

END 2022 NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our end of 2022 newsletter which gives an update of our activity in that 6 months period. Most of our income is received in the first 6 months of the year and we got smaller payments of £1,300 in this period.

We have continued to fund various projects as shown below from our overall funds.

We look forward to receiving applications which benefit the village, residents and visitors alike in the future.

Application Forms for funding can be requested by emailing:

ardentinnyrenewablestrust@gmail.com

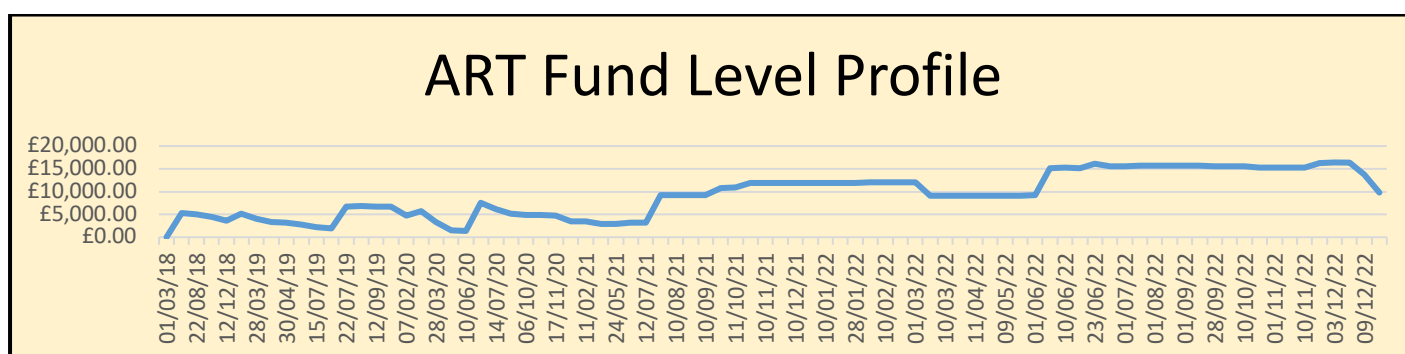
Anyone living in the Ardentinnny Community Council area is eligible to become a member of the Trust (some restrictions may apply)

When applying, always request a form to be sure you have the latest version

REVENUE INCOME FROM COMMENCEMENT UP TO END 2022

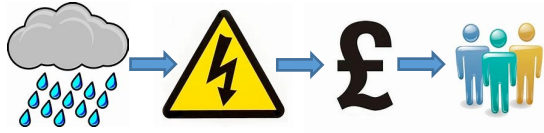
The table below shows our income to date from all sources –

	Previous Payments	Payments in this Half Year	Totals
Hydrover (Finart)	£28376.89		£28376.89
JB Hydro (Cuil)	£1598.04		1598.04
JB Hydro (Schoolhouse)	£977		£977
Ross MacArthur (Drynain)	£3,500.00	£1000	£4500
Amazon Smile	£22.94		£22.94
Hydrover (Tech Support)	£350	£150	£500
JB Hydro (Tech Support)	£151.25	£150	£301.25
OVERALL TOTAL			£36,276.12





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This half year saw another annual payment of £1000 from Ross MacArthur from his Drynain hydro scheme. The fund level at End-'22 stands at **£9821.87** of which up to £700 is already committed to projects. However, £6000 of the fund is now ring fenced as an 'Emergency Fund' leaving a balance of **~£3121.87** available to be used for new projects until we receive further income in 2023.

As agreed at the AGM, the revenue from the Drynain Scheme (£1000 annually) is been used to top up the emergency fund.

A significant increase in revenue is expected from the remaining schemes in their next payments due to the higher selling price they are receiving from their generating.

CHANGE OF TRUSTEES

John Brint became a Trustee at the AGM filling the vacancy created when Jennie McLundie stepped down.

