



# HERMITAGE PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

## HPPC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 6.00pm

### **PRESENT:**

Paul Mulvenna (Acting Head Teacher)  
 Lynda McMurdo (Acting Head Teacher)  
 Gareth Beale (Co-Chair)  
 Angela McCann (Treasurer)  
 Lisa Walker (Secretary)  
 Sarah Johnansen  
 Nadia Thomson  
 Lizzie Donaldson  
 Vicky Brindley  
 Jill Peacock  
 Kathy Mather  
 Eilidh Webster  
 Jo Le Good

### **APOLOGIES:**

Hannah McBride  
 Julie Ann Powell  
 Anthony Robson  
 Carol Ormiston  
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 Rhona Fleming  
 Kristy Muir  
 Kirsty Eastman  
 Nicole Beale

### 1. WELCOME / APOLOGIES

### 2. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (04/02/26) – approved

### 3. PARENT COUNCIL REPORTS

- **TREASURER** by Angela McCann  
 \***See attached report**

Spring disco made £460 profit from the bake sale and tuck shop. There has been £2,700 spent on new books for the library and paint. £2,400 has been spent on make do kits and planters for the playground. P1 Book bags have been bought and P7 leavers presents of ties and scientific calculators will be bought before end of term. There is no committed expenditure and the quiz and fair are still to go ahead in the coming weeks. The lottery account and HPPC account have a combined current total of £9,000. There has been £6,000 profit and £6,000 spent so far this school year.



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- **HPPC LOTTERY** by Vicky Brindley  
Hermitage Primary School – Parent Council  
Hive Prize Report (May Meeting)  
Since our last Parent Council meeting, the Hive Prize continues to perform well and shows steady growth.  
The Hive Prize increased from £270 in November to £300 in January then to £315 in March and April. May looks like it might dip a little - will know more in the next week as some payments are late coming in

The current Hive Prize balance stands at £6304.97

Current Challenge (still)

We are experiencing some difficulty with families following through after making initial enquiries. In most cases, the issue is that a standing order has not been set up, which prevents them from fully joining the Hive Prize.

Also still looking for someone to support the Hive Prize draw to work alongside Vicky.  
Also to potentially take it in from August for the next school year.

#### 4. **ACTING HEAD TEACHERS REPORT** by Paul Mulvenna and Lynda McMurdo

Paul said a message could go out via the office for someone to assist Vicky with the lottery draw. The deutes produced an example of what each year group would be covering in term four and these would be put on the website for parents to look at. Vicky Brindley asked that the kit list for p7 residential be circulated to parents as it is on the website but most parents weren't aware this was there.

Lynda explained that money has been spent on the library and £2,000 spent on Oxford Reading books that will help build confidence in young readers. These books will be put into circulation in August and will be used from P1-P3. The fencer has been built and is now in place at the infant area of the playground and that loose parts that had been purchased were being used but more was required. Lizzie Donaldson asked if there was a list of items that was needed. Jo Le Good added the items would need to be durable.

Paul added there was a possibility of a tap being used for a hose at P2 and a mural on the wall. £50,000 was spent by the council on new furniture for the P1, P2 classrooms and their open area. Vicky Brindley asked if there was going to be money spent on things for P3-P7. Paul and Lynda explained they were doing things bit by bit and want to finish the infant area before moving on to other areas of the school. Lynda hoped there would be funding for P3 classrooms to have the same furniture. Paul stated there was more on the radar within the school. Gareth said he felt money should be spent quickly on things that are needed as we have such a healthy bank balance. Sarah suggested that we issue out to parents what HPPC money is being used for. Vicky asked if Lisa and her could meet with the Deutes to discuss publicising spends.

Paul said they wish to push the reading culture and make use of the library that had now been painted by Mr McHardie. They were looking for rugs and Mrs Morrison along with some P7 librarians would be working on organising. Vicky suggested inviting Fiona Sharkey in to the school to look at the library. AR was discussed and it was questioned about whether the system was worthwhile.



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Miss Phillips is working on META skills with children. The astro turf in the playground is being timetabled and the school were looking for basketball hoops and goals so football could be played at lunchtimes.

Jo said outdoor learning was going well. P4 were completing their John Muir Award and P7 were doing a 10 week Carbon Literate Course. Hermitage are the second school in the area to receive this award. Orienteering Scotland have funded the mapping of Hermitage Park.

Paul and Lynda agreed to gather figures for what they wish to buy and feedback to HPPC. Vicky suggested the library could be fundraised for next year.

### 5. CHAIRS REPORT by Gareth Beale

- Gareth said he had spoken to Simon Easton regarding the transitions of current Headship and the Focus Group that was happening that week with parents, staff and pupils and that the interviews would be on Friday. Paul and Lynda said they were doing well in their new roles but were feeling the pressure of going from a team of three to two.

Gareth reiterated the need to spend money on things that the school needed and once figures were produced from Paul and Lynda it would be put to a vote by all members.

### 6. EVENTS/FUNDRAISING

- Sarah confirmed the quiz was booked for 21<sup>st</sup> May at the Commodore and Stewart Maule would be the host. Raffle prizes were being sourced by members.
- Vicky said the Summer Fair was on 12<sup>th</sup> June and would be a celebration of pupil talent and a thank you to local businesses who had helped previously. Emergency services had been contacted and there would be games within the playground too.

### 7. AOB

- Jill spoke about the Name Tags initiative and said a poster had been sent to the office regarding this and would like it to be sent out to new P1 parents.
- Lizzie asked that a newsletter be issued before end of term.
- Lynda said there were 27 new P1's starting in August and buddies would be assigned this week.
- Lisa asked that Lockerbie information be sent to P7 parents the following week.
- Vicky asked that Seesaw be looked at for all year groups and Paul and Lynda agreed it would be.
- Lizzie reported that the Annex ground was now unable to move any further until 2027 but a bill had been passed for it to remain in the hands of education
- The next PAL day was to be confirmed to align with Summer Fair and P1 transition days

**NEXT MEETING – JUNE 2026**

**END OF MEETING**