Portsonachan Village Hall
September 1st 2026 7pm
Minutes

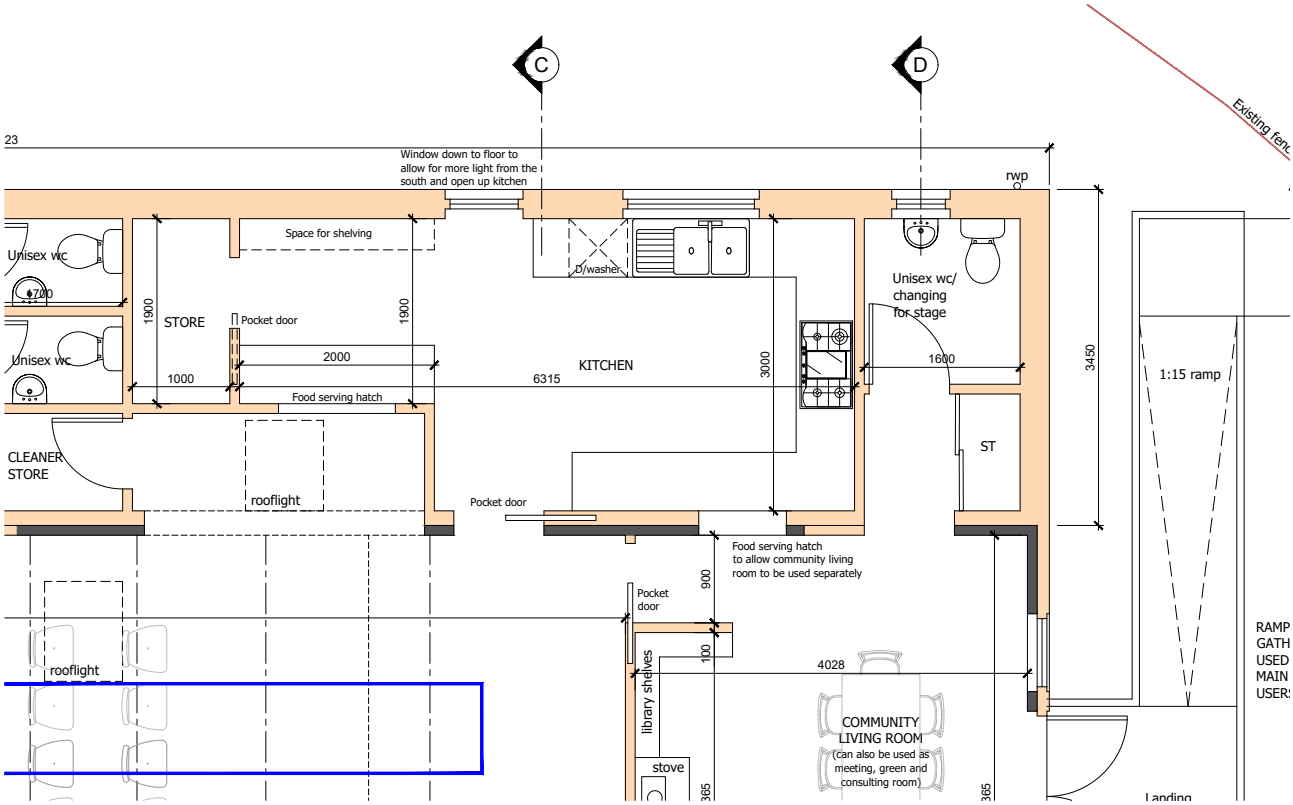
Present: Janet Buchanan, Rowena Parnell, Fiona Macpherson, Audrey McBreaty, Anne Rae, Sandra Brodie
Apologies: Perri Hopkinson, Gareth Young, Gilly Payne

1. Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of meeting on June 30th was approved. Proposed by Fiona Macpherson and seconded by Audrey McBreaty

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Catriona has been in touch with Brian Raffin to convey the Committee's decoision with reference to alteration to servers area: sliding doors to walk-in cupboard and a little extra depth allowed for the shelving unit/pull down shutter - see updated plan below.



4.3 **Project Update and Funding**

There is a Project Funding group meeting arranged for September 9th at 7.30pm.

Janet has written to SLACC for funds for a Development Officer post (6 hours per week) which is approximately £5k plus on costs. Initial thoughts would be to approach one of the DOs already employed by Orchy and Awe Trust to see if one would be interested in additional hours.

It would be ideal if OAT could then employ the DO on behalf of the Hall.

4. **Treasurer Update**

Reserves
At 27th August 2026, reserves of £24,761 were held including grant funding of £10,730. (up £1,239 from June)

Donations Received
£500 from ILI for hosting updated survey documents for Balliemeanoch PSH for public viewing when advised. £500 one off donation from G&ICC (RWE - Braevallich Hydro community benefit fund) to be used on either a specific project or to support ongoing running costs of/for any work/equipment. G&ICC to be updated on how the funding was used and any differences it has made so they can report back to RWE.

