

**Minutes of the Coulter Primary School Parent Council  
Meeting  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016, 7pm at  
Coulter Primary School**

Present:	Colin Urquhart (Minutes)	Apologies:	Ann Piggot (Local Community member)
	Jill Kennedy (Head Teacher)		Clare Urquhart
	Richard Mellanby (Treasurer)		Carolyn Morton
	Colin Cuthbertson (Chairman)		Lynn Murphy
	Ailie Law		
	Brian Thomas		
	Dawn Adamson		

1. Colin C opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending, the apologies were noted.

2. Headteacher's Report:

- a. Improvement Plan 16/17 (World of work, Tom Renwick) - £86K from government to improve numeracy skills. Workshops with Tom Renwick have been set up for parents to attend.

As part of developing skills for work – Jill would like parents to come into school and talk about their job, ideally Friday after 1:30pm. Jill to contact parents.

- b. Windfarm grant – a joint application with Lamington PC will be made to Glenkerie Windfarm Trust for school transport fees
- c. Chaplaincy update – Mike Fuchella from Biggar will visit the school 6 times in the year, inline with government recommendations
- d. Parent Council audit – Jill has sent a questionnaire to all PC members to get their views on how the PC can be improved

3. Christmas Fayre

The PC confirmed the date to be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30-8:30pm. Lynn Murphy is organising with the help of Clare. The PC suggested hosting the event in the school hall, however, if enough stalls are filled, the village hall will be considered.

4. School Garden tidy

It was agreed to have a garden tidy on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10am-12noon. Jill to request parent/children helpers. Additional play bark may be required.

5. Tree planting

Lynn has suggested obtaining trees from the Woodland Trust and the PC will look for land to plant them. Colin C may have suitable land on his farm.

6. Tree felling

Colin U to share Forestry Commission contact details with Jill regarding forthcoming tree felling operation behind Coulter Village, to ensure plans are agreed regarding logging porries passing the school gates.

7. Halloween Party

This year the party will be at Lamington Primary School on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 6:30-8pm. Jill to confirm arrangements with the Lamington PC.

8. Treasurer's summary

Approx £975 in account. Biggar Gala parade receipts and expenses to be submitted to Richard.

9. Date of next meeting

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 at 7pm