



Hermitage Academy Parent Council

AGM 15th September 2026 – 6.30pm

In Attendance

Name	Role	Apologies
Douglas Morgan	Head Teacher	
Laura Watt	Chair (outgoing)	
Donna Gairns	Vice Chair (outgoing)	
Kirsty Sweeney	Secretary	
Stella Kinloch	Treasurer	
Claire Walker		
Andrew Tennant		Apologies
Anna Tkachenko		
Andrew Brown		
Marie Smith		
Tyler Whatmore		
Dawn MacFadyen		
1. Welcome and Apologies		
Welcome from LW.		
2. Chairperson's Report		
Chairperson's Report Appendix A		
3. Treasurer's Report		
Treasurer's Report Appendix B		
4. Nominations for Committee 2026/27		
<p>The AGM was opened by Douglas Morgan, Headteacher.</p> <p>Douglas thanked the Parent Council for its ongoing support of the school and gave special recognition to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The ASN Group •The Communications Group •The Parent Council's support for the Spring Study programme <p>Douglas then invited nominations for membership of the Parent Council and office bearer positions.</p>		

Committee: Donna Gairns - Chair Marie Smith – Vice Chair Kirsty Sweeney - Secretary Stella Kinloch - Treasurer Laura Watt Claire Walker Anna Tkachenko Andrew Tennant Andrew Brown Dawn MacFadyen Tyler Whatmore	New Nominees: Julie Barker (not in attendance) Rebecca Doddington (not in attendance)
All nominees approved and seconded - Vote of thanks to outgoing executive – Laura Watt and outgoing Members - David Smith, welcome all new members.	

Appendix A – Chairperson Report

The Chair acknowledged that August had been a difficult period and thanked members for their continued commitment and support throughout the year.

Special thanks were extended to all committee members. It was noted that Parent Council membership had expanded to a total of 15 members, representing the largest membership for many years.

Particular appreciation was expressed to:

- Donna Gairns, Vice Chair
- Stella Kinloch, Treasurer
- Kirsty Sweeney, Secretary

Key successes during the year included:

- Increased visibility of the Parent Council within the school community.
- Representation at Parents' Evenings.
- Active participation in the school's communications group.

Laura Watt

Chairperson

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Appendix B – Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report the Parent Council received its annual allocation of funds from Argyll and Bute Council in January 2026 of £1,280.00

I can confirm the current bank balance is £8,664.14

Expenditure for the year session 25/26 has been largely bank charges of £4.25 per month. November 2025 shows spending of £800 which was for last years Spring Study. January 2026 included payment for hosting of the Parent Council Website.

Signatories with oversight remain: Stella Kinloch, Treasurer; Laura Watt, Chair; Kirsty Sweeney, Secretary.

Parent Council Elected Committee agreed to survey and review the allocation of monies in line with Connect Money Matters Guidelines which include the general benefit of the school, with particular attention to supporting parental involvement and advancing pupil educational support as part of a whole school ethos.

The survey results have been presented to the Parent Council and will form part of our early discussion. Thereafter these will be shared and acting upon this new session 26/27. We look forward to enabling the wishes of pupils, staff and parents.

Stella Kinloch

Treasurer

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