

Minutes of Committee Meeting on 2nd March 2026

(Held at the home of Irene Robinson)

Apologies

Sue Heath, Sue West, Linda Rowles.

In Attendance

Irene Robinson-Chairperson, Liz Mason-Honorary Treasurer, Graeme Dickson-Honorary Secretary, Val Sewry, Sue Locke, Rosie Dickson.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Accepted and signed.

Treasurer's Report

Liz reported that the Community Account as of 28th February has a balance of £10,426.99. Within this there is £5100 which is money paid in for the Dawlish weekend. There have been 48 ball tickets sold at £25 and 3 at the reduced rate of £15 as they are non-dancers, giving a total of £1245.

Thursday credits were £285, (55 x £3) and the outstanding hall rent is £165.

We have raised £207 for our charity, the Royal Osteoporosis Society.

This gives a usable balance in the Community Account of £3424.99

As our savings account is instant access the treasurer recommended that we take Val Sewry's suggestion and move 2/3 of the Dawlish money into the savings account. We ask for a £60pp deposit but at this stage the hotel only require a £20pp deposit. Therefore £3,400 could be temporarily moved to the savings account. The balance of this account would then be in excess of £10,000 which may attract a higher interest rate.

Liz is now in possession of a debit card and is awaiting the PIN.

She recommends that we purchase another remote so that each teacher has their own remote for their own tablet.

Ball Update

The Secretary provided a Ball update. To date we have sold 51 tickets. We are expecting to sell perhaps another 9 to give approximately 60.

With less dancers than last year it was proposed that we all eat in the ballroom. We would not therefore need chairs on the sides of the hall.

Ruth felt that with 60 people she might need one less helper, at £90 for the evening.

We have agreed to have the piper at the start of the evening and he is to be paid £70.

Rosie and Graeme will visit the hall and we will arrange for the piper to visit with Irene and explore the possibility of a grand march.

Sue Locke will provide a tablet for backup music.

Graeme will ask Peter to do the bunting and will collect table cloths and water containers from Roger's house.

We will have a raffle and Sue Locke will explore the possibility of some of our newer members coming as non-dancers and perhaps helping with the raffle and taking some photographs. Dancers will be told of this in advance.

We will buy 4 raffle prizes at a cost of around £12 each and this will be deducted from the raffle takings. Sue Locke will produce 2 prizes, a cream tea hamper and a fruit basket. Irene will purchase a cheese basket and Val a chocolate/nut basket.

Graeme will arrange drinks for the band and Rosie will make them a cake.

Sue Locke will meet and greet at the door and Rosie will produce place cards.

Jan Mason and Val Scriven have kindly agreed to produce the flower displays for the stage and the tables.

Graeme will arrange parking at the cricket club which costs £25 and will be billed with Herrison Hall. Andrew White will be paid £70, as he was last year.

Dawlish Update

Liz reported that for Dawlish 2027 Angela Young was booked. She will be given accommodation and her husband, Graham Berry, may play and dance. We have asked the musician, Ian Muir (Prestwick) to provide for three teaching sessions and two dance evenings. He will charge £535 for this and has asked for £200 travel expenses. He is happy to play solo. The committee agreed the above plan.

Val Sewry forewarned the committee that she may be involved with the Rugby World Cup which starts in Australia on the 1st October 2027. Sue Locke was sure we could cope in her absence and the committee wishes her well.

AOB

The Chair was reassured from a legal viewpoint that we are an affiliated group of the RSCDS and that our insurance is current and arranged through the RSCDS. Regarding our Day School 2027 Irene noted that Mervyn's weekend is the 15th – 18th January. We will have our event prior to this. Irene is awaiting a reply from Sarah Horne regarding her availability.

With a view to increasing the price of our ball ticket next year Val noted that we had increased the price of the Dawlish weekend by £15 and reduced the meal by one course without affecting demand.

The AGM will be on the 14th May 2026.

Date of Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on the 20th April at 2pm, at the home of Sue West.

GRD/ 21/3/2026