



Parent Council

# Broomlands Primary School Parent Council

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## MINUTES

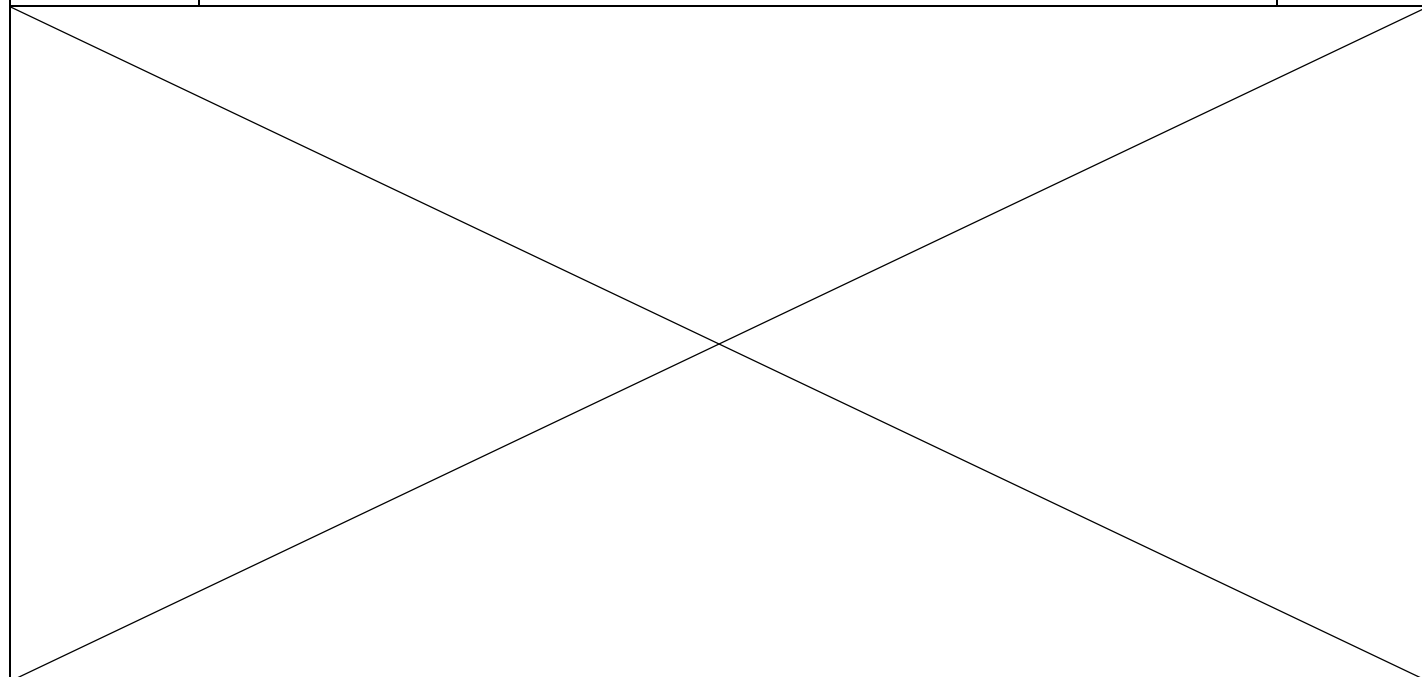
### Minutes from the Meeting of the General Committee of the Broomlands Primary School Parent Council. Held on 29 May 2025 in the School.

