



Dunrossness Parent Council Meeting
Approved Minutes
25th March 2025 at 1800
Dunrossness Primary School and Online via Teams



1. Welcome and Apologies

Sam Adamson (chair)
Louise Leslie (head teacher)
Brenda (teacher rep)
Sarah Green (vice chair)
Cathryn Puxley
Katrina Jamieson

Apologies
Jolene Johnson

2. Meeting Notes

Marie Colvin to step in as new PC clerk from April.

SMUHA went well, £300 profit for the parent council. Good feedback - strong community event. Some pointers for next year around standing for galley burning and seating in the hall.

School works are under discussion with the council. Sam Flaws emailed Sam Adamson with missing appendices from Business Justification Case. Proposals for pool room need tweaks - switching round sensory room and changing room.

School roll still uncertain. Still not sure if a 5th class will be required. On a knife edge! Need to confirm ASN requirements. Council cutting teachers so potential to redeployment. Can also look at taking on probationers.

Sessions with Sandwick been successful.

Pupil Council recipe book and £1.5k for new books and shelving from Hoswick. Need to find someone doing an IKEA order to add on to...

School concert at Christmas was successful! All pupils on stage at once! Considering if Christmas performance is too stressful for the bairns and if we do a performance at another point in the year, or do a carol concert with less prep. Lot of prep for the concert. Older bairns doing concert? One to mull over!

Parent lunches successful.



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Netball team doing well, but could be losing Aimee Budge as coach. Other sports well attended.

Gate security. Need to get it to work better, or replace the gate. Kissing gate/double gate system to help? H&S issues with spring loaded gate? Could create corridor into school. Could take nursery entrance back internal.

Toilets. Bairns feedback is very negative. Taking to the council to try and improve. Other feedback positive, apart from lighting, colours and noise. Solutions to be investigated.

Parent council very happy to help with prep for next year. Need to work out if the extra classroom is needed first.

3. Head Teacher's Report

Leadership and Management

1. Staffing Updates:

- Kelly Harcus is now established as our Play Practitioner. She is in school 10 hours per week, and at the moment supports P1/2, P2/3/4 and P4/5/6/. I have asked that she takes time to think about resources we have, and to consider any new resources she would find beneficial to support learning through play. We will allocate money from the school funds to support this.
- Our clerical post had to be re-advertised, interviews have been set and we hope to have someone in this post after the Easter Holidays. Alison Jackson and Katherine Sandison are doing an excellent job supporting the school at the moment.
- In ELC, we have been allocated some additional hours to support children with ASN. Isabelle Moss is working on a supply basis, as is Caroline Manson. Ashley Obern has picked up an additional 2 days as support worker too.

2. Building Updates

There has been some progress on what is happening with the building. We have identified a suitable area that can be converted easily to a changing room for children that require personal care. A changing bed will be ordered around Easter time, and will be in place well before the start of the school year in August.

In an email dated 18.2.25 from Emma Sandison, a further update on progress was shared: *"The budget for the business case is going to P&R on Thursday and then to full council next week so fingers crossed we can start planning the other work soon."*

I hope to hear a further update in the coming weeks.

3. School Year 2024/25

Our projected school roll stands at 101, which could potentially mean we will need a 5th classroom. The deadline for P1 deferrals is 15th March, so until this point, I am unable to make plans for the next school year.



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Learning provision

- Primary 7 have enjoyed a series of 3 sessions at Sandwick Junior High School, accessing PE and Home Ec. Lessons.
- Our pupil council are busy planning a recipe book to raise funds for outdoor equipment, they also are in charge of spending £1500 towards our library. This funding has come from the Hoswick Educational Trust, which Jillian Mouat has supported us in getting.

Successes and achievements

- Our Christmas performances went very well this year, with ALL children from P1-P7 being present. The reduction to one show seemed to work well, with a nice full hall.
- We had a series of well attended parent lunches
- Our P5-7 netball team are playing well in the primary league this year, we have a strong and enthusiastic team, all ably helped by our community volunteers.
- P5-7 have also had the opportunity to join in with a cluster football club, where they train together as well as compete in the primary league.
- Joan Smith has been running some after school table tennis clubs too, which have been well attended.