

# Mid 2021 NEWSLETTER

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Please find details of the activity of the trust for 2020/21.

Again this has been a difficult year to try and run our trust without face to face meetings and all our decisions were made by a majority vote through email and telephone.

We now have four Hydro Schemes operating in the area and this means that we will have increased income which will be used for the benefit of the community.

We hope to have our AGM in the near future once it is safe to attend in the village hall and I along with the other trustees look forward to our meeting and answering any of your questions.

***Application Forms for funding can be requested by emailing:***

[ardentinnyrenewablestrust@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyrenewablestrust@gmail.com)

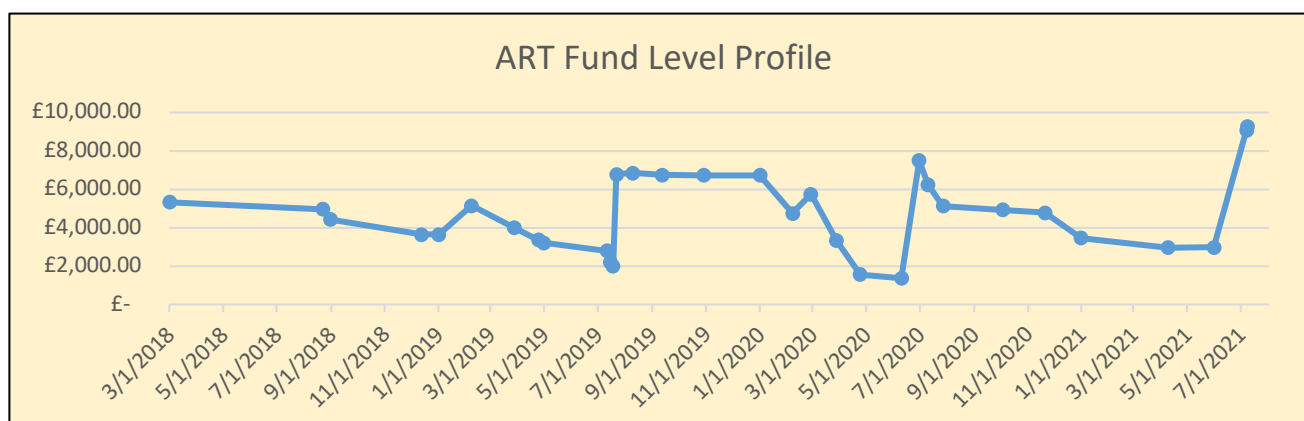
***Anyone living in the Ardentinny Community Council area is eligible to become a member of the Trust (some restrictions may apply)***

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

## REVENUE INCOME FROM COMMENCEMENT UP TO MID-2021

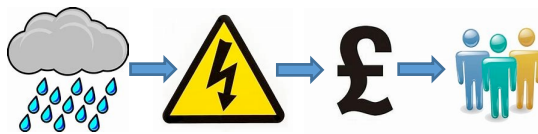
The table below shows our income to date from all sources -

	Previous Payments	Payments in this Half Year	Totals
Hydrover (Finart)	£16243.44	£6125.65	£22369.09
JB Hydro (Cuil)	---		
JB Hydro (Schoolhouse)	---		
Ross MacArthur (Drynain)	£2500.00		£2,500.00
Amazon Smile	---	£11.22	£11.22
Hydrover (Tech Support)	---	£200	£200
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>			<b>£25080.31</b>





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A little additional revenue is now arriving from Amazon Smile. This is a scheme whereby Amazon shoppers can select a charity of their choice and Amazon will give 0.5% percent of the purchase price to the nominated charity at no extra cost to the purchaser. So if you're an Amazon Shopper and would like to see some return for the village why not sign up. Just Google Amazon Smile and follow the steps. Our Charity number is SC0047215 if you need it. Remember to use the Amazon Smile page for your purchases once you have registered (you'll get a prompt if you forget).

A further source of monthly income has been secured from Hydrover of £16.66 monthly for technical support for their schemes in Ardentinnny and Innellan. As Hydrover are not based in Scotland, this support (handled by Stuart and Dougie) covers providing them with local "eyes on" feedback, fault finding and minor intervention such as rebooting the equipment after a power cut.

An additional payment of £200 was made to us for a more involved job of diagnosing that there was a break in one of the buried sensor cables in the Finart scheme caused by forestry operations on the road by the pipeline. This fault prevented half of the Finart system generating any electricity. Diagnosing there was a break and its approximate location allowed Hydrover to attend fully prepared for the repair and have it quickly fixed with a morning's work.

We have been advised that JB Hydro is interested in a similar support arrangement for the Cuil and Schoolhouse systems.

## **PROJECTS WE APPROVED FOR FUNDING IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2021**

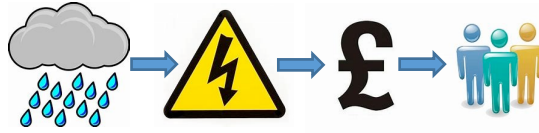
### **Village Carpark Toilet Cleaning**

Applicant – Ardentinnny CC

£500 - Partially funded by ART



This payment supplements the funding from A&B Council to cover the annual cost of weekly cleaning which is required in order for the toilets to remain open to the public.



## August Shindig

Applicant – Ardentinnny CC  
/Walled Garden/Bowling Club

£600 – Partially funded by ART



An event to mