



Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce Comhairle nam Pàrant - 11mh den Chèitean 2026 19:00-20:00

Parent Council Minutes 11th March 2026 - 19:00-20:00

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

Welcome from chairs.

2) Aithris a' chathraiche - PC Chairs Update

For the AGM, there are many updates that have been produced, which have been made available to all in advance. This is just an update on the Gaelic Life Working Group, which is a group of people interested in Gaelic education across the city, including the council. This looks at the future of GME in Edinburgh.

The plan is to undertake a consultation, however after the last meeting, the aims of the committee still need to be ascertained.



Another important point, there are a huge number of people who are involved in various groups to make things better for our children, and a reiteration of thanks to all those who take part.

3) 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 Lynda Haughney and seconded by Nerissa Drennan-Lang.

A report was produced ahead of time, with updates from associated interest groups and clubs, on the events of the past year. This was circulated to the parent body a week in advance. This report needs to be accepted. Proposed by Frances and seconded by Lynda Haughney.

The report is separate, but shared with the parent body alongside these minutes.

4) 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

- School finishes on **Thursday 2nd April, at the usual finish times, 14.45 (C1-2) & 15.20 (C3-C7)**

Lost property

There is still a lot of lost property, please label everything.

Staffing

Ongoing vacancies, the same as before, 2 EYPs and a C1 EYP. We have recruited one PSA, who is also able to cover the office, as it is Marc who has returned. One PSA on a leave of absence, returning after Easter.

We have requested 3 teacher vacancies for next year, 2 of which are suitable for PRTs (equivalent of probationers)

Central recruitment took place on 27th March including Gaelic speaking candidates, and Laura Stewart and Karen Reid spent the afternoon interviewing candidates. Candidates



won't hear back until the end of May about whether they have been successful in the role. Due to our unique position, we can choose more who we hire.

Session 26/27

Currently 85 enrolled for C1. This has dropped from the last time, which was at 98, this is because deferrals and placing requests have started to be deducted. We are currently planning for 75 pupils, which is equivalent to 3 C1 classes.

17 classes in total, same as this year

Total roll inc sgoil-araich 442, potentially one composite class $\frac{2}{3}$.

- How is classing decided?

The number of classes is decided based on the number of pupils already enrolled and the predicted C1 intake. The council manages allocation centrally, to ensure that deferrals and placing requests are taken into account.

Usually most schools know by June, however the Gaelic school, this has sometimes changed up until August and the October break.

- Factors considered in classing reorganisation
 - Regardless of the type of class, the same selection criteria is used for all classes in school
 - Meeting learners needs
 - Age (stage appropriate)
 - Friendships
 - Gender balance
 - Exceptional circumstances

Not all criteria need to be used, but more than one criterion must be used. The specific criteria chosen will vary between schools and within school years. Professional judgement will be used to best meet the needs of learners in school.

Gaidhlig Engagement Afternoon for Parents

This is on **Friday 27th March 13.00-14.30**.

There will be

- Reading
- C7 What next (JGHS C3-C6)
- Phonics
- PEEPS
- Gaelic Bookbugs
- Gaelic Song for Early years and C2-C7
- Gaelic and Multilingualism
- Empowered Learning (delivered by C7)

There are more workshops than the last time this event was held. An email will be sent out this week with a short description on what each session entails, allowing you to choose up to 3. We are hoping for good attendance



In school regular events

Cafaidh Gaidhlig

Last Friday of the month 9.30 Talla Bidh

Leasan Gaidhlig airson Parantan

Last Wednesday of every month, per class

5) Aithris an ionmhasair - Treasurer update

Income and Expenditure Account

2024	Income	2025	Notes
£583.70	School Lottery	£548.07	
£257.89	Easy Fundraising	£281.28	
£336.90	Donations via Paypal	£252.21	
	ASDA Cashpot	£214.63	
	Stikins commission	£20.61	
£187.11	Uniform Swap, preloved toy and bake sale	£481.23	
£1,214.16	Christmas Cards Income	£1,269.74	
£4,981.73	Fèill Samhraidh	£4,384.03	
£0.00	Bank Charges and Cashback	£0.07	
£163.41	Family Ceilidh	£23.45	
£1,005.58	Halloween Party	£927.04	
£697.00	Edinburgh Council	£0.00	To be received January 2026
£2.00	Benmore C7 Fundraising 23/24	£0.00	
£429.50	Benmore C7 Fundraising 24/25	£0.00	
£10.00	Fèill Nollaig Previous year	£46.27	
£6,224.29	Fèill Nollaig Current year	£2,454.64	Event cancelled due to widespread illness, but raffle went ahead
£197.50	Adult Gaelic Classes Donations	£0.00	



