



Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce Comhairle nam Pàrant - 2mh den
Ghearran 2026 19:00-20:00

Parent Council Minutes 2nd February 2026 - 19:00-20:00

1) Fàilte agus facal tòisich bho na Cathraichean - Welcome from the Chairs

Welcome from chairs.

2) Gnothaichean ag èirigh agus aontachadh geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh mu dheireadh - Minutes of the previous meeting & matters arising

Accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Proposed by Rachel Tullo and seconded by Heather McGibbon.

3) Aithris a' cheannard - Headteacher Update

Pastoral Care Contacts

Karen Reid - Sgoil-àraich, C1 & C2

Sineag MacIntrye - C4, C5, C6

Laura Stewart - C3 & C7 & Support for learning

- Reminder to label all items so that lost property can be returned
- Staffing:
 - Ongoing vacancies, 2 EYPs, C1 EYP. Recruited on PSA, and one PSA is on a leave of absence, who will return after Easter.
 - Next session: 3 Teacher vacancies (2 suitable for PRTs a.k.a new teachers/probationers)
- Session 2026/27
 - 98 prospective pupils enrolled for C1
 - Deferrals and placing request are still to be deducted
 - Based on historical data, we will be at 75 by August



- 3 x C1, which is one less than this year
- Our staffing allocation is due from the council shortly, this will allow us to plan classes for next session
- Reading Schools Week
 - This week, 2-6th February
 - First ever Reading Schools Week, a five-day extravaganza designed to celebrate the activity taking place in Reading school
 - Each day of the week has a theme
- Safer Internet Day 10th February 2026
 - Theme is about smart tech, exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.
 - Resources are produced for different ages
 - This is something that happens every year
 - This Thursday, C6 have an information session, on supporting learning with the ipad
- Seachdain na Gaidhlig 23rd Feb- 1 March
 - There is Use it or Lose it - Cleachd i no Caill I
- School Clubs
 - Swimming, cricket, rugby ongoing (different year groups get a different activity)
 - Gaelic Football about to start
 - Multisports and netball run by C7
 - Gymnastics, Choir, board games, knitting, chess and warhammer running at lunch with teachers
- Gaidhlig Engagement Afternoon
 - We want to replicate something that was done two years ago
 - This will be similar, but will run a full afternoon session, on Friday
 - There will be more workshops this time
 - Provisionally 27th March, confirmation to follow soon
- Leasan Gaidhlig airson Parantan - The last Wednesday of every month
- Cafaidh Gaidhlig - Last Friday of every month
- All dates can be accessed on the school website
- School finishes on **Thursday 2nd April, at the usual finish times, 14.45 (C1-2) & 15.20 (C3-C7)**

4)Aithris a' chathraiche - PC Chairs Update

Update by Nerissa Drennan-Lang.

There has been a slow down recently, especially with the decision to cancel the Fèill Nollaig. Thank you to Rachel, Victoria, Slavka, Liz and all others who gave their time to salvage what could be. Despite the lack of event, we still made a good amount of money, which will go to support school events.



There is a parental engagement meeting this week, which is a city-wide meeting with other parent councils and the council. One of the items to be discussed is iPads and ASN provision, where there are not enough teachers to fully support this.

There has been no interest in replacing Caroline and Nerissa and chairs at the AGM next month, so we would like to take stock, to find out how to get more people engaged. We plan to do a survey on how parents would like to engage with the parent council.

We also hope to increase the amount of events, and increase the range of people who participate in the organisation of the events.

Anyone who would like to be engaged in the parent council should get in touch with us.

5) Aithris an ionmhasair - Treasurer update

BALANCE SHEET AS AT	31 Dec 2025	
BANK BALANCE brought forward 01 Jan 2025	£16,669.16	
add income	£22,513.54	
less expenditure	-£24,997.96	
BANK BALANCE at 31 Dec 2025	£14,184.74	
Pending Income balances 31 Dec 2025		
Sumup	£736.13	57.87 Feill + 678.26 Christmas concerts
Stripe	£0.00	
Paypal	£13.96	
Pending Payout (Debtors)	£750.09	
Gross Assets	£14,934.83	
Ring Fenced Funds		
Winter Small Sums Scheme 2023	£3,770.38	Small Sums awards from Winter 2023
Spring Small Sums Scheme 2025	£356.94	Small Sums awards from Spring 2025
Small Sums Scheme 2025-2026 school year	£1,906.32	Earmarked to be responsive to eligible Small Sums projects <£250
Inclusion Fund 2025	£1,172.50	To be updated as drawn down by school
Funds for Gaelic cultural workshops	£300.00	To be updated as drawn down by school
Gaelic cafe donations for school	£118.68	Card payments received on behalf of school
BnaG Funds for Gaelic Classes	£15.00	Residual after being drawn down by tutors
BnaG grant	£1,173.00	Grant held on behalf of school
Ring Fenced Funds (Liabilities)	£8,812.82	
Estimated PC Uncommitted Funds (Net Assets)	£6,122.01	

The above accounts are final for the financial year January to December 2025. Between now and the AGM, they will be independently reviewed. With many thanks to Gareth Walton for volunteering. Recommend voting on use of the surplus at the AGM, after review.



Since last meeting, main income and expenditure have been final amounts for Halloween event, giving final profit of £467, and the Christmas activities, which made £2,800 profit despite the cancellation of the main fèill event. All already committed expenses deducted have been or will be used in future, so nothing was wasted.

Formal accounts haven't yet been done for January, but the final Christmas income reached our account as well as a delayed annual payment from Edinburgh Council. In addition, we paid invoices for the remainder of the BnaG grant held on behalf of school, and are holding the next grant for Seachdain na Gàidhlig.

The new format Smalls Sums Scheme has supported games and activities for the Young Carers Group at school and funded sports tops for the Cross Country event, which will be stored at school for future similar events.

6) Classlist Policies

Classlist is kind

Our mission is to be the most trusted space for your parent community.

This is the place for:

- Sharing useful information
- Organising events
- Including all school parents
- Respecting privacy of families, personal details and posts

This is not the place for:

- Complaints or grievances about the school or people
- Promotions or spam

• Misuse of contact details

When posting and commenting,

Classlist members are:

- Courteous
- Authentic
- Respectful
- Engaging
- Supportive

7) Safeguarding



Update from Heather McGibbon. Due to new legislation, the Parent Council now has to PVG all volunteers, including helping out with the Fèill. If you plan on volunteering or already have, please get in touch, and a PVG check can be performed.

Having a pool of PVG checked people also means that the school can also use the same people without doing their own PVG checks, which costs the school money.

The PC does not need to pay for the PVG checks.

safeguarding@parantantaobhnairce.org.uk

If you also have any concerns about safeguarding during a specific event, please get in touch with Heather.

8) ASN Support

Last year an ASN support group was set up. We have had some coffee mornings in school, which recently have not been well attended, and the initial impetus has died down.

We are looking to revive this, and would like this to be led by parents who have an interest in ASN provision within the school, and assisting their children at home.

9) Togail Airgid agus Tachartasan - Fundraising and Events

We are starting to think about the Fèill Samhradh, which will be on the 12th June 2026. We are looking for people to help organise, find volunteers and run the events for this already.

We are hoping to get new ideas for new events, with different activities.

We have a large parent body, and would like to use all of their skills.

Chairs will be involved in helping events run, as a sounding board, or help on the day, but the chairs will no longer be directly involved in the organising of the events.

10) AOB

11) Dèitichean nan Coinneamhan ri Thighinn - Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be on the 11th March 2026 at 19.00. This will be the AGM.