

KILLERMONT PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes 1 September 2025 (Draft)

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: CD, AM, RS, RJ, SM, CH, Cllr Gallagher, SR, GS, JH, CL, LM, FM

Apologies: KT, JK, RD

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were agreed. The information about the mobile phone consultation was appended.

3. Other matters arising

Heading

- A parent queried the rules regarding punishment in relation to fights in the playground. FM confirmed that the consequences would be dependant on the circumstances. The school follows Scottish Government guidelines in dealing with such instances. Exclusion tends not to be appropriate but risk levels would be considered and alternative break/lunch times and supervision implemented if appropriate. Ensuring pupils feel safe in school is the priority.

Afterschool clubs

- Parents queried if after school clubs could continue to be run when the Milngavie PS after school provision is being housed in KPS. The school gym hall and MUGA are in sole use of KPS for after school clubs so clubs can continue. Lets for the PTA could be impacted, though with the adjustments of timings all PTA activities will continue. Discussions are underway with the active schools coordinator on new activities.

Participation in Sports Day

- Some parents raised that some girls did not want to participate in Sports Day for various personal reasons, resulting in feigned injury in some cases to be permitted to be excluded. Others noted that some boys also felt similarly. Whilst members wanted to encourage the children to take part, they also thought it was important that they felt they could opt out if they felt uncomfortable.
- Sports day would be further discussed within the school, including consideration of how heats are determined.
- Some parents thought it would be good to have other activities for those who are not fast runners but have other skills they would like to demonstrate.

- The 'mini duke' was discussed. Whilst the programme includes a good range of activities there was concern that in some cases parents ended up doing many of the activities rather than the child.

4. Chairperson's report and correspondence

Parent Council Forum

- The stats on the mobile phone consultation had been shared previously.

Areas of focus for the Parent Council 25/26

- A member suggested that provision of sports clubs could be an area of consultation. Reports of girls in particular dropping sport as they move up to secondary school was noted. A teacher in the school was planning to undertake a study on this, including looking at motivation in young people to be involved in sports. Some members raised caution as they thought provision of sports clubs could only be a topic of discussion if additional provision was a possibility. Such provision would require teacher volunteers (and KPS teachers are supportive of such activities). Parent volunteers can also be used (if PVG sought). Friday afternoons was suggested as an option for such activities. A parent reported that Bocclair Academy had held a freshers fair for sports and lunchtime clubs to encourage participation. KPS has a new active schools coordinator, and it is hoped this will help improve opportunities for the pupils. It was noted that KPS has the gold sport award which is quite unusual for primary schools in the area, demonstrating the high participation in sport amongst KPS pupils.
- School uniform - overall there isn't an issue with uniform. The only issue which is ongoing is the quality of the yellow PE t-shirts.

5. Head Teacher's report and correspondence

Diversity

- A parent asked that the school ensure that diversity is considered in representation at the school. Conversations will be held with families to ensure inclusivity can be considered. Updates on this will be reported to future Parent Council meetings. A member queried if diversity is considered in placing requests. Cllr Gallagher confirmed placing requests are ranked on a number of criteria but ethnicity was not a factor. It was noted that both the Parent Council and the PTA are open to all parents/carers.

New term

- P1s have settled in well. The buddy programme had caused some concern initially though problems seem to have been ironed out. The problems related to the P7 cohort being significantly bigger than P1 so 1-2-1 buddies was not possible. Current P6s will get to know the incoming P1s in the EYC earlier to help form relationships.

- 2 NQTs (newly qualified teachers) have joined KPS this academic year. The school staff complement is only 0.3 short in support workers and a member of current staff has increased their hours to cover this.
- The school roll is 418 (a drop of 10 from the end of last year). P1 is capped at 50 due to space constraints. There are spaces in all year groups for any children who move into the catchment area.
- The newsletter has been reviewed taking account of feedback. Dates are now at the start of the newsletter and it will be continue to be shared monthly. Tuesday news will remain to be sent.
- Attainment data – tracking meetings have been brought forward this year. The picture at the end of June was strong. Writing in P4 was noted as an area for focus.
- Authority support has remained the same as last year. A quality review by EDC is likely to take place this academic year. An inspection from Education Scotland will likely follow next year.

6. Councillor Update

Pavement parking ban and new speed limit

- This came into effect on 1st September. 12 new community wardens have been appointed to enforce the ban. There was some confusion as to whether parking opposite a bay (such as those outside the school) would count as double parking. Cllr Gallagher would ask the roads Department and report back.

Action: Cllr Gallagher

- Concerns around the narrowness of Kinnaird Crescent have been raised. This would be kept under review in relation to mitigations.
- Phase two of the Parking Free Schools initiative has began, currently KPS is not involved.
- 20mph speed limits will come into effect on 8th September. The police are responsible for enforcing speed limits.
 - o Maryhill road will be 20mph from Killermont bridge to Canniesburn toll.
 - o Milngavie Road will be 20mph for its entirety.
 - o Boclair road will also be 20mph from Milngavie Road to Rannoch Drive.
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7. Use of mobile phones/devices at school

- A meeting was held with Mr Brown, the head teacher of Boclair Academy, and those who attended reported it was a positive and reassuring meeting. Boclair has introduced a system where mobile phones are kept in pouches at the classroom door (unless required to be used for an educational purpose). Mr Brown did report that not all pupils in the school have a phone.
- At Boclair Academy there was an app used for homework but this could be accessed on a parent's phone or a computer.

- S6 pupils will be counselling younger pupils on safe mobile phone use.
- The council policy was soon to be considered. At primary school it would be suggested that phones/devices (inc. smart watches) be left at home. Where they are brought to school they must be switched off and stored in school bags. Smart watches would be asked to be switched to airplane mode. Exemptions would be on medical grounds/additional support needs with approval of the head teacher. At secondary school it would state that mobile phones could not be used in classrooms unless for an educational need approved by the class teacher with a clear learning objective. It would be made clear that photographing/recording someone without their express permission was not permitted. The policy would indicate consequences for breaches of the policy, such as verbal warnings and confiscation.
- The council would signpost parents to guidance on digital wellbeing and responsible device use.
- Members suggested the Parent Council could provide guidance on smart watches they have experience of and how to set these up in 'school mode'.

8. AOCB

Watersports at P7 Residential Trip

- Some parents queried the rationale for watersports activities not being included in the planned activities for the P7 residential trip. FM responded that Inverclyde Sports Centre does not have watersports options on site and this would need to be outsourced. This then resulted in additional cost and also required additional time spent travelling to the activity. The venue for the residential trip is under review for future year groups (bookings require to be made ~1 year in advance so it needs significant forward planning). The many positives of Inverclyde Sports Centre were noted, such as the excellent accommodation and other facilities. There are more watersports options available in the Glasgow area now than previously which could be considered outwith the residential week. RS has expertise in this area and would discuss this further offline with FM.

9. Scheduled dates and times of next meetings:

- 6 October 2025 (inc. AGM)
- 17 November 2025
- 19 January 2026
- 2 March 2026
- 18 May 2026