



# **Nairn Academy Parent Council**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

**Period 01 Oct 2024 to 30 Sept 2025**

### **Charity contact information**

Nairn Academy Parent Council

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## **Charity Trustees**

Name all of your charity trustees for the period, and the date they left if they were not in post for the whole year

1. Grace Chisholm
2. Nicola Mackinlay (to June 30th 2025)
3. Lorna Robb
4. Lucy Harding
5. Alison Cordinor (to June 30th 2025)
6. Lindsay Conway

## Objectives and activities

The Aim of the NAPC is to support and enrich the academic, pastoral care and wider education of the pupils of Nairn Academy by engaging members of the Parent Forum in partnership with Nairn Academy staff.

To achieve the Aim, the Objectives of the NAPC are to:

- develop and engage in activities which support the education, welfare and pastoral care of all the pupils;
- identify and represent to interested parties the views of the Parent Forum on the education provided by the Academy and other matters affecting the welfare of its pupils. This may be undertaken in association with other Parent Councils in Highland Region;
- work in partnership and cooperation with the Academy staff to create a welcoming school which is inclusive for of and for all parents/carers;
- raise funds, apply for and receive grants, and accept gifts that may be donated.

This year, in light of a major donation which was received in 2023, the parent council agreed to invest a large proportion of the money and allocate a nominal amount of around £15,000 a year towards our charitable purposes. This will mean the funds last well into the future. Funding is generally paid out to different departments of the school who can apply using a simple “wishlist” form. This year the parent council has given out a total of 9 grants, to the value of over £9,000, paying for a considerable amount of Gym equipment, sessions for ASN pupils at the Haven, a Christmas bonus for each dept as well as Christmas lunch. Last year we received a bequest from an old pupil who had emigrated to Australia and left a sum of £12,848 towards supporting pupils who would not otherwise be able to afford it to take part in educational trips and activities. We decided to put this into a “restricted funds” pot and allocate it on the basis of £2000 a year to be used by the head teacher and guidance to help families who may wish to protect their identities and therefore we left it to the staff team to use this entirely at their discretion. This fund has remained intact this year as the HT did not deem it to need topping up.

## **Structure, governance and management**

### Type of governing document

NAPC has a constitution which was agreed at the AGM on 26 Oct 2023

### Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are generally appointed or reappointed at the AGM, but can be appointed during the year and confirmed at the next AGM.

## **Achievements and performance**

During the reporting year, the PC paid for:

Several sessions at the Haven for ASN pupils.

Part of this was paid for via a grant from the Haventus Ardersier Port Community Benefit fund.

A considerable amount of Gym equipment, including treadmills and free weights.

A full set of scientific calculators for each Maths class.

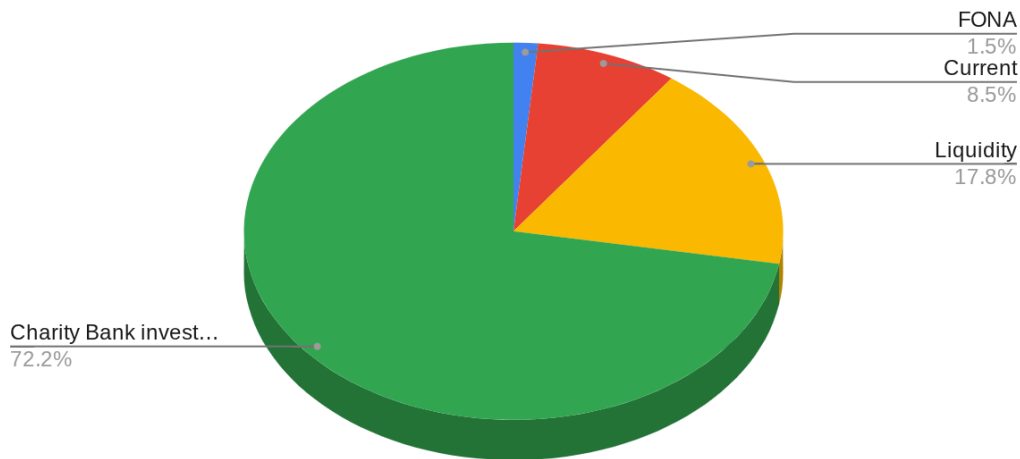
Christmas lunch, and a Christmas Bonus of £100 for each department in the school.

Class Prizes for the annual prizegiving day, and a prize for the school's own version of the tattie scone world championships.

FONA paid out £550 in Prize Money to winners of the 2 six monthly draws.

## Financial review

Balance at year end vs Account



### Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The NAPC has taken out an investment of about 70% of its funds into a 12 month fixed-rate bond with Charity Bank to maximise interest. The aim is to use this interest to further the aims of the charity.

Whilst the recent update of the Constitution did not mandate a specific reserve fund, the broad intent is to look out to a five year horizon to allocate funds to projects that will have long-term benefits whilst retaining the ability to respond to requests for support for more immediate outcomes, for example tickets for theatre events that pupils might not otherwise be able to enjoy as a year group. At the same time there is no desire to tie the hands of future NAPC committees or the parent forum unreasonably on the rate of spend of funds. The approach is therefore to maintain flexibility over a 2 year horizon whilst considering the best approach to securing a steady flow of donations to the school over the next decade.

### Details of any deficit

There is no deficit

### Donated facilities and services

The NAPC is grateful for the use of the school facilities for its meetings and to the Highland Council for a small administration grant.

### Future plans

2025-6 will see the new school build largely finished and the NAPC plans to invest in equipment and items which will be needed in the new build.

We plan to give another £2000 to the hardship fund if needed, as well as a small departmental/ subject “christmas bonus” of £100 per subject for teachers to spend as they wish to benefit pupils with small items.

A major investment for the next financial year will be a set of digital cameras for the Photography Higher Class.

**Declaration**

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

*Lucy Harding*

Print name	Lucy Harding
Designation	Treasurer
Date	28/05/2026