

St Fillans Parent Council AGM – 2024/2025 29th April 2025

Attendees: Heather Hughes, Heather Mitchell Fellows, Louise Shepherd, Karen Kininmouth, Lynne Fulton, Margaret Esson, Eileen Parsons, Diane Jaconelli, Maureen McGovern, Anne McElhinney, Michelle Byrne, Vivienne Dempster, Melanie Young, Julie Shields, Angela McWilliams and Jackie McPherson

1/ No Apologies

2/ See attached Minutes

3/ Constitution to be sent out by email.

4/ Appointment of Office Bearers for 2025/2026 Session:

Chairperson – Heather Mitchell Fellows (All agreed)

Vice Chairperson – Heather Hughes (All agreed)

Treasurer – Vivienne Dempster (All agreed)

Secretary – Melanie Young, Anne McElhinney & Maureen McGovern (Shared role) – (All agreed)

Parish Representative – Michelle Byrne (All agreed)

5/Head Teacher Report

JM thanked Julie and Eileen for years of hard work.

Credit Union – Eileen happy cover this till another volunteer found. Margaret Esson happy to consider taking over, will work for a few weeks with Eileen.

P1 2025 – 18 kids; 2026 school role should be 106 – Hopefully 6 classes (1 composite and 5 straight)

Staffing – Miss Duffy back in May/June

Head Teacher Role confirmed, PT role (Angela McWilliams) is next.

New P1 settles – 6th and 13th of May, JM looking for a Volunteer to come along on either day to speak about Parent Council. HMF attend induction at 2pm on 6th May.

Gold Reading Schools (Mrs Mackay & Mrs McWilliams) and Digital Schools (Mrs McAlaney) – Both should be confirmed by end of term.

Literacy Development Officer – Julie Patison. Delighted with Talk for Writing work in school. Thinks it's a model for other schools. School should have lots of visitors in August 2025.

STEM – Angela, Jackie and Joanne Trained. JM looking for companies who can help support. £3000 grant available if companies will back the school. Scottish Power have been approached, other companies welcome.

How do we power the outdoor classroom? Anne McElhinney volunteered to help. Application July 2025, finding Term 3 (January 2026)

10 active school clubs this term – Thanks to staff who give time to run these.

Building :Trees, Disabled Toilet and Doors.

Doors – New Bomner Hinges – New ones July due to Fire Regulations

Priced new sinks, £4000 approx as need plumbing and pipework.

Windows need washed - £500 quote. Karen Kinimouth suggested 'Always Clean' School excursion to Heads of Ayr on 15th June. £15 per head. Buses quoted at £700 . Looking for help from Parent Council.

Funding application in for Crome Books, only 8 available at a time. £320 per crome book = £3200 for 10. Next fundraiser promote what we are raising funds for.

Alan Taylor at St Benedicts - School at capacity. 40 +placement requests.

New Benches/Mats – only 2 not condemned. 4 new ones are £2000 in school colours. Mats not suitable according to Sport Scotland but no real issues.

Key dates being pulled together by Mrs Sutherland – should be out soon.

6/Treasurers Report

Opening Balance August 2024 - £4917.00

Closing Balance April 2025 - £5506 (increased by £589.10)

Paid Out - £2859.50

Receipts – RAG Bin £142; 50 Club £760.00; Tombola £350.00 and Disco £177.20

£1200 - £1400 from Summer Fayre and last 2 years

AOB

7/ Maureen McGovern asked if Miller Homes would invest in Schools? Consensus was not normally involved.

8/ Lots of talk on Weirs Wynd about St Fillans because of St Benedicts. Bus runs from Houston & Bridge of Weir.

9/ Vote on Funding:

10 x Crome Book £3200 – Approved

£700 for Buses – Approved

10/ Summer Fayre 13th of June – 1830 – 2000 .Planning meeting at River Inn on 6th of May at 1900

11/ 50 Club – in 4 years never 50 sold. Try new parents at Induction and people at summer fayre. Form can be emailed. Offer to Parish.

12/Tombola at Summer Fayre – donations of bottles on 30th May for Crazy Hair and PJ's on 6th June. Own clothes for chocolate on 13th June.

13/ Gazebos – Church may have some we can borrow? KK has one we can borrow.

14/ Stalls:

Bouncy Castle is sorted; Andy & Keran on Bar;

15/ Church Ladies Lunch – 14th June , £45 a head at River Inn

16/Seesaw – Just 2 easy not good for communication only seesaw for now. Parent Portal for all other communication. JMc to tie in with Mrs Sutherland re appointments etc. Parent pay letters also be included eventually.

17/Tartan Pinafores, can these be worn with Navy uniform. No mandate on uniform.