

Kirkcudbright Academy Parent Council AGM

Tuesday 17th June 2025

Present: Chair: Laura Moodie Treasurer: Emma Harrington

Rector: Mr Tuffery

Pupil Council: No representative

Parent Members: Rebecca McFarlane

Community Council Ian Swan

Zoom Clerk: Julia Archibald, John Denerley and BSL interpreter, Clair Baxter

1. Welcome & Apologies Mike Duguid, Shameen Syad, Neil Robins

2. Approval of last Minutes and any matters arising

The Minutes of the 2024 AGM are approved. Proposed Rebecca McFarlane Seconded Emma Harrington. No matters arising.

3. Chair's Report

This was circulated in advance. Laura highlighted a number of items that the PC has supported over the past year such as Cabaret: Songs from the Shows fundraising event, the Tesco grant for school laptops in conjunction with Galloway Green Tech, engagement with local community projects on numerous issues including second hand school uniform and warm clothing events, sharing new guidance on school uniform and mobile phone policies. The Parent Council would also like to express their thanks to the Rotary for their cooperation this year.

4. Approval of Policies

The policies are in relation to Disclosure Scotland changes on

- a) Referrals Policy
- b) Disclosures Handling Policy

Copies of these policies have been made available to PC members. Laura and Emma are dealing with the new requirements, namely that all voting PC members undergo PVG and along with all those who volunteer to take part in a school based events, working with young and vulnerable people or having influence in decision making relating to young and vulnerable people.

- a) Approved. Proposed Rebecca Seconded Emma
- b) Approved. Proposed Laura Seconded Rebecca

5. Approval of the Accounts

Account 1st April 2024 £3976:78

Account- current- £1668:46

Funding for both the mini bus and the laptops were large expenditures. Regular donations of £440 from the draw are paid out again in part and the draw is not really making much money-more participants are needed. There are 39 people in the draw currently.

From 3rd July Kirkcudbright Tesco blue token scheme will feature the Academy for the provision of new sports kit. Emma will post this on Facebook and in the school office.

The Accounts were approved. Proposed Laura Seconded Rebecca

6.Appointment of individual who will review the Accounts

Action Emma and Gill to carry out the review of accounts.

7. Resignation and Appointment of members to serve on the Parent Council

Standing down: Jacqueline White Claire Johnstone and Laura Moodie as Chair.

Continuing in role Emma Harrington – Treasurer Julia Archibald - Clerk

Appointment of Chair: Rebecca McFarlane Proposed Laura Seconded Emma

Appointment of members: Laura Moodie Clair Baxter Neil Robins

Action Julia to update Contact list

8. AOB

Councillor John Denerley apologized for the bridge situation (closure of the bridge due to structural safety concerns). The bridge is due to reopen on 8th July with traffic light to control single file traffic and weight restriction in place. The long term plan for the future of the bridge is under discussion. School buses because of their weight will continue with their longer routes avoiding the bridge.

Rebecca asked about the ending of the Stagecoach bus contract which finishes in August. Dumfries and Galloway council are looking to place another contract. This should not effect Kirkcudbright Academy services.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 9th September 2025

Tuesday 4th November 2025

AGM Tuesday 16th June 2026

All meetings are at 6:00pm in the library and on Zoom unless otherwise