PROJECTS WE APPROVED FOR FUNDING IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2022

WHEELIE BIN SPEED SIGNS

Applicant – Stuart Gray
£199 fully funded by ART

A4 size stickers for residents along the Shore Road have been bought and distributed as part of an effort to reduce the speed of traffic though the village.

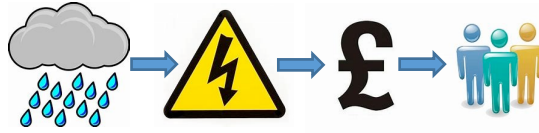


Bulbs, Feed, Feeders and Poop Bags

Applicant – Ardentinnny Conservation Group
£300 fully funded by ART

New feeders and feed for the hide, new bulbs for the village's planters and poop bags for the dispensers at the carpark have been purchased to enhance the village.





Stage Balustrade, Tables & Tablecloths

Applicant – Village Hall Association

£2702 – fully funded by ART

To make better use of the stage area, a removable balustrade has been fitted. This along with some new tables and tablecloths now provides a safe seating area and greater flexibility in the use of the hall.



Replacement Gutters

Applicant – Village Hall Association

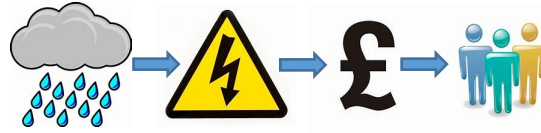
£3840 – Partially funded by ART

The existing gutters which sat atop the walls were leaking resulting in damage to the structure of the building. These have been replaced with new external gutters.



THE HYDRO SCHEMES UPDATE

JB Hydro been given consent to increase the number of water intakes for the Schoolhouse scheme in order to try and achieve their maximum generating capacity (75kW) over the drier months of the year. Work on this should commence in early 2023.



COMMUNITY HYDRO SCHEME

There have been some casual enquiries as to why ART doesn't setup and run its own hydro scheme. This is primarily answered by drawing attention to the sole purpose of ART which is to manage and distribute funds (generated by local 3rd party schemes) to worthwhile causes in the village. Whilst a community owned scheme could generate a significant increase in village revenue, the costs and management of such a scheme should not be underestimated. As an illustration, using data provided by Hydrover, the table below illustrates the minimum financial outlay required to set up a scheme. Both Options would require the formation of a 'company' within the village and Option 2 would require significant management and technical input from within the community and it may be possible to access grant support subject to availability.

ART would be prepared, in principle, to support any village group wanting to pursue such a community scheme.

	Option 1 Fully Subcontracted	Option 2 DIY + Partial Subcontract
Totals	£465,000.00	£307,000.00
Pre-construction		
Outline design, planning permission, abstraction licences, surveys, ecology assessment	£40,000.00	£5,000.00
Construction		
Turbine, generator and controller	£45,000.00	£45,000.00
Penstock (Pipeline)	£35,000.00	£35,000.00
Pipe welding	£25,000.00	£2,000.00
Turbine House	£50,000.00	£5,000.00
Intake construction	£40,000.00	£10,000.00
Electrical connection	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Pipeline Excavation inc. plant hire (assuming existing access roads)	£200,000.00	£200,000.00
Project Management	£25,000.00	£0.00

For anyone interested in more information on Community Hydro Schemes here are some links –

<https://arrocharhydro.coop/>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-hydropower-scheme-apply-to-build-one#designing-your-scheme>

<https://www.mygov.scot/non-domestic-rates-relief/renewable-energy-generation-relief>



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COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING AVAILABLE!

ART manages a small income from 4 hydro schemes in the area for the benefit of the community



WHO CAN APPLY?

Anyone over 18 who lives in the Ardentinnny Community Council area and is a member of the trust.

HOW MUCH DOES MEMBERSHIP COST?

It is free to become a member of the Trust

HOW TO APPLY?

Apply to become a member or receive an application for funding email:
ardentinnnyrenewabletrust@gmail.com

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