

Portsonachan Village Hall
April 7th 2026 7pm via Zoom
Minutes

Present: Janet Buchanan, Sandra Brodie, Catriona O'Keefe, Rowena Parnell, Gilly Payne, Fiona Macpherson, Audrey McBreaty, Gareth Young

Apologies: Perri Hopkinson, Anne Rae

1. Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of meeting on 11th March was approved. Proposed by Catriona O'Keefe and seconded by Janet Buchanan.

2. Matters Arising

Holly has stepped down from the Committee. She is moving away from the area. A note of thanks has been sent. There are no matters arising that will not be discussed in the agenda today.

3. Daffodil Tea- April 17th

Fiona Macpherson has agreed to be the contact point for organising the baking.

Offers of help from the Committee:

Sandra - Lemon cheesecake

Paul - Lemon drizzle cake

Rowena - Gluten free brownies

Fiona - Pancakes and a sponge

Audrey - will be in touch with Fiona

Janet - plain scones (sugar -free) and to purchase milk

Morag has also made fruit and cheese scones

Posters - Rowena to put up on FB and Anne to do new ones if needed. Cost: £5 per head and the tea will be from 2-4pm Janet will contact Anne.

Rowena will bring vases and daffodils

Setting up - Committee members who can make it to be there from 1pm

FFF - request to set up for Daffodil Tea and also for BBQ on May 2nd. If needed Gareth can be there in the morning to help set up.

Stalls - a stall from Jane Watson (candles etc), Craft and Craic, Plant stall and Baking stall. Gareth will ask Graham if he has any woodturning products he would like to sell.

Action: Please check the list above for any action which you have volunteered for

4. BBQ May 2nd

Gareth and Paul have agreed to look after burgers. Catriona will provide some vegan burgers. John Strickland will provide meat burgers. It was agreed to get sausages. Aim for 60 burgers and ? sausages.

Rolls - there are sufficient in the freezer for May 2nd **Action:** Gareth

Salads and sauces:

Rowena - potato salad

Catriona - coleslaw

Peppers and cheese - Fiona

Greek salad - Sandra

Onion sauce - Fiona

Vegan mayo - Rowena

Puddings:

Gilly - traybake

Gareth - chocolate tart

Bar Duties for May 2nd: **Action: Gilly, Catriona and Fiona (rota)**

Community Garden in Dalmally has offered the loan of a BBQ but a gas tank will be needed. Gareth to get in touch with Gilli to find out about getting the BBQ to the Hall. Fiona has also agreed to lend her BBQ and Gareth has agreed that he and Paul will help to get the BBQ to the Hall. **Action: Gareth**

Poster for the BBQ - it was agreed to ask Anne to do a poster for May 2nd. Rowena will also look for the poster which Fiona did for the last BBQ in October 2025 but as it is a hand-drawing, might not be possible to alter. **Action: Janet** to contact Anne

The Hall has a gazebo. Will check on Thursday 9th. **Action: Rowena/Catriona**

It was agreed that people should book places in advance by contacting either Gareth or Catriona (via phone or email). Most £10 and £5 for primary age children. When people book, they should be asked about dietary requirements to assist with catering.

Action: Gareth/ Catriona to set up a Google Doc for bookings

Garden tidy up - it was agreed that the garden probably does not need an immediate tidy. Gareth will have a look on April 17th morning and do what he can weather permitting.

5. **AOB**

Water Testing - Graham has changed the filter. Frank Stefak coming on Tuesday April 21st. Craft and Craic will be meeting at the Hall then and can let him in. Catriona will send Rowena instructions for using the key pad. **Action: Rowena** will contact Frank to let him know. **Catriona** to send key pad instructions.

Fiona has offered a used freezer to the Hall. **Action: Fiona** to check and arrangements will need to be made to get the freezer to the Hall

An Suidhe was looking for panel members however the closing date was 6th April.

Catriona will put in for an An Suidhe grant in September to cover the cost of removing the steps.

Janet proposed that SLACC be approached to cover a few hours extra for the OAT Development Officer post to assist the Hall in identifying funds for covering costs of the

refurbishment. It was agreed this proposal together with the potential of the Hall becoming a limited company by guarantee be discussed in full at the next meeting. Fiona suggested looking also at EasyFundraising. For more information see <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

It was agreed to discuss the continuation of Hall bar nights at the next meeting.

June 2nd Pub and games night

Action: Catriona and Gareth to run the bar and decide on food

6. **Date of next meeting (f2f)** - Tuesday 26th May 2026 7pm