Lottery
Perri has Lottery draws up-to-date with two additional full year subscriptions added i in August.

Hall Bookings
Wednesday 23rd Sept: 10am - Noon: McMillan Coffee Morning & The Loch Awe Photographic Competition display
12.30 to 7.30pm: SSEN public consultation event (Taynuilt - Creag Dhubh) (7 hours @£25 = £175)

Janet indicated that it is important we start identifying the monies specifically raised for Hall renovations. She proposed that we should be indicating that in all activities we run this year that half of the proceeds would go towards the Hall renovation fund.

Action: Janet to speak with Catriona about whether we need to set up a separate account for monies raised towards Hall renovations.

5. **Company Limited by Guarantee**
Rowena presented a draft Articles of Association. It was agreed that we should move to Limited Company status as soon as we can. It was agreed to call an EGM on 7th November - just before the Bar and Quiz night. Plans for applying for Limited Company status would be put to community members and approval sought to

progress this.

In the meantime, it was agreed to obtain a Hall specific email address.. under the name PVH@gmail com. It would be important to find out who can access this email and whether we should have specific named emails e.g. PVHChair@gmail.com; PVHSecretary@gmail.com; TreasurerPVH@gmail com etc. This would assist administration of the email account.

Action:
Rowena to take forward obtaining an email address and to continue to prepare the paperwork to bring to the EGM

6. **Village Hall Emergency Resilience Planning**
It would be important to get an update on this.

Action: Rowena to contact Gareth to obtain a report

7. **Programme Planning for 2026/7**

7.1 *Chair Yoga*

Gilly has started discussions with SLACC (purchase of 4 yoga chairs) and Teàrlach MacDonald about providing Chair Yoga sessions at the Hall. SLACC has agreed in principle to provide funding for the chairs and also an award of £300 per year to the group in line with support for other groups already operating in the Hall.

Action:
Janet to speak with Tearlach about hall hire, per person fee for taking part etc.
Gilly has asked that we progress the discussion she started with SLACC

7.2 *Bar Nights*

It was agreed to hold bar nights for October, November and December.

October	
3rd	Bar and games evening Catriona and Martin -bar and food
Nov 7th	Quiz Night with Gareth Young assisted by Rowena Parnell Sandra and David Brodie - bar and food
Dec 5th	Bar and Games with Christmas Party Food Janet, Fiona and Anne - bar and food

7.3 Macmillan Coffee Morning
This will take place on Wednesday 23rd 10-12.30 alongside exhibits from the Loch Awe Photography Competition 2026. Fiona will take the lead in organising though donations of food will be sought.

7.4 Other events

September 23rd: SSEN public consultation event (Taynuilt - Creag Dhubh Reinforcement Project) 12.30 - 7.30pm

October 20th: O&AT First Aid Training 2-5pm

October 21st: The Ferrymen of Portsonachan at 7pm

October 27th: Community Garden Tidy up (Portsonachan)

Bowls will begin and Sandra confirmed that Robert Wilson will commence Celidh dancing on Friday nights in mid October.

October 21st	Talk: *'The Ferrymen of Portsonachan'* Ken McTaggart @ 7pm
December 8th	Christmas Wreath Making session organised by Craft and Craic (Fiona Macpherson)
December 18th	Lochside Neighbours Christmas Quiz

Future events below will be discussed at the next Committee meeting

January 2027

1st	New Year's Day Ceilidh
24th	Burns Lunch

February

5th	Bar and Games night
12th	Valentine's Quiz Quiz Master: Martin O'Keefe

March

6th	Bar and Games night
10th	AGM followed by SLACC AGM
19th	Quiz. Quiz Masters: Janet Buchanan and Colleen Brown

April

9th	Daffodil Tea Action: TBC

8. **Advertising Events**

It was agreed that advertising events about 10 days ahead of the event was about right.

Places to advertise:
Facebook

Posters at:

- Eredine
- Portsonachan Hall
- Cladich
- Dalmally Village Hall
- Dalmally Pharmacy
- Dalmally Surgery
- Dalmally Stores
- St Conan's Road
- Loch Awe Stores

Rowena will put up notices on FB and Anne will make up the posters for the various venues. It was agreed to buy a set of HP print for Anne's printer.

Immediate posters needing done will be for Macmillan Coffee Morning and then the October 3rd bar night.

Action: Anne to purchase ink and seek reimbursement.
Fiona to contact Macmillan to potentiallyuse one of their standardised posters

9. **AOCB**

It was agreed to speak to Ardbrecknish about the future of bar nights as there is news of them opening up. Hall Bar nights are largely for the community to be able to fund-raising for the Hall Renovation.

Action: To make contact with the new owners of Ardbrecknish.

Gilly has informed the Committee that she is stepping down as she is moving out of the area. The Committee noted thanks for her contributions and wished her well for the move.

Date of next meeting: (in person)
Tuesday 27th October 2026 at 7pm