**Present:** Ala McInture, Avril Gibson (Acting Head Teacher), Christine Riley, Ellie Henderson, Jennifer Douglas, Joanna McNulty, Kelda Pearce, Lisa Haig, Lizzie Freeland-Cook, Lucy Wendt, Nikki Johnstone-Brown (Vice Chairperson) and Pam Guthrie (Chairperson)

**Forum/Guests** Cllr. Euan Robson & James Thom (Clerk)

Minute	Business	Action By
1	<b>WELCOME</b> Pam Guthrie, Chair, opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.	
2	<b>APPOLOGIES</b> Apologies were submitted on behalf of Ashley Wilson, Kinga Gomez, Louise Hewison and Cllr. Simon Mountford	
3	<b>MINUTES</b> The minutes, which were distributed to the members prior to the meeting were adopted as a true and accurate record on the proposal of Ala McIntyre which was seconded by Joanne McNulty	
4	<b>CHAIRPERSONS REPORT</b> Pam intimated that she was unable to attend the last PC Chairs Meeting but was aware of the communication around Parent Council Members, further information will be confirmed as and when it comes. Pam also reported that the last meeting discussed the engagement of parent council chairs and the Scottish Borders Improvement Plan.  Pam reported that the P7 leavers disco will take place on 11 June at Kelso High School, all arrangements are in place but additional helpers on the night would be welcomed.  Pam acknowledged and appreciated that social and fundraising committee have been working hard with some great plans in place and here sincere thanks to this dedicated group were recorded.  As this was Pam's last meeting, she thanked everyone for their help, dedication and support during her time a chair of the parent council. Pam has been a member of the Parent Council for 16 years.  There was a presentation made to Pam on behalf of the Broomlands Primary School Parent Council	
5	<b>HEADTEACHERS REPORT (attached)</b> Adam gave an update about the school and intimated that the children have been a credit to the school.  On Conclusion of his repot, Adam presented gifts to Pam as a token of the School's appreciation of her support during her time as a member of the Parent Council.	

6	<p><b>CLERKS BUSINESS</b> The clerk was pleased to report that there were no matters arising or correspondence.</p>	
7	<p><b>TEASURES REPORT</b> The Clerk confirmed that the accounts had been sent to the members vis email prior to the meeting. Ala gave an account of the financial situation of the Parent Council and reported that the school had received several donations.</p> <p>The Bank of Scotland have introduced bank charges, although not massive, they still become a cost to the PC. It was reported that other banks don't charge, however, it was the consensus that if one bank does it, the others will replicate this practice at some point.</p> <p>It was suggested that the teacher's presence and support would be welcomed at fundraising events. Adam reported that they could support if they so desired, but it would not be an expectation for them to attend as it is not included in their working time agreement.</p> <p>It was agreed that representatives from the Parent Council should be at the Parents Evening in November and the New P1s meeting to let the parents know what the parent council hopes to achieve. It was also agreed that we would need to look at other ways to get the support of other parents</p> <p>James suggested looking at the resources on Connects Website (include link here please) for fundraising ideas.</p>	
8	<p><b>PARENT FORUM</b> The Clerk reported that there were no matters arising from the Parent Forum</p>	
9	<p><b>SUBGROUPS</b> Fundraising: Arrangements are will in place for the Summer Fair. More helpers would be welcomed.</p> <p>Fruit Tuck Shop: Continues to be a success with finding in place, however, an appeal was made for more parent helpers</p>	
10	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b> The next meeting will be the AGM 18 September 2025 (Check Date) at 7pm in the School.</p>	
11	<p><b>CLOSE</b> The meeting was closed at 19:58.</p>	



# BROOMLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

## AGENDA

Chairperson: Pam Guthrie

- Welcome & Housekeeping
- Apologies
- Minutes from the last General Committee Meeting
- Matters arising from the above
- Chairperson's Business
- Head Teacher's Update
- Clerks Business & Correspondence
  - Matters Arising from the above
  - Seek permission to conduct routine business until the next meeting.
- Treasurer's Business
  - Update
  - Seek permission to conduct routine business until the next meeting.
- Parent Forum Business
- Sub-group Reports
- Diary Dates and Next Meeting Agenda Items (dates of future meetings).
- Close

**PLEASE NOTE: To prevent unnecessary waste, it is NOT our intention to print off any of the documents to be made available at the meeting, therefore, please may we respectfully request that you bring along your electronic devices should you wish to study the documents during the meeting, likewise, make your own arrangements to get them printed and recycled afterwards.**

Further information available from: James Thom (Clerk) on 01573 223 976



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## HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

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As we draw near to the end of another vibrant academic year at Broomlands Primary School, I am pleased to share with you a reflection and a summary of our progress and achievements.

