

## Port Ellen Playing Fields



### Time for an update on what's been happening!

SID has been working to secure a contractor for the new building since January. The tendering process had to be done through Public Contracts Scotland as a condition of the £1 million of RCGF funding awarded to the project.

This caused numerous delays and difficulties. Everyone SID spoke to either didn't use PCS or couldn't commit the time or workforce to the project. While good news for Islay's builders, not such good news for SID. The tender was reissued several times before SID eventually received two completed tenders in May 2022. Things were looking up!

However, during the delay in the planning decision and the delays in procurement construction costs have continued to rise. SID are in the process of securing additional funding but has so far been unable to award the construction contract to either of the mainland companies who bid. There simply isn't the budget available to cover the costs outlined at the moment.

SID is now working with Argyll & Bute Council, Highlands & Islands Enterprise and a procurement specialist to re-approach locally based companies and investigate options. Discussions are also ongoing with those who originally tendered.

SID remains fully committed to this project and is working to secure additional funding to ensure this fantastic community facility can realise its full potential.

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**Do you work for a business or organisation interested in investing in the local community, and helping to financially support the Port Ellen Playing Fields?**

Please get in touch at [portellenplayingfields@gmail.com](mailto:portellenplayingfields@gmail.com) to discuss this further.

# Sonas Childcare - NEW Beginnings

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Sonas Childcare is very pleased to announce that they have 5 new directors to continue the hard work of securing a childcare facility for Islay.

After extensive discussion with the former committee, SID and Sonas Childcare have decided to merge to create a trading arm to ensure this essential need is met within the community.

SID and the Sonas Childcare and Argyll & Bute Council have been working together to consider space within The Ramsay Hall as a potential childcare facility. In the upcoming months, the new Sonas Childcare board will be collating feedback from professional bodies to bring to the community for feedback and confirm the next steps for the project.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact or pop into Alyson at the SID office.  
New directors are Joanne Beckett, Gillian MacGregor, Dionne Johnston, Rosie Gordon, Pat McGrann

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## Junior Bowling Lessons with Port Ellen Primary School

We are excited to start weekly bowling lessons in The Ramsay Hall with Port Ellen Primary School in September and October. Volunteers will attend weekly to share their knowledge of the sport with the aim of holding a small in-school competition. The bowling club hopes this will encourage more people to participate in weekly bowling sessions. New members of all ages are needed to keep the sport alive in the village.



### Port Ellen Bowling Club

**COME ALONG AND PLAY**  
**CARPET BOWLS**

**in The Ramsay Hall**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**Starting 5th October**

**6pm to 8pm**



**Free Bowling Session**

*All ages welcome!*

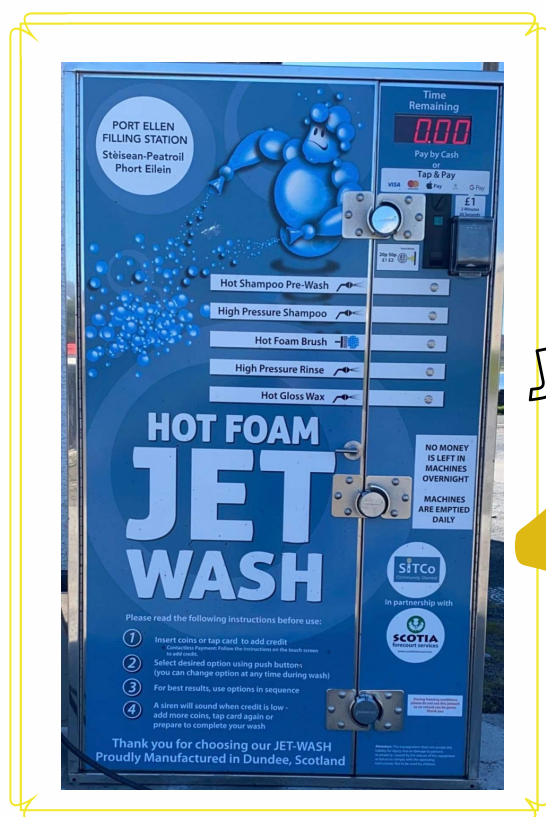


# Port Ellen Filling Station - Community Owned

## Upgrade of the Fuel Pumps - Coming Soon!

**Thank you to ALL our customers for their continued support & patience**

The new pumps have been ordered and we await instruction from the company on their delivery then a date can be made to install the self-service pumps. While we wait for the immediate delivery we have asked local contractors to complete the groundwork needed in advance of the installation. We will keep you posted on the start of the work. The Filling Station has had some other new equipment installed.



*New*  
**JETWASH**



*New*  
**AIR COMPRESSOR & VACUUM CLEANER**

*New*  
**EV CHARGING POINT**



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# Upcoming Events



**Upcoming Events**  
Sept - Dec

**September**  
12th - Special Screen Machine - Elvis  
Starting at 2pm - See separate poster

**October**  
1st - Autumn Fair, Ramsay Hall  
15th - Family Bingo, Ramsay Hall  
19th - Lunch Club Restarts, SeaSalt Restaurant, Every Wed  
29th - Junior Halloween Disco, 7 pm-9 pm  
Halloween Dance -10 pm, Ramsay Hall

**November**  
5th - Fireworks Display, Port Ellen Playing Fields  
30th - St Andrew's Ceilidh, Ramsay Hall, 2pm-5pm

**December**  
3rd - Christmas Market,  
Santa's Grotto and Christmas  
Light Switch On,  
See separate poster.



**PORT ELLEN**  
**LUNCH**  
**CLUB**

Every Wednesday  
19th Oct to 21st Dec

**SeaSalt Restaurant**  
**12.30pm**  
**£12 per person**

(This includes hot main meal, tea/coffee and traybake)  
Please contact Alyson at The SID Office Tel: 01496 300 579  
to allow us to have a estimate of numbers.

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*Pop in and see us!*

**The SID Office is OPEN!**  
**Office located at the rear entrance**  
**of The Ramsay Hall.**

**Alyson MacGillivray - SID Development Manager**  
**Rosie MacLellan - PEPF Project Manager**  
**Rose Mota Dos Reis - Admin and Finance Officer**

**Monday to Thursday 9 am – 4 pm**  
**Friday 9 am – 2 pm**

These hours may be subject to change as staff continue to work  
a mixture of home and office-based hours.

**If the office is closed when you visit, please call or email:**

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## Get to know your SID and SITCo Directors:

John Findlay - SID/SITCo Director/Chair  
Patrick McGrann - Director/Vice Chair  
Alex Gillespie - Director  
Diana Buller - Director  
Dionne Johnston - Director  
Gordon Currie - SID/SITCo Director  
Ian Faggetter - SID/SITCo Director  
Jackie Thomson - SID/SITCo Director  
James McFarlane - Director  
Jim Porteous - Director  
Jordon Paisley – Director  
Rosie Gordon -Director  
Niall Kirkpatrick - SITCo Director  
Frazer Campbell - SITCo Director

