

**Tynewater Primary School Parent Council**  
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**Minutes of Meeting No 78 of**  
**Tynewater Primary School Parent Council**  
**Held on Tuesday 4 February 2020 18:30 – 19:30 hours**  
**in Tynewater Primary School Staff Room**

**1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions**

Apologies from Laura Else, Jane Brown, Sandra Liddle, Sally Barlow.

Present: Emma Diffley, Kirstie Broadfoot, Clare Lorimer, Nicky Faux, Julia Critchley, Aurora Mancini, Anna Davanna, Matt Elliott, Jen Such, Douglas Lawson.

We welcomed two new faces: Josie Knapp (P4) and Annabel Kershaw (Nursery).

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

Unfortunately, no minutes exist from the previous meeting. No matters arising. No outstanding actions.

**3. Recruitment Drive**

We would like to encourage more people to be involved with the Parent Council, becoming members if they so wish. We can have up to 20 members. Current membership is 13. Discussion over a "Pot Luck Supper", a purely social gathering to be held in Pathhead Village Hall. Bring a dish to share. No need to book. Date agreed as Friday 13th March.

**Actions:** Matt to look at booking the hall. Nicky to check whether the bar could be open or not. Emma to draw up advertising materials and notify Parent Forum.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Current bank balance is £4857 with £140 still to clear.

Christmas Fair raised £2591.73 gross. Net profit was £2371.

**5. Forthcoming Events and activities**

**a. Tynewater Garden Project**

Mr Lawson introduced the Garden Project. The vision is to turn the garden into a usable space for outdoor lessons, lunch breaks, parents to wait and an outdoor learning environment. Having round tables and seating for a full class would be a great addition. All stakeholders (children, staff, parents, Skanska, Midlothian Council) to be involved and have ownership. Space includes the raised beds in the playground. Ideas also include adding a pond and a telephone box to act as a book exchange. Assistance is required in the form of two parent helpers per class to take 4 children at a time to help with the garden.

**Action:** Mr Lawson to convene a steering group meeting and to introduce the garden project to the school.

**b. Spring Term Fundraiser**

Agreed to organise a Family Quiz Night on Friday 27th March in Pathhead Village Hall

**Actions:** Matt to book hall and organise quiz questions. Nicky to check the bar can be open. Emma to arrange advertising.

**c. Summer Fete**

Present company unanimously voted to hold a summer fete this year. Details to be discussed in the coming weeks.

**6. Head Teacher's Wish List**

iPads remain a key request. Also add garden furniture.

**Actions:** Mr Lawson to provide a quote for iPads. Emma to research additional funding for garden activities.

7. **AOB** – none.

8. Meeting Closed 19.30

**Next meeting: Friday 6th March 11.00 - 12.15 in Community Room 2 at Tynewater Primary School.**

Note to Parent Forum Members: if you have an issue you wish to be raised at the Parent Council meeting, please email us on [tynewaterparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:tynewaterparentcouncil@gmail.com), speak to a parent council member or hand a note into school reception. All parents and guardians of children at the school are welcome to attend the meeting.