



Madderty Parent Council (MPC) Minutes

Date: Tuesday 13th January 2026

Time: 8:00pm

Location: Madderty Primary School

1. Attendees

- Samara McLaren (ML) – Chair
- Atalla Buretta (AB)
- Claire Quail (CQ)
- Joe Hickey (JH)
- - David Crichton (DC)
- Alexandra Crichton (AC)

School Staff:

- Head Teacher: JF

2. Welcome

ML opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. Apologies from Ashleigh Pink, Nathan & Gillian De La Haye and Suzanne Emptage.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes from 18th November and 2nd December 2025,

- Proposed: SM
- Seconded: CQ

Minutes approved.

4. Treasurer's Report (DC)

- Post raffle the starting balance was £7118.60, we earned £976.26 at Xmas show, and spent £798.78 (Halloween, Panto, show) and with other net income of £116.82, the balance is £7412.90.

5. Head Teacher's Report (JF)

JF thanked AP for organising the Pantomime at Crieff Hydro, which was a great success. The staffing update is that Mrs Marshall has a serious back problem, and will be off for a few



weeks. Mrs Greig has had a bad flu, and will be back in due course. JF noted 10 new laptop PCs are to arrive, at approximate cost of £450 each, with 8 funded from school budget, and 2 from PKC budget. The school will now have around 20 laptops, which can be moved from class to class. JF will see how well the current stock works, and revert. In recent years the MPC has contributed to the cost of the Xmas shows, hall and buses, at around £1,200. This year it was paid out of the school budget. It was agreed that the MPC would contribute in future, as part of an annual schedule.

6. Events calendar and planning

It was noted that regular annual events included Easter, Sports day, Halloween and Xmas.

For Easter it was agreed that the MPC would provide 14 prizes for best painted eggs, and 7 for best bonnets. P1-4 would receive £10 vouchers from the Toy Shop, and P5-7 book vouchers. SM to organise, DC to arrange bank access for SM.

For Sports day it was agreed that the MPC would continue to operate a fund raising catering stand with strawberries (AC to distribute supermarket request template), Highland Spring water (request via relevant parent), teas and cakes (to be arranged in April). A small raffle will be conducted on the day, as a fund raising exercise. It was decided that we will not do a big raffle like 2025 this year, to avoid donor/purchaser fatigue, but we do want to renew the licence in the spring.

In the past the MPC has funded hoodies for the leavers, with the previous year's version a success. AP has done some work to source, and Heather can assist. Katie Turnbull did it last year., There is a supply of mugs in the cupboard, which will also be given to leavers.

In the past the MPC has helped fund external lessons in different activities, last year was tennis in Methven. JF will consider activities to choose this term, and also the possibility and details of a whole school trip.

7 Ceilidh and Madderty Hall

Following Betty Bott's attendance at our previous meeting, DC attended Madderty Community Hall's meeting in December. Madderty Hall have their own operational pressures, and the price for 3 hours PE on Wednesday will increase from £60 to £75, in line



with the price to other community members. The committee have a schedule of events for adults, but have realized they need to increase what they offer for children. They have struggled in the promotion of some events eg Halloween, and I explained the school has regulatory constraints in what it can send to parents. The MPC can assist via WhatsApp. At the end of January the Hall is having a ceilidh, but it is not suitable to run in conjunction with our school's children, due to timing, dinner, ticket prices. The hall committee offered us the facility to run a joint event, whereby our use of the hall is free, but the financial risks and returns are shared.

The MPC agreed that we did want to proceed with arranging a ceilidh later this term, jointly with Madderty Community Hall. SM and CQ will meet with Hall representatives shortly, and CQ submitted a suggestion for the band. CQ noted that previous ceilidhs have been busy, and if it is promoted more widely, ticketing capacity could need to be controlled. The Community Hall do want to do other events with us, such as a K-Pop party and a film night, but we only have the time resource to concentrate on the ceilidh for now.

8. Music and choir

JF confirmed that Kat Grieve will run a choir in Friday lunchtimes, starting this week, for an initial period of the term, which will be funded by the MPC. This term there will be visits from Edelese Stewart, with pipes and drums to try, and Julia Campbell with the Blackford Fiddlers will attend on 30th January. Next term Claire Richards will attend on Tuesdays, with classical and singing lessons, and a performance at the end, which will also be funded by the MPC. The MPC thanked JF for organising this varied programme.

9. Fundraising and Hay Maclagan Trust

Frank Smith of the Hay Maclagan Trust has spoken to SM and AC, and confirmed their long term interest in supporting the school, as part of the Madderty community and district. JF confirmed they have funded the new car park and play equipment recently, and will fund some building work at the back door. JF is working on a list of medium term objectives, such as new lockers and updating library books. In time the MPC hopes to work closely with the school and Trust re objectives and budgets on a structured and medium term basis.

