

KILLERMONT PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes 5 October 2026 (Draft)

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: CD, FM, CH, Cllr Langmead, SR, LM, JC, AS, JH, AM, KA, RS

Apologies: Cllr Moody, RJ

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were agreed.

3. Other matters arising

- No matters arising

4. Chairperson's report and correspondence

Mobile Device Use Survey

- Since the last meeting the most significant correspondence requiring action by the Parent Council is the Scottish Government mobile device use survey. The school shared this with all parents via groupcall. The parent council will submit a response as an organisation. KA will share a word version with some draft statements which council members can add to. Once the parent council's response is drafted this will be shared with the wider parent body and they will be informed that if they wish to add to this they are encouraged to attend the next meeting.

[Restricting mobile phones in Scotland's schools - Page 1 of 5 - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Online Event On School Improvement Planning

- A live online event on school improvement planning is to take place. If any Parent Council members or parents are interested, they can sign up via Eventbrite using the following link. No prior knowledge of education is needed.

[Connect Members: School Improvement Planning for Parent Groups Tickets, Tuesday, November 24 • 8 PM - 9 PM GMT+0 | Eventbrite](#)

- The following pre-recorded link may be of interest for anyone who wants to know more about PVG checks:

[Volunteer Scotland: What Parent Groups Need to Know About PVG :: Connect](#)

Parents Evening

- Parent Council members were asked to send their photo to killermontpc@gmail.com for inclusion in the next sway letter and to be shared at the Parent's evening.

- The Mobile phone consultation will be a focus for the next parents evening.
- A QR code linking to the survey will be printed for sharing at the parent's evening.
- A banner saying 'parent council, come and chat' will be made for the event. Encouragement to come and speak at the desk will also be written into the next school newsletter.
- Members will consider if they could encourage more parents to join the council, particularly in year groups which are not represented.

5. Head Teacher's report and correspondence

Pupil committees

- Great amount of interest from pupils. Pupils who had not been on a committee before got preference.
- Two meetings have already taken place.
- The Killermont pupil forum has been one of the most successful committees.
- A new initiative called '10 at 10' has started which sees 10 pupils meet FM weekly from across the school at 10am.
- A new committee has been established with a focus on preventing racism and celebrating diversity. Last week this committee visited the library to consider how many authors of colour were represented and how diverse the books were.
- Committees include: House captains, Killermont Pupil Forum (P7 pupils), Sports Committee, Young STEM leaders and Learning for sustainability. P6 pupils are leading in the Junior Road Safety Officers Committee (JRSOs).
- This year plan to improve transparency around the work of the committees. Representatives will report at assembly, and the pupils will provide written updates for the newsletter to improve parental awareness.

Sharing the Learning

- Dates for year groups are to be confirmed and details will be shared in the November newsletter.
- P3 have their first sharing the learning event with their Harvest festival this week.

Parents evening November

- The Parents Evenings will take place on the 4th and 5th November. The link to book will go live this week.
- As per last year P1-3 teachers will meet parents in hall, other year groups will meet in classrooms.

P7 transition calendar

- This will follow same format as per last year as this worked well.
- Pupils will visit Bocclair on 3 occasions
- Bocclair teachers will visit Killermont on a number of occasions.

P7 residential

- This took place a few weeks ago at the National Sports Training Centre Inverclyde.

- The trip went very well and pupils have given excellent feedback.
- Whilst open to considering other venues, many staff are keen to continue at Inverclyde due to the excellent experience provided. If parents wish to suggest alternative venues however they can contact the school.

RSHP

- In P6 in particular there is a considerable amount of content to cover. Have discussed this with teachers to how best to fit this in. Teachers confirm they often purposely leave this until the last term due to pupil maturity. Will aim not to leave this until June however.

Breakfasts Clubs

- No further information has been provided. Once this is available further discussion will take place.

Parental communication

- It was suggested emails to parents could be colour coded to help parents identify what messages are key, what require action, and those which are just for information.
- The school are considering how to communicate School Improvements to parents and consultation around this.

Car park

- The car park gate is broken and attempts are being made to have this fixed. This means they cannot be closed as planned.
- The signs at the car park entrance have been welcomed; these were made by the men's shed.

6. Councillor Update

Council meetings

- A full council meeting took place on 1st October.
- Next education committee meeting is November 12th.
- Consultation on mobile phone use in schools has been delegated from government to councils, then from councils to schools. Encourage all to complete the consultation to ensure voices heard.

Traffic Free Schools

- Has been rolled out to 3 schools in EDC. Has proven popular however parking issues are then moved to streets further out.
- Parents queried how the 20mph speed limit is enforced as there is rumour that the police cannot enforce this. Cllr Langmead confirmed this was not true, but they may not have resources to enforce this.
- Data shows that the new speed limit has brought average speeds down slightly (though not on all streets, with Bocclair Road noted as an area of particular concern).
- A council consultation on active travel went live today and is open for a number of weeks. This covers areas including cycle storage which there is funding for.

7. AGM

- Over the past year the Parent Council has continued to work closely with the school to represent the views of parents and support the wider school community.
- A significant focus has been gathering feedback from parents through meetings, surveys and Parents' Evenings. This has allowed us to raise and discuss issues including parking and road safety, communication, school trips, after-school activities, outdoor learning and wider opportunities for our pupils.
- We have worked with the school, local councillors and community partners to explore solutions to a number of these issues, particularly around road safety and parking, which remains a priority for many families.
- The Parent Council has also supported discussions around school improvement, including curriculum developments, school values and aims, parental engagement and preparations for the school's quality review.
- We have sought to strengthen links between the school and the wider community by identifying parents and local organisations who can contribute skills, expertise and opportunities for our children, particularly in areas such as STEM, gardening, music and outdoor learning.
- Throughout the year we have maintained a positive and constructive relationship with the Head Teacher and school staff and I would like to thank them for their openness and willingness to engage with the Parent Council.
- I would also like to thank all Parent Council members for giving their time voluntarily throughout the year and all parents who have shared their views with us.
- We look forward to continuing to support Killermont Primary and its pupils in the year ahead.

8. AOCB

- Members were disappointed that the PTA were unable to find a new chair, which has resulted in the Halloween disco not going ahead due to the safeguarding responsibly the Chair usually takes on.
- It was confirmed the PTA will consider holding a disco at another time of the year.

Seesaw

- Parents from P4b have complained that they have not been receiving updates.
- P3 parents have noted that one class receives many more updates than the other. They have also noticed a reduction compared to the number of updates in P2.
- It was confirmed that there is a minimum expectation on the number of updates teachers should be providing, with a minimum of 2 updates per week. The school has the data on this so will undertake a quality assurance review of this.

9. Scheduled dates and times of next meetings:

- 16 November 2026
- 18 January 2027
- 1 March 2027
- 17 May 2027

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