The year ahead will see a notable development in our school structure. Due to continued growth in pupil numbers, we will be expanding to 11 classes across the school. As a result, there will be a significant shuffling of class groups, which has been managed thoughtfully to support the wellbeing and educational continuity of all our children. We have followed the SBC composite class policy in forming classes. We know how adaptable and open our children are to change and we thank you for your support throughout the transition.

### **Extra-curricular success**

It has been a particularly active and successful term regarding events both in and out of school. Over recent months we have had cross country, basketball and rugby events in which the children have excelled. The football league has been continuing in the background, and tomorrow we compete for the Morton Trophy, with an A, B and Girls side taking on our friends at Edenside. We are also benefiting from coaching from the cricket club and have a Kwik Cricket gala coming up soon. P3 children have had a new Bikeability course and our older children in P6 have the annual Bikeability course coming up soon. The P3-4 and P5-6 swimming galas are coming up on P6 were at the brilliant Countryside Day last week, and this week P5's were coding, music making and learning about the properties of gases in a brilliant day at the Inspire Festival. Our rotary teams had their best ever results, both qualifying for the regional finals, and the B team progressing to the district finals in Kirkintilloch. Participation has been enthusiastic and sportsmanship exemplary and I wanted to recognise all the pupils who have represented Broomlands so well and with such pride.

### **Staffing Update**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Ballantyne to our staff team, teaching alongside Mrs Burgher. We anticipate her being with us next session. She joins us with a wealth of experience and a passion for inclusive, engaging learning. We are confident she will make a fantastic contribution to our school community. Next year we anticipate having one newly qualified teacher and a deployment join our Broomlands team. We don't yet have any details of who these teachers will be but will let families know once we are informed. We are also able to return to having a music specialist teach some, but not all our classes next session.

### **Upcoming Events**

Looking ahead, we are excited about several upcoming school events. Of course, the annual summer fair has a new twist this year with Broomfest. Also, we have a moving up day planned for when P7 are at the High school for their transition days. We will have a P7 end-of-year leavers' assembly, which will be a chance to celebrate our P7 pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their educational journey. We have raised the profile of the schoolhouse system again this year, with a regular series of house competitions. This will culminate in our first Broomlands Highland Games next month. This will then allow us to collate the final tally house points for the year.

### **Reflections and Improvements**

This has been a positive and productive year for Broomlands Primary. We have seen improvements across the curriculum, continued to embed digital learning strategies, and made enhancements to our outdoor learning spaces, particularly the school garden. Pupil voice has been central to many school decisions, particularly through the wide range of pupil groups, and we are proud of the collaborative culture we are fostering. Looking ahead we will be focusing on developing enquiry-based learning in the middle and upper school, along with engaging with the local authority wide SBCWay in terms of curricular development. We currently have a small group working on developing problem-solving approaches regarding maths and numeracy. We will also be gathering evidence in the coming month to support an application for a Digital Schools Award. Miss Scott is leading this. Over the summer we hope to have a replacement fence for the P1/2 outdoor play area installed. This is long overdue and will be very welcome by children and staff.

As always, the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils, and the support from our families have been the foundation of our success this year. Thank you for being a part of the Broomlands community.

Finally, on a personal and professional level, I want to pay tribute to Pam's long and dedicated commitment to the school, not just in her role as chair of the parent council, but also in a far wider sense, with her calm and sensible support for myself and Avril and her dedication to this school. I will very much miss your presence and your positivity Pam, and I send you every good wish for the future. Thank you for all your hard work and kindness. And please thank Euan for the many, many, barbecues he has toiled over!

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

**Adam Lindsay – Headteacher**  
**Broomlands Primary School**  
**29 May 2025**

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