

Madderty Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 17 June 2026

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendance

- Samara McLaren (SM) – Chair
- Ashleigh Pink (AP) – Secretary
- Nathan DeLaHaye (NDLH)
- Kirsty Niven (KN) - Treasurer
- Jackie Farrell (JF)
- Suzanne Emptage (SE)

Apologies

- Atalla Buretta (AB) – arrived later
- Clare Balfour (CB) – arrived later
- Gillian DeLaHaye

1. Welcome and Apologies

SM welcomed attendees and noted apologies.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Approved by: SM and JF

3. Headteacher's Update

JF reported that all pupils and staff are back, healthy and happy.

School Updates

- "Meet the New Teacher" morning has happened for all pupils to help set expectations for next session.
- Some classroom moves will take place.
- There will be only three new P1 pupils enrolling next year, the smallest intake the school has experienced.
- Health Week takes place next week and includes several new activities:
 - Silent disco (children encouraged to wear bright disco clothing)
 - First aid
 - Dance

- Outdoor learning
- Pickleball

Recent Educational Visits

- P6/7 pupils enjoyed their visit to Dundee Science Centre.
- P1/2 pupils enjoyed their trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park.

Sporting Achievements

- Thanks were extended to parents who support transport to sporting events.
- Special congratulations to Quinn for achieving first place in the 800m event.

School Quality and Improvement

- Nick Thomson from PKC, is our Quality Improvement Officer. He visited the school last week and contributed towards our quality assurance visits.
- Teaching was observed in all three classrooms.
- Feedback was very positive regarding teaching quality, curriculum delivery and engagement of children in their learning.
- Eight pupils were part of a focus group and shared their experiences at Madderty Primary School, demonstrating how they feel about school and their learning. They did so very positively.

JF has completed the school's Standards and Quality Report, which summarises the academic year and will be available on our website shortly.

Areas for Development to be included in our Improvement plan for 26/27

- Increasing attendance as this remains below PKC expectations, largely due to family holidays and day trips during term time.

progressing towards becoming a nurturing school, involving all teaching and support staff.

- Developing pupil profiles with the aim of sharing achievements and progress and helping children to understand themselves as learners.

School Extension

- The PKC project lead for the school extension will meet with JF on 24 June to discuss progress.
- JF hopes to provide a further update following this meeting.
- Current school roll stands at 61 pupils, with a capacity of 73.
- Two spaces per classroom are retained to accommodate children moving into the catchment area.
- The extension is unlikely to be completed for the start of next term, but JF will provide an update when possible.

- **Grounds Maintenance**
- JF has contacted the Council regarding overgrown vegetation and weeds in the monoblock areas and around the carpark and PE shed. Access to the shed is restricted due to the rewilding area.

Reports

- End-of-year reports are expected to be issued by the end of the week.

Thank you

- JF thanked the Parent Council for all their support throughout the year, including assistance with buses and Sports Day.

4. Treasurer's Report

KN presented the financial update.

Income

- Opening balance: **£7,370.58**
- Sports Day profit: **£344.85**
- PKC grant received: **£930.00**
- Enterprise takings: **£257.00**

Expenditure

- Sportswear, shin pads and footballs: **£913.32**
- Choir provision (Kat Grieve): **£175.00**
- Music tuition (Morrisons): **£720.00** (payment due)
- Amazon vouchers for end-of-term class rewards: **£150.00**
- Miscellaneous expenses: **£44.21**

Closing Balance

£6,642.90

Additional Requests

- Discussion took place regarding funding further PE sessions with Magda. Teachers and pupils highly value existing PE provision, and any additional external coaching would require Parent Council or McLaggan Trust funding.

5 & 6. Fundraising and Hay McLaggan Trust Update

SM updated the meeting following discussions with Frank Smith (councillor) in his capacity as trustee of the Hay McLaggan Trust.

Key Points

- The Trust remains keen to support the school.
- Potential support includes:
 - Music provision
 - PE coaching
 - School books
 - Educational visits and transport
- Previous support has been provided for the car park and extension projects, although further funding may be required to complete these works.

Future Priorities Discussed

- Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) as a longer-term aspiration.
- Potential purchase of a school minibus to reduce transport costs.
- Winter activity opportunities, including skiing or snowboarding.
- Cookery workshops and visiting chefs.
- Alternative enrichment activities during Health Week and throughout the year.

KN suggested developing a longer-term funding strategy to maximise support from the Trust and align future funding requests with school priorities.

7. Music, Choir and Extra-Curricular Activities

Choir

SM confirmed discussions with Kat Grieve regarding continuation of the choir next session.

- Afternoon sessions are not practical due to disruption to learning in each class
- After-school provision will be explored.
- SM will continue discussions with Kat Grieve.

Music Provision

JF advised that the school has secured a fully funded eight-week music project from PKC for P6/7 pupils, including access to instruments such as saxophones and trumpets.

JF also asked whether Parent Council funding could support music opportunities for younger classes. Parent Council members were supportive of exploring this further. JF to approach Mrs Richardson.

8. Fundraising Priorities

Discussion focused on future fundraising.

Key Themes

- Utilise McLaggan Trust funding for larger projects.
- Focus Parent Council fundraising on activities families actively support, such as music and sports.
- Avoid fundraising fatigue among parents.

Community Building

KN/SE suggested increasing family social events to strengthen community connections.

Proposals included:

- Community ceilidh
- Family events
- Film nights
- School discos

Action: JH to investigate rebooking the ceilidh and band.

9. Community Events and Hall Partnership

SE advised that Madderty Hall Committee would like to collaborate on future events.

Proposed Activities

- Joint Halloween event for school pupils and local residents.
- Series of school discos hosted at Madderty Hall.

Feedback from last year's Halloween event was positive.

The Parent Council supported further collaboration with the Hall Committee.

JF confirmed that events could be promoted through SWAY.

SE will clarify whether any financial contribution is being sought from Parent Council.

10. Parent & Volunteer Outdoor Area Day

Discussion took place regarding a volunteer day to improve school grounds.

Considerations

- School holidays are not ideal due to family commitments.

- 22 August clashes with the Balgowan Family Fun Day.
- An after-school session during the first week back was suggested.

Action: JF to consult staff and confirm suitable dates and times.

11. Sports Day Review

Feedback on Sports Day was extremely positive.

Suggestions for Future Events

- Increase the variety of refreshments available.
- Include savoury options alongside cakes.
- Consider takeaway boxes to reduce leftover food.

JF expressed her appreciation for the support received and was very pleased with the success of the event.

12. Any Other Competent Business

No additional items were raised.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: Wednesday 9 September 2026

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Madderty Primary School

The Parent Council meeting will follow immediately afterwards.