

St Fillan's Parent Council Meeting 9th September 2026

1. Welcome

Michelle Byrne offered thanks to all attending and introduced as chair of St Fillan's PC. Michelle acknowledged and offered thanks to PC members for commitment to the organisation and running of events in previous school session and for this new school year.

Present: Michelle Byrne (chair), Diana Jaconelli (parish rep), Angela McWilliams DHT and Jacqui McPherson HT, Liona Adi, Mo McGill, Mel Young (secretary) Margaret Esson, Vivienne Dempster (treasurer), Anna Lewis, Callum and Karen Bush Heyes.

2. Apologies: Heather Hughes (vice chair), Louise Shepherd, Siobhan Vosloo

3. Actions Arising from previous minute

St Fillan's PC has two pages on social media (st Fillans parent / carers group : St Fillans parent council)

MB requested volunteer to contribute and add more regularly; Liona volunteered to complete this.

4. Head teacher report See headteacher's report at end of session 2026 - Primary ones are settling in well.

Encouraging all children to take up offer for school lunches as continuation with in-school catering is dependant upon uptake numbers.

Mrs McPherson open for contact in advance of next pc meeting if required for any issues arising to the attention of parent council which need discussed.

5. Treasurers update:

Current balance £5978.78

Income

Summer Fayre	£1341.78
Easy Fundraising	£ 115.64
Around £67 monthly from 50 club	

Expenditure

Connect Insurance	-£142
Ice cream van	-£165
Let	-£62.75
P7 Leavers	-£460

Payment outstanding for school ties from previous session amount to be confirmed by school

6. Easy fundraising / 50 Club / Uniform / Ragbin

All efforts for fundraising this year are for upgraded projector screen for school hall with an estimated cost of £13k.

Stickin's labels - cheaper for families and 30% commission for pc for all purchases.

Easy fundraising - when signing up on account need to accept cookies / permissions / donation reminder and then will instantly flag up when going onto websites. Encourage all families to sign up.

50 Club: Due to significant number of p7's leaving there are a number of slots available to be taken up for the 50 club. Need to encourage engagement for new p1 parents to sign up for 50 club monthly payment for draw.

School Uniform shop: Awaiting school wear made easy - Michelle linking in with contact: orders taken in October / January / May; bulk price offered and with contribution to pc. Pc members to organise and distribute; volunteers need to support.

Ragbin continues to be another opportunity for raising funds for pc.

Personalised items: Tea towels, Tote bags, cards/wrapping paper - children to create image and families to order. Discussion around items which would be most likely to be ordered for Christmas and alternatives for through the year.

Other possible fundraising: Toy swap for donation to school

7. Planned events

Mrs McPherson highlighted PC need to acknowledge the cost of the school day and Renfrewshire council guidance around this. Advice given to PC to avoid or minimise generating donations through non-uniform days. Alternative could be to ask for bottle donations from parents but without expectation to coincide with non uniform events.

- Halloween disco; 29th October (let is £62 and Dj is booked)
p1-p3 6-7
p4-p7: 715-830pm

Sufficient number of PC members are PVG for school but new parents to be included and added to PVG membership scheme.

- Houston Christmas light switch on; 29th November

£ to be confirmed for stalls
Ring to win or tombola

- Christmas shows - community and two parent shows: ring to win instead of tombola's
- Parents / carers events

Past events have included race nights / pub quiz / gin night / family fun night / comedy night

To be considered further in respect to arranging through school year and timing with church events.

9. Parent council resources

Need to purchase a double gazebo for future events.
Card machine to aid fundraising events at a cost of £30 a year.

10. Parent council event planning meeting

Friday 2nd October, 7pm at River Inn

Next Parent Council meeting Wednesday 13th January 6-730pm