

## Stow Parent Council Meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Present:** Magda Robertson, Daisy McBeath, Jo McBeath, Niome Lucjan, Kim O'May, Jess Day, Kat Custard, Eleanor Deaden, Julie Wood, Ruth Leckie & Victoria Stirling.

**Apologies:** Sarah Cornes, Bob Reid

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>Welcome</b>		
<b>JD welcomes everyone.</b>		
<b>Review of previous minutes</b>		
No outstanding matters		
<b>Pupil leader update – Daisy McBeath</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Round up of what has happened since the last meeting in November.</li><li>○ The Christmas concert was enjoyed by all.</li><li>○ The JRSO's have launched a competition is underway.</li><li>○ Mr Cornes came in and talked to pupils about his family's experiences in the war.</li><li>○ House challenge – Christmas quiz – won by Gwedellyn.</li><li>○ Edinburgh university came to give a talk about first aid.</li><li>○ Carol singing twice at Tesco in December with excellent feedback from the community about both the singing and behaviour.</li><li>○ Sports Leaders have continued to deliver sessions.</li><li>○ There is a Sumdog competition for all classes on the 26<sup>th</sup> of Jan.</li><li>○ Lorraine from Tesco came in to make fat balls before Christmas and will be in again for burns night.</li><li>○ Trumpet lessons ongoing.</li><li>○ Scots poems are currently being learnt for the competition – Daisy asked for support at home if possible.</li><li>○ Sports hall athletics in Feb for P4-5.</li></ul>		

<p><b>Head Teacher update – Magda Robertson</b></p> <p>Staffing – new PSA (Pupil support assistant) – Gillian Martin – Also works in after school club. Mainly working with one P1 child.</p> <p>New admin assistant. – Lynsey Taylor</p> <p>Mrs Stirling teaching the 5,6,7 class on Thursdays.</p> <p>Mrs Stewart is leaving and Kim (O'May) has stepped in as EYO in meantime.</p> <p>MR is trying to build pupil leadership. Playground leaders have been introduced at the pupils' suggestion. 20 volunteers from pupils on a rota basis. The aim to avoid arguments and introduce different games and different zones. The school is providing £300 to purchase equipment for both inside and outside play.</p> <p>Daniel has started a coding club and this has inspired other children to ask if they can start their own clubs.</p> <p>MR has introduced a Microsoft form, which pupils can access by scanning a QR code. Pupils fill in this form to request to speak to any member of staff about anything they like.</p> <p>Heating problems now resolved.</p> <p>Gritting – MR has been gritting herself with help from the cleaner. MR asks for volunteers to be part of winter watch. NL asking for more information about Winterwatch to circulate within community council.</p>		
<p><b>Treasurer's update – Bob Reid</b></p> <p>NL read the report below as BR was unable to attend the meeting –</p> <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Christmas raffle was a great success and marked the first fundraising activity to fully utilise the SumUp card machine purchased in October. This allowed us to accept cash, card, and BACS payments for the first time. The raffle raised £75.73 via SumUp (the slightly irregular figure reflects the 1.63% SumUp transaction charge) and £124.00 in cash.</li> <li>○ A new noticeboard has also been purchased and has now been delivered and</li> </ul>		

<p>stored at the school, ready for installation. – <b>Update during the meeting – Noticeboard now installed and ready for use. MR to locate key.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ I would also like to advise members that I will be stepping down from the role of Treasurer. Due to increased work commitments, I feel it is the right time to hand over responsibilities. I am confident the Parent Council is now in a more sustainable position, with positive progress made this year including the move to online banking, the opening of a new business account, and the introduction of a SumUp account and card machine to support future fundraising activities. I will remain active over the next quarter to support a smooth handover to the incoming Treasurer.</li> <li>○ Finally, efforts to close the historical Treasurer's account have so far been unsuccessful and have proven more time-consuming than anticipated. This will be reviewed with the incoming Treasurer, and with two signatories in place, I am confident this can be resolved.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Income Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Christmas Raffle - £199.73</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Expenditure Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Christmas Books - £156.50</li> <li>○ Noticeboard - £295.90</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Bank Balances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasurers Account (old account) - £115.43</li> <li>○ Business Account (current account) - £6,642.74</li> <li>○ Cash Float - £173.03</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Available Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Total Funds</b> £6931.20</li> <li>○ Outdoor space development (yurt sale) £500.00</li> <li>○ Defibrillator £1,066.38</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Foundation Scotland Wind Farm Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Smartboard for classrooms £2,185.00</li> <li>○ Online Library Subscriptions Year 1, 2, 3 £1,200.00</li> <li>○ Outdoor play equipment £1,016.14</li> <li>○ <b>Unreserved Funds</b> £963.68</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>MR to locate noticeboard key</b></p>	
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<p><b>End treasurers report</b></p> <p>NL confirmed with MR that Smartboard and online library subscription funds were still owed to school.</p> <p><b>Addendum:</b> £2185 (for smartboard) and £1200 (for library subscription) – paid to school immediately after the meeting concluded.</p>	<p><b>NL will liaise with BR and arrange transfer of funds ASAP.</b> Done</p>	
<p><b>Fundraising update</b></p> <p>NL - A £20,000 funding application is being submitted to the wind farm fund tomorrow (13Jan26), for the outdoor play equipment, with a decision due in March. If this application is successful, the plan is to install in the Easter holidays. The letter of support provided by the pupil leaders was fantastic.</p> <p>JD - £118 from Christmas cards – JD keen to use this company again and asks for opinions.</p> <p>JD – suggests other fundraising events – beetle drive? Asking for other suggestions. Cheese and wine is usually held at end of the summer term and would hope to do this again. To be discussed.</p> <p>MR – fundraising suggestions from pupils – sponsored run suggested by pupil council. Could we consider a collaboration between pupil council and parent council for this?</p> <p>JW mentioned that a book-a-thon, which the parent council organised previously was straight forward to organise and raised a significant amount of money. This may work well with the book club that has been started by pupils in school. JW still has forms from previous event, if needed. JW will forward details to JD.</p> <p>NL – Upgrading outdoor learning area - £10,000 quote provided for this. NL has identified 2-3 different funding opportunities, which she can pursue. Plans include installing paths and combating nettles.</p>	<p><b>JW to forward details of historic Book-a-thon</b></p>	
<p><b>AOB</b></p>		

<p>ED – Question to MR about Scratch on iPads, in relation to coding club. This appears to be blocked on iPads now. MR will investigate.</p> <p>MR has blocked many websites which were available for gaming on iPads and asked people to get in touch if they are aware of any websites pupils still have access to which are inappropriate.</p> <p>JW – P7 transition – asking for further information. MR – transition has already gradually started with attendance of P7 pupils at the High School remembrance assembly. MR is meeting with the new Gala head teacher, along with other heads of primary schools in the cluster, to plan the transition. MR will provide an update after this. JW was thinking more about the primary school side of transition - away day, strawberry tea etc. RL is happy to support with this.</p> <p>NL confirms that the Parent Council will donate £150 as usual towards P7 leavers. Please let PC know where to transfer money. NL will also provide details for the piper to JW.</p>	<p><b>MR to investigate</b></p> <p><b>MR to provide update with details of transition activities with High School</b></p>	
<p><b>End</b></p>		
<p>Next meeting Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of April.</p>		

