

Apologies: Cllr Fitzpatrick, Christine Chalmers, Laura McMaster, Amy Rodford.

1. Welcome from PC Chair
2. Update from Cllr Fitzpatrick – Please send end of document.
3. Update from School LT.
4. Finance Update
 - a. Currently £2248.09 in School Funds.
 - b. Ongoing saga of adding Christine to the school accounts.
5. Sub-Committee Updates
 - a. Fundraising
 - i. Claire Stanfield is taking the lead with all matters fundraising.
 - b. Communications
 - i. No update currently.
 - c. STEM
 - i. No update currently.
 - d. Grants
 - i. No update currently.
6. Year Rep Updates (Some names and positions may need amended)
 - a. Nursery – Neda Wills
 - b. P1 – Tori Irvine
 - c. P2 – Laura McMaster & Amy Rodford
 - d. P3 – Christine Chalmers & Jenny Denheen
 - e. P4 - Elaine Kinloch
 - f. P5 – Jennifer Ross and Claire Stanfield
 - g. P6 – Nat McGowan
 - h. P7 – Jane Dunlop
7. AOB
 - a. A separate list of questions has been sent to the school which were submitted too late to be included in the agenda. These shall be responded to by the school in due course and available as part of the minutes.
8. Session 2023 / 2024 - Meeting Dates
 - Tuesday 10th September 2024
 - Monday 18th November 2024
 - Tuesday 21st January 2025
 - Monday 17th March 2025
 - Tuesday 13th May 2025

Report to Williamston Parent Council
Tuesday 10 September 2024

Sorry I cannot be with you this evening.

Education issues

- Most recent published data – West Lothian primary pupils achieving well above national performance in all 15 national measures across literacy and numeracy – fantastic outcome – thanks to teachers, staff, parents and carers.
- Cost per pupil in West Lothian (average), Pre-school - £9,319, Primary - £7,122 and Secondary - £8,209.
- Secondary schools – SCQF Examination results, awards in S6/S5/S4 well above national and virtual comparators.
- Police increasing on the spot inspections at drop off and pick up times and talking to drivers.
- Cabinet Secretary for Education – asserts newly constructed open plan schools unsuitable for ASN pupils. Asserts mobile phones should not be brought into class!
- Country wide concerns on high failure rate for Higher Maths. Our Council has written to the SQA.
- Toucan crossing – Murieston Road West now operational – a boom to local community. Well don't to Chloe for her inspirational speech.
- Early learning & Childcare provision – Council settings dropped to 70% as parents choosing partner providers – numbers risen substantially – communities affected being consulted on community focused approach.

More General Issues

- Crematorium signage, they have agreed to improve signage – too many drivers finding difficulty
- Strike averted on waste bin uplifts in the meantime.
- Crofthead shopping centre – new steps/paving will be installed in the next few weeks.
- Many complaints from constituents over parking fines at shopping areas. Criminal fines can only be imposed by Police Scotland /Councils cannot give legal advice except to say that I have totally ignored a private car parking fine!
- Bubbles Pool (Xcite) – Council quickly demolished on Police/Fire Service advice. Site purchaser resiled from bargain, site is now back on the market.
- Long term prison release- Council forwarded concerns to Scottish Government.
- Young persons supported housing – Almondvale Crescent £10.15m – contract approved.
- Attended Killandean Allotments 10th Anniversary Open Day – highly successful with 50 on the waiting list.
- Mitsubishi – WLC working closely with them to manage redundancies.
- Drugs & Alcohol – 32 deaths in West Lothian in the last year – below Scottish average. Young people moving away from alcohol to drugs.
- Police Scotland alerted to stickers on lampposts with QR codes – contact for drugs!

Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick