Crieff High School Parent Council
Minutes of the meeting 28 April 2026

1. Welcome/apologies:

Apologies; Emma Martin, Jude Carter

Attending; Kirsteen Jones (Chair) KJ; Ross McNaughton (Secretary) RM; Ishbel Dale (Co-chair) ID; Nicola Fraser (Treasurer) NF; Catriona Cunningham (CC) and Morven Harrower (MH)

John Donnelly Head Teacher (JD)

2. Minutes from last meeting on 11.11.2025 – approved. RM to send to Laura to upload

3. Update on Perth & Kinross PC Chairs Meeting – KJ has read over minutes & notes 2 things of interest –

   First - the chair of Breadalbane following an inspection, KJ says it may useful for PC to be aware. JD confirms no inspection at CHS that he know of, a few weeks' notice is what he would get. The inspectors would want to know about parental engagement. Inspectors would not continue to engage if things were going well. JD expects CHS to be inspected in the next 2 to 3 year. Edu Scot are reviewing how they inspect, so it could be difference from present inspections. KF – what would be helpful for PC to know if there was an inspection? JD – 2 functions, students voices help shape and parent voices help shape the school & curriculum. Could point to change to subject choices, mobile phone policy etc. (PC involvement) Also - Weekly bulletin, hybrid parent evenings etc

   Second – changes to PVG, probably not relevant to PC as we don't directly interact with students. JD – some staff in the past would not need PVG as they are campus staff, but may need it now. Teachers need multiple PVGs now for multiple roles as to parent helpers.

4. ASN Rep – still no representative, PC & school to continue to signpost this in the hope that the role can be filled. KJ suggests that we note this role as unfilled on the website. Action point – KJ will deal with this. Ask Laura to do this and also on the social media. JD is asked but says there is no specific mailing list for parents who might be able to do this.

   Separately, KJ happy for WhatApp group to be publicised and will add this to website (contact via email address)

5. Behaviour in Class – CC has heard that there are boys in s3 classes being disruptive, throwing stuff around etc. JD hasn't heard of this but says this is inappropriate and will deal with. Generally speaking, behaviour is good, but traditionally, s3 boys can be most disruptive. Knows this exists in school life and has to be dealt with. Helpful for JD to know names of pupils and also teachers so that discussions can be had. JD always happy to receive info that improves the school experience. JD highlights the importance of benchmarking so that he has comparables as to how school life is.

6. Personal Statements for uni – ID says a couple of parents had young people not going to uni & thought it would be helpful for all students to be writing these i.e. might be useful for employment. JD notes that it might not be useful for all, as some don't know what they are doing yet. JD would hope that at s6 stage that the pupil would ask to write one, if they wanted. KJ -

there can be benefit to writing a personal statement even if not going to uni. JD – for tangible action, say to guidance teachers to leave it as an open option i.e. not closing it and not enforcing it.

NF – asking about work experience and having to do it for a week. JD – this is an entitlement, decided at a national level, and CHS are expected to put it in place. Given one week (different week from other schools in PKC). Has to fit into those school days.

MH – asking about UCAS fairs etc in s4 & s5 and says her young person has not heard from school about this. Thinks that young people in s4 & s5 should be exposed to this. Action point – JD will follow this up as he has not noticed if things are going out or not.

7. 50 years of CHS celebrations – JD met with 3rd year class reps, discussed 50 years of badge, crest etc, asked how best to celebrate and is looking to them for creative suggestions. JD is saying maybe a connection with the World Cup? i.e. come in with saltires, irn-bru etc. Change the school uniform is another suggestion? School has its own tartan as worn by the pipe band. Maybe a bit dry for students so hoping for more student-led suggestions. CC wonders if there could be a tie-in with Lalique?

8. Use of Parent Council Funds – could be put towards the new ties? JD says that 50 years celebration will be this term and also next term (to accommodate next year's p7). Suggestion that PC could pay for materials, events, foods & drinks. JD to let PC know.

9. Head teacher report - school asking young people for their sincere views on what is good & bad about their school experience – 26 questions each – helps JD benchmark against the 2018 experience and what has improved or not improved as much as hoped. Findings and graphs will be going out this Friday (1st May).

10. AOB - NF - Crieff at Christmas needing a band. JD says to contact school FAO Mr Sutherland

MH – SQA tariff points at point of leaving school – middle group of students are missing out in the system, i.e. bottom 20% get attention and top 20% get attention. JD -there are political reasons driving this.

11. Date of next meeting - 1st September 2026 1830