



## Ruthvenfield Primary School Parent Council (SPC)

Date: 2/09/25

Time: 6pm to 7.30pm

Venue: Glover Arms Hotel

### **Attendees:**

Mairi Kennedy (MK)  
Gil Scrimgeour (GS)  
Shona Condie (SC)  
Julie Jack (JJ)  
Sarah Clarke (SCI)  
Jonathan Storer (JS)  
Gillian Robertson (GR)  
Mark Gibbs (MG)  
Lindsay Gibbs (LG)  
Jodie Smith (JSm)  
Rowida Al Halabi (RAH)  
Leanne Mudie (LM)  
Kim Henderson (KH)

### **Apologies**

Charlotte Neil (CN)  
Gemma Lamb

### **Election (re-election) of new office holders for the Parent Council**

- a) Shona Condie re-elected as Chair
- b) Jon Storer re-elected as Secretary
- c) Julie Jack elected as Treasurer

### **Approval of accounts**

- a) £3588.85 is the balance of the account available
- b) Copy of accounts was passed around the table for discussion

### **Head Teacher Report**

MK shared:

Children:  
a positive return to school  
looking very smart in their school uniforms

Staffing update:

- (i) Introduced herself as HT
- (ii) Lesley Stevenson, probationer teacher (for 2025-26)
- (iii) Helen Barlow, Pupil Support Teacher
- (iv) Molly Buchanan, class teacher to release Gill Scrimgeour
- (v) Gill Scrimgeour Acting Head Teacher at Logiealmond (Mon, Tues and Thurs) and Principal Teacher at Ruthvenfield (Wed and Fri) until October 2025.

School Improvement Priorities:

- (i) Nurturing Schools Programme, Year 3
- (ii) ASN, Year 1

### **Upcoming Costs / requests from MK**

- a) Hoodies for P7 leavers – approx cost £240 - approved
- b) Lottery licence approx cost £20 - approved
- c) Sports trophies approx cost £196 - approved
- d) Panto trip costs. The approx cost is £325. The school has funds for £288 and asked the PTA to cover the rest – approved
- e) Learning Journal Invoice £330 - approved

### **Christmas Fayre**

The proposed date of the fayre is 9th Dec and will run from 6.30pm to 9.30 pm. the venue is to be decided by LG offered to sound out the Black Watch Museum.

### **Halloween Party**

This will be held on 29th Oct. SC asked for as many members of the PTA to help with the running of events. There will be two separate parties, P1-3 and P4-7 running consecutively on the night

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

This will be held on the 10th October

### **ASN Network**

SC and LG to liaise and get this up and running

### **Active Schools**

PTA is keen to run some after school clubs pending the sorting of insurance / safeguarding and staffing

### **AOB**

JS to draft a letter to the council (see below) on the new one way system.

To whom it may concern at Perth Kinross Council.

We are concerned with the implementation of the one way system that has been built along Castle Brae at Huntingtower. A number of cars are ignoring the one way system and causing a hazard. Some parents expressed concern that cars were having to mount the new pavement and that their children were in danger. In addition, the now way system takes no account of car parking at the end of the day. The council pays for taxis (with a side door) to take children to and from school. The taxi has to do a 3 point turn because the side door is now always facing the wrong way. Furthermore, the number of times that the Huntingtower road and/ or the Ruthvenfield road to the

new Bertha Park bypass roundabout are closed means that even more traffic is funnelled past the school. At 9am and 3.20pm this is causing considerable congestion. The road between the school and the Huntingtower hairpin turn is not wide enough for two cars in places. This is especially so at the crossing to Huntingtower halfway along this road. A number of times, children have had to step back or be pulled back due to cars not realising the lack of width. In short, this crossing has become very dangerous. We would urge you to have a two way system with lights between the castle and the bottom of the hill like you did when both the other two Huntingtower roads were closed at the beginning of August. In addition, we also urge you to have 20mph compulsory signage along the entire Castle Brae Huntingtower Road system with further warnings about the narrowness of the road at the crossing near Huntingtower.

**Date of Next Meeting**

4th Nov