

Woodside Primary Parent Council

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Parent Council Meeting – Minutes

Wednesday 21st January 2026, 7-830pm
Woodside Primary School

In Attendance: Ali Gibson, Barry Naismith, Brooke Thomson, Cllr Celine Handibode, Cllr Gavin Keatt, Cllr John Ross, David Winton, Eileen McKellar, Elaine Renwick, Gillian Anderson, Jen McLarnon, Jennifer Beattie, Jonny Simpson, Kelly Cook, Kenneth Stark, Lara Lorenzini, Laura Swift, Sakhya Rashid, Tammy Evans

Apologies: Elizabeth Fletcher, Tracy Hardy

Introduction and Welcome – Barry Naismith

Previous Minutes & Actions – Ali Gibson

Previous minutes from 19th November 2025 approved.

Previous Actions:

- Twinkle Auto renew has taken place
- Parental Support Group took place on Fri 2 Dec. No attendance. Will reassess.
- School Facebook Account launching soon. Updated will follow from the school.

Treasurer's Update – Jonny Simpson

We are still welcoming any fundraising ideas.

£693 in from celebration cards.

Bank balance healthy.

PVGs & Parent Helpers Update – Jen McLarnon

50 PVGS are now through and Jen has set up a PVG email group. We have a healthy number of people we can rely on.

Still waiting on a handful. Jen will chase these up.

February Discos 26th February – Jonny Simpson

Jen will send an email asking for helpers.

P7 Hoodies – Jonny Simpson

Colour has been chosen.

Letters have been sent out to parents. They have until 30 Jan to return.

All sizes are in and we can start the process with Scotcrest. Jonny will action.

Summer Fayre 5 June 6-8pm – Barry Naismith

We are setting up a committee. Ali will organise a committee meeting.

Parents are asking for more activities and something fresh. Interest in bringing back some traditional events which are quick and easy. Ali will put out a survey asking for feedback and ideas from families and seek some input from the school children. Ideas raised this evening include the Men's Shed making us something, dance teachers, fire service, beekeeping association, army cadets, St Andrews first aid, running our own toy stall with an enterprise group of children.

Bikeability – Jen McLarnon

We are officially offering Level 1 Bikeability so no activity on the road. Feedback that the children were nervous as it was only a single day on the road.

Schedule reduced to 4 weeks to make it easier for parents and helpers. This will be on Wednesdays in March before lunch.

Councillor's Update

Gavin updated that housing is the biggest issue coming up at the moment.

SLC budget is now set. New Director of Education in place. They are looking at putting systems in place as there are a large number of children with additional support needs in the new P1 intake. They are looking at a new vision which has had good feedback.

Looking into changing funding for education. This is at the very early stages.

Remains uncertainty around teachers reduced class contact time.

Hamilton Town Centre funding for improvements in place. Can already see some positive difference.

John updated that there is a cross party working group to discuss budget with some intense discussions happening over the next 3 or 4 weeks.

Answered parents question about there being no crossing patroller in place: He is due back on Mon 26th. If he will be off longer they will get a replacement. The school informed via parents portal about the absence. Parents feedback about a near miss with a child and a car, parking being more problematic as cones are not out, parking in the bus bay and asked why there is no back up plan for sickness.

Headteachers Update – Elaine Renwick

Thank you for all the Christmas treats for Festive Fun Day.

Parking: Letters were put out re Laburnum Lea before Christmas. Feedback from parents that parents are shouting at each other, it is becoming quite hostile at times, quite wild. Cllr Gavin raised the possibility of asking for a mobile police camera for a temporary period as it is more related to anti-social behaviour. Police have previously advised to get reg plate and call police.

For the new term, contact has been made with all new P1 families.

Pupil Voice Groups and Masterclasses are back. The children have made their choices.

Reports go out this month.

Changed homework last term, Will gather stats and feedback to publish to parent body.

Young Leaders of Learning. Is a team of 8 children paired up with Chatelherault and Auchinraith. The children will visit each others schools to learn from them and bring any new ideas.

Putting out a parent questionnaire tomorrow focused on core questions.

Reading Week coming up. As well as Children's Mental Health Week and Equities Day.

Any Other Business

None

Next Parent Council Meeting – AGM Wednesday 18th March