£182.96	Book sale and Christmas refreshments 2024	£151.38	
£375.00	Macauley Lock Leaving Gift		
£1,800.00	BnaG Adult Gaelic Classes (grant)		
	Christmas concerts 2025	£236.67	
	Christmas trees	£82.79	
	C1 event	£33.00	
	Gaelic cafe	£513.62	
	Playground fundraising	£7,608.49	
	Teacher leaving gifts	£396.32	
	BnaG grant	£2,588.00	
£18,648.73	Total	£22,513.54	



Income and Expenditure Account

2024	Expenditure	2025	Notes
£2,829.62	Small Sums Scheme	£1,408.74	
£848.09	Fèill Samhraidh Running Costs	£275.77	
£4,133.64	Fèill Samhraidh Donation to School Fund	£4,108.26	
£86.26	PC Website	£187.96	
£53.69	Bank Charges and Cashback	£27.20	
£80.00	School Staff Party Contribution	£92.00	
£20.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	£81.65	
	Family Ceilidh	£27.25	Refunds for event cancelled due to storm
£521.54	Halloween Party	£460.34	
£50.71	Benmore C7 Fundraising 23/24		
	Benmore C7 Fundraising 24/25	£429.50	
£4,127.94	Previous year Fèill Nollaig Donation to School Fund	£5,180.60	
	Previous year Fèill Nollaig Running Costs	£67.08	
£1,022.78	Current year Fèill Nollaig Running Costs	£706.58	Costs committed before cancellation. Goods have or will be used.
£73.50	Book sale and Christmas refreshments		
£1,527.50	Inclusion Fund	£300.00	
£609.00	C1 School Jumpers Current year	£1,100.00	More classes than previously
£425.24	TnP Ceann-bliadhna		
£373.00	Macaulay Lock Leaving Gift		
£1,065.00	BnaG Adult Gaelic Classes	£720.00	
	Christmas concerts 2025	£3.30	
	Gaelic cafe	£394.94	
	Playground fundraising	£7,608.49	
	ASN morning	£15.30	
	Teacher leaving gifts	£388.00	
	BnaG grant	£1,415.00	
£17,847.51	Total	£24,997.96	

-£801.2	Excess of Income over Expenditure	-£2,484.42
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Balance Sheet

2024	Assets	2025	Notes
£16,669.16	Current Account Balance	£14,184.74	
£151.38	Debtors - Sumup	£736.13	
£69.72	Debtors - Stripe	£0.00	
£23.37	Debtors - Paypal	£13.96	
£16,913.63	Total	£14,934.83	
2024	Liabilities and Restricted Funds	2025	
£5,180.60	Fèill Nollaig Profit to be transferred to School Funds		To be decided due to cancelled event
£67.18	Fèill Nollaig expenses		
£17.50	Spring Small Sums Scheme 2023		
£4,143.13	Winter Small Sums Scheme 2023	£3,770.38	
	Spring Small Sums Scheme 2025	£356.94	
	Small Sums Scheme 2025-2026 school year	£1,906.32	
£300.00	Funds for Gaelic cultural workshops	£300.00	
£429.50	Benmore C7 Fundraising		
-£27.50	Inclusion Fund	£1,172.50	
£735.00	BnaG Funds for Gaelic Classes	£15.00	
£3,167.98	iPad storage		
	Gaelic cafe	£118.68	
	BnaG grant	£1,173.00	
£14,013.39	Total	£8,812.82	
£2,900.24	Net Assets	£6,122.01	

Represented by:		
£15,867.94	Bank Balance at beginning of year	£16,669.16
-£801.22	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	-£2,484.42
£16,669.16	Bank Balance at Year End	-£14,184.74



Finalised the accounts since the last meeting, as shown above. They have been audited by Gareth Walton, thank you to him.

2026 accounts so far

BALANCE SHEET AS AT	10 Mar 2026	
BANK BALANCE brought forward 01 Jan 2026	£14,184.74	
add income	£4,388.65	
less expenditure	-£2,091.02	
BANK BALANCE at 10 Mar 2026	£16,482.37	
Pending Income balances 10 Mar 2026		
Sumup	£0.00	
Stripe	£0.00	
Paypal	£0.00	
Pending Payout (Debtors)	£0.00	
Gross Assets	£16,482.37	
Ring Fenced Funds		
Winter Small Sums Scheme 2023	£3,770.38	Small Sums awards from Winter 2023
Spring Small Sums Scheme 2025	£168.94	Small Sums awards from Spring 2025
Small Sums Scheme 2025-2026 school year	£1,648.92	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
BnaG Funds for Gaelic Classes	£15.00	Residual after being drawn down by tutors
BnaG grant	£357.80	Grant held on behalf of school
SnaG grant	£810.00	Grant held on behalf of school
Ring Fenced Funds (Liabilities)	£8,243.54	
Estimated PC Uncommitted Funds (Net Assets)	£8,238.83	

The main PC income was from Christmas cards and an expected payment from Edinburgh City Council, and the main expenditure has been supporting Small Sums Scheme projects.

