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NEWINGTON SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL & FUNDRAISING
MINUTES OF MEETING

Name of Meeting: FORUM AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday 4th November 2025

Time: 6pm

Members Present:

A. Ferguson HT, D. Carter DHT, S. McGrady, J. Archibald, B. Stevenson, F. Glass, E. Ferguson, N. Carruthers, K. Dickson, G. Nelson, E. Hookway, M. McGrady, A. Stevenson, C. Helyar, P. Thomson & H. McNaughton.

Apologies

Were received from L. Nicoll DHT, K. Nelson, L. Davidson, L. Templeman, S. Coupland, M. Woodhouse, T. O'Connell, A. Hoffmann, N. Shields

Welcome

Stacey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10.9.25 were agreed by J. Archibald and Seconded by F. Glass.

Correspondence

- Stacey had to date, no response from V. Morris re the bank charges.
- The Snowball Fund at Chapelcross no longer exists, so unfortunately our last request for money for the playground games will not proceed.
- Stacey had attended an online PVG training session. She will share slides from this meeting. From information shared at the meeting, Stacey said that we have a collective responsibility (not just the signatory) when it comes to PVG's and that if anyone is uncomfortable with this, approach Stacey to raise their concerns. If anyone would like to join Stacey and be a lead signatory, please contact her.

Fundraising Committee Business:

- Scholastic Book Fare – This had been held in school on Parental Consultation and all of the following week. Each class, Learning Centre and Nursery received books for their class. Mrs Ferguson suggested having the Book Fare less often as it can be a big financial cost to our families. She will send out a survey to parents asking their opinion on the Scholastic Book Fare.
- Lads and Lasses Lunch – This has been a huge success. Becky was thanked for all her work for this event.
- Halloween Disco – These had been well attended. The 15-minute break between discos was better than the 30-minute break. The quiet room had been a great success for both discos.

- Christmas Fayre
 *Pam informed the meeting of the up-to-date details for the Christmas Fayre. To date, 19 tables are booked and paid for.
 *Santa – The cost for Santa would be £1.50 and this would include a tub of sweets.
 *Entry will be £2.00, this will include tea/coffee and a mince pie.
 *The Fundraising Group will support the raffle, tombola, bottle stall, children's bottle stall, cake stall, grab a bag and lucky dip stalls.
- Christmas Concert Raffles. Volunteers are required to sell raffle tickets on the concert dates.

Financial Report

- June reported we have £3500 in our funds.

AOB

- Andrew Stevenson is willing to replace the front stage lights. The Fundraising Committee will cover the cost of this.
- Outdoor Play Area – It was agreed to donate £1000.00 towards this area.

Head Teacher's Report

- Mr Osbourne has been appointed as the new janitor.
- Interviews for the playground supervisor post will be next week.
- Lockerbie Manor trip takes place this week.
- Survey – A survey of How Good Is Our School will go out to pupils and parents. Staff and support staff have already had their survey.
- S.I.P – This will concentrate on writing, profiling and maths development and has been signed off by Mrs Macfarlane.
- P1 – There will be an open night for new p1 pupils starting next year.
- Sponsored Walk – Mrs Saunders and Mrs Bell plan to walk the Southern Upland Way next year as a school fundraiser. There may be an opportunity for parents and pupils to walk a small section of this with them.
- Remembrance Sunday – CnVs will attend the ceremony at the war Memorial.
- Provisional date of the Burns Supper – 22nd January

Dates of next meetings

- 14th January 2026 at 6pm