

# High Blantyre Primary School Parent Council

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 18:00

## 1. Welcome and apologies - Chair.

The Chair, Susan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were recorded and noted as detailed below:

### In attendance

Susan Lindner-Kelly (Chair)	Cara Rice (Vice Chair/ Treasurer)	Mrs Helsby (Head Teacher)
Alan Rothead	Mrs Ferguson (DHT)	Ms McKinlay (PT)
Mrs Mclean (Teacher)	Margaret Dickson (Nursery Team Leader)	Stephanie Meiklem (Team Leader)

### Apologies

Danielle Barnes (Secretary)	Kirsty Gospage	Scott Fletcher
Nadine Wilson	Fiona McMillan	Jane Paterson
Lauren Paterson (Vice Treasurer)	Julie McCallum	Jill McDade
Jane Stewart	Ali O'Donnell	Kerrin Mccafferty (Nursery)
Cllr Maureen Chalmers	Cllr Mo Razzaq	Cllr Bert Thomson

## 2. Approval of draft minutes of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Susan reviewed the actions from the previous meeting, and the following was highlighted: -

- a) **Playground equipment-** Susan had briefly spoken with Derek Leckie, to ask if he could provide information on what base would be required for a structure in the junior playground. Mrs Ferguson said that she had managed to secure other funding for a structure. Susan suggested that the previous funding is still progressed.  
**Action: Susan and Mrs Ferguson to discuss out with meeting.**
- b) **School ties for new primary one's-** Clarity sought regarding the total amount of primary ties donated by the Parent Council. We have around 8 senior ties and at least 20 in the cupboard. It is too early to confirm numbers yet. The nursery have 12 ties however, it's a mixture of traditional and elasticated. As it stands there are 31 children leaving the nursery this year. Placing requests won't be confirmed until 3 May 2026. **Action:** Nursery to confirm the number of ties required and for which schools once known  
**Ongoing**
- c) **Senior Uniform:** We have 33 Primary 5 pupils and an additional 15 pupils from ASN. A discussion took place around the significant cost of purchasing the senior school uniform this year, due to the class sizes. It will cost in the region of £1500 for the next two years. Blossoms have agreed to provide a

generous discount if we do purchase uniform this year, but the discount would only be for this year, allowing the Parent Council to carry out additional fundraising for future years. Mrs Helsby explained that she wanted to continue with the senior school uniform as it makes a difference within the school. **Action: Susan and Cara to arrange fitting of blazers, Mrs Ferguson to liaise with parents re polo/blazer.**

- d) **150<sup>th</sup> Year School Anniversary:** Mrs Helsby explained that this was almost ready to be shared with parents, only a few parents still to consent that they are happy for the video to be released, with their children's identity concealed.
- e) **ASN Fundraising:** No new parents/carers have come forward to join the Parent Council, but Mrs Ferguson will keep working on this, with an update to be given at the next meeting. **Action: Ongoing**
- f) **Greenhouse:** Alan has recently had knee surgery, so can not work on the greenhouse for at least 4 weeks, **Action: Ongoing**
- g) **Benches:** Alan will look at costs for building benches.
- h) **Halloween Disco/Spring Fling:** A Carrigans voucher was purchased for George and Amy as a thanks for DJing at our discos, Danielle was thanked for arranging this.
- i) **Nursery:** Bonnie and Grumble Bee have still to visit the nursery to read a book. Margaret to contact Community Payback for support with nursery playground. Alan agreed to look at the trim trail when he has recuperated. Scott was thanked for taking soil over to the nursery playground, with BSA being thanked for allowing him to take their soil. The Parent Council will provide a balloon arch for the nursery leavers, in the theme, 'golden'. **Action: Ongoing**
- j) **Books:** It was agreed that Parent Councillors would be asked if they could help with scanning the remaining library books. Mrs Sliman to source a Chromebook or similar for this purpose. **Action: Ongoing**
- k) **Community Wish List:** Susan advised that our 'wishes' have yet to be transferred on to the new platform. **Action: Ongoing**
- l) **Playground design:** - Susan has emailed Jo Gilles and awaits a response. **Action: Ongoing**
- m) **Inflatables:** Cara confirmed that she purchased an additional inflatable for Easter
- n) **Christmas items:** It was agreed that the Parent Council would use the online platform to generate funds for Christmas and Leavers. Susan advised that more money would be raised if we provided designs early, meaning that initial designs would need to be in by end of September. The school agreed to support this. The Parent Council will consider how this can be used for Leavers as well as Christmas. Louise was thanked for bringing this idea to the Parent Council. **Action: Ongoing**

The draft minutes were approved by Cara and seconded by Alan.

### 3. Head Teacher Report

Susan thanked Mrs Helsby for the Head Teacher Report that was circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was agreed that the Parent Council would fund £500 of activities for Health Week.

**Action:** The Parent Council will give a letter to Mrs Dickson for the co-op, requesting support with bananas and water.

### 4. Funding

Susan thanked Cara, for producing the comprehensive financial reports. Cara highlighted the following:

- a) **Easy fundraising:** £62.36 cleared for payment in May with £294.17 awaiting clearance. **Action:** Cara continuing to promote on social media. **Ongoing**
- b) **Rainbow Raffle:** The dress down day for this will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. **Action: Cara to order tickets and create posters**

### 5. Events

Susan thanked everyone who volunteers to help with various events

- a) **PVGs:** Cara will add a poll into the WhatsApp chat to confirm how many members of the Parent Council have a PVG. Louise advised she will e-mail the office to arrange hers. **Update: All PVG'S have now been submitted, currently 10 PC members who hold PVG's.**
- b) **P7 Leavers:** Cara asked for final numbers for the Sea Life Centre trip, confirmed 28 children and 6 staff. Cara advised that the Photobooth, Ice cream van, 360 video, bouncy castle and Church Hall had all been booked. **Action: Ongoing**

### 6. Any other business - None

### Date of next meeting

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and advised that our next meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 26<sup>TH</sup> May 2026..