A reminder that the Small Sums Scheme now operates on a continual basis. Apply using the online form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yn14fnb_nUOSwaUTjQ1iCOFvUlgaKBJKnIz4It_gG5UQIZEOUQ0R1EwODFLVksZN1RYUIVNMkc4UC4u

We have also received grants on behalf of the school and paid grant-related invoices.

Transfer to school funds

Last year PC transferred to school £5,180 from the previous Christmas fair and £4,180 from the summer fair. Funds transferred to school have been used for iPad storage and its installation, workshops, sports day ice cream, uniform fund, and installation of the playground in addition to the PC's 2025 fundraising specifically for the playground.

We usually use the AGM to confirm the amount of funds to be transferred to the school, for them to use for various activities. Further funds remain in the Parent Council to pay for ring-fenced funds, and have a balance to pay out for running costs and up-front costs for events.



Based on the amounts provided, the recommendation from the treasurer is to transfer half the surplus from 2025 to the school, which would total £3,061. This amount is slightly more than the profit from the Christmas activities to get closer to what would have been expected at this time of year, had the fair gone ahead, but leaving some funds to be able to top up the inclusion and Small Sums funds later in the year.

Question from Beathag, could the school provide us with a breakdown of what the school would use the funds for?

Laura Stewart cannot speculate exactly on what the funds might be spent on, but a recent transfer was used to invite someone to school to do activities within the school, which was excellent value for money.

Further information from Amanda and Nerissa specified that there is a School Funding Committee that meets, that decides what school money could be spent on. There are a number of parent representatives on this committee.

Proposed by Nerissa Drennan-Lang and seconded Kim Birtley to transfer the proposed money of £3061 to the school, following the treasurer's recommendation.

6) Election of Parent Council Officers

Office bearers must be reelected at the AGM, are there any other people who are interested in standing. Otherwise, we reelect the current people, and would request a proposer and seconder for each.

Election of parent council officers as follows:

- **Nerissa Drennan-Lang and Caroline Daye as co-chairs** - Proposed by Frances Ducat and seconded by Laura Stewart
- **Amanda Waite as Treasurer** - Proposed by Laura Stewart and seconded by Frances Ducat
- **Victoria Clerck as Secretary** - Proposed by Nerissa Drennan-Lang and seconded by Frances Ducat
- **Heather McGibbon as Safeguarding Officer** - Proposed by Frances Ducat and seconded by Nerissa Drennan-Lang

7) ASN Support annual report

Over the past year, an ASN group has been meeting regularly within the school, discussing topics such as dyslexia and hosting a visit from the Yard's EDAN Hub to share resources and expertise. There has also been a consultation with Edinburgh City Council on how to



make the services available to all children and families—including those with ASN—easier to find on their website. Recommendations from parents were taken on board during this process that we were part of and have since been implemented.

8) Club Taileasg - Chess club

The club is doing very well: up to 6 or 7 children attend the p7 session and between about 16 and 32 children attend the p4 to p6 session. There's a lot of enthusiasm.

Our aim is to strike a balance between keeping the club fun and relaxed for everyone, with regular coaching segments, while now also preparing some of the children to take part in competitive events.

About 20 pupils have now had experience of entering either team or individual tournaments held by Lothian Junior Chess. We were delighted to tie in first place for Best School in the P7 and Under category in November.

A few children are due to enter the UK Chess Challenge later this month, and we've invited two schools - Sciennes Primary and Bun-sgoil Baile a' Ghobhainn - to take part in separate chess contests with us in June.

We still miss having the use of the old library. At present we use one of the p5 classrooms, which isn't always ideal - especially when it's Indoor Breaktime - but we make it work!

Earlier week I submitted an application to the Small Sums Scheme for funding for tournament-standard equipment, and the summer events, and am waiting to hear back about that. The large vertical chess board and the chess clocks that Small Sums paid for last year are well used every week! I'm also applying to Bord na Gaidhlig for funding for the GME event.

9)Upcoming Events - Feill Samhradh

We are looking for organisers and volunteers for the Feill that is on the 12th June. Please get in touch with us or Becka Gauld to help during this.

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

The date of the next meeting will be on **Monday the 30th March 2026 at 19.00.**