

# Dingwall Academy Parent Council

## AGM Minutes

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

### **Present:**

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| Karen O'Hanlon  | Kerry Webb    | John MacDonald        | Nicola Wojtunik |
| Dr. James Vance | Susan Crookes | Cllr Graham Mackenzie | Bella Blake     |

**1. Apologies** - Marta Andersone

**2. Minutes from AGM 2025**, proposed by Kerry and seconded by John.

### **3. Chairperson Report**

It has been another busy year for the Parent Council, with our main focus continuing to be supporting the school and strengthening links between parents, pupils and the wider school community.

I'd like to thank: Nicola, Marta, Kerry and John for their support and help,

A particular highlight was our Christmas Fair in December. The event was very well supported and created a great atmosphere in the school. We were pleased to keep stall prices affordable, and feedback from stallholders on the layout and organisation was very positive. The Fair generated £2,518.15 in income, with a net return of £1,954.76 after expenses. A particular thank you goes to everyone who helped on the evening, including S6 pupils, Mears, staff, parents and the school volleyball team, who ran the BBQ and raised additional funds.

We are already looking ahead to this year's Fair. Stall booking is now open – one of the lessons from last year is that we need to start planning earlier, particularly around involving S6 pupils and recruiting parent volunteers. The Fair relies heavily on a relatively small number of people, so additional help from parents and carers would be very welcome. Hopefully get some time S6 school captains before the October break.

The Parent Council remains in a strong financial position. In addition to the proceeds from the Fair, we were delighted to secure £3,976.02 from the Get Active Highland Fund for the school volleyball team, enabling the purchase of competition-standard nets and posts. We are also keen to make good use of the funds we hold and have invited ideas from staff and pupils about where Parent Council funding could make the greatest difference.

During the year we have also supported and discussed a range of wider school and community activity, including a Mari Currie Garden and more recently re-worked plans for outdoor learning space within the school grounds.

Finally, the Parent Council itself needs more parents and carers to become involved. We are a small group of volunteers and several longstanding members will be stepping down over the next couple of years. You do not need to make a major time commitment to contribute, and new members and occasional volunteers are equally welcome.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Parent Council over the past year, and particularly to the school staff, pupils, parents and community partners who have helped with activities.

### **4. Treasurer's Report (Period: 1 August 2025 – 31 July 2026)**

The Parent Council's finances remain in a strong position.

Income was generated from a combination of fundraising activities and grants. Expenditure covered event costs, reimbursements, and community activities.

Income:

- Total income from 2025 Christmas Fayre £2518.15
- Grants:           £3976.02 Get Active Highland Fund  
                          £702.30 Highland Council Grant

Expenditure:

- Christmas Fair costs £563.39
- £3976.02 donation to school's volleyball club for equipment purchase

Bank Balances:

- Opening Balance (1 August 2025): £3,505.19
- Closing Balance (31 July 2026): £7944.73

As of the end of July 2026, the Parent Council holds £7944.73, reflecting a healthy financial position and providing capacity to support future projects and activities

## **5. Committee Office Bearers for 2026/27**

- Chairperson – Karen - nominated by Susan and seconded by Bella
- Vice Chairperson – John – nominated by Kerry and seconded by Susan
- Secretary – Nicola – nominated by John and seconded by Bella
- Treasurer – Marta - nominated by Susan and seconded by Kerry

## **6. AOCB - none**

## **7. Date of next AGM – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2027**