could contribute directly.
- JF approved proceeding with the booking.
- ML confirmed PC contribution toward panto and bus costs.
- DC noted this could represent around 25% of the annual budget.
- JF advised a shared-cost approach may be appropriate.

Actions:

- AP to book the panto and liaise with JF.
- Final contribution to be confirmed once budget is reviewed.

10. Budget Planning

- ML requested a full annual budget to understand allocation and spending.

11. Festive Events

- MPC will not run a stall at the Christmas Fayre.
- Support required for the Festive Concert stall (tea/coffee/mince pies).

Events Sub-Committee Formed:



- Members: CQ, SE, Alanna
- Responsible for coordinating events and linking with budget planning.
- AC offered to approach supermarkets for sponsorship or donations.

Additional Notes:

- Findo Gask Hall may be a more cost-effective venue (MB).
- NDLH noted 200 mince pies were consumed last year but only £5 was donated; need clarity on whether events are fundraisers or added extras.

12. Glasgow Science Centre

- ML noted funded spaces available but requires a teacher to register.
- JF to review information and assess cost implications.

13. ICT Equipment Requests

- JF requested funding support for iPads and laptops, which must be purchased via PKC.
- Laptops cost £410.09 each and are maintained only if purchased through the council.
- School currently has around 10 shared devices, some in poor condition.

Actions:

- DC to prepare a full equipment list with prices.
- Funding decisions to be based on the upcoming budget review.

14. Cross Country

- AB felt the recent event was not sufficiently supported and suggested a running coach.
- Request for improved sports kit for all children participating.
- JF agreed a consistent kit for all activities would be beneficial.

Action:

- AB to gather further details on coaching options.



15. Fundraising & Grants Sub-Committee

Members:

- DC
- SM
- JH
- AC

Purpose: to source funding, organise fundraising, and explore grants.

16. Discussion: Becoming a SCIO

- ML raised the idea of becoming a SCIO.
- DC expressed concerns about the administrative commitment.
- SM suggested exploring a Social Interest Company model as an alternative.

Action:

- Members to consider options before the next meeting.

17. Other Items

- Kirsty absent; vote on her membership deferred.
- AC suggested a shared Google Drive for MPC documents, with links posted to Teams.
- ML proposed holding MPC meetings on the second Tuesday of each new term, in-person at the school.
- SE asked for Teams meetings to be reconsidered due to accessibility.
- JF noted hybrid meetings do not work well.
- DC supported in-person meetings to build relationships and commitment.

18. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 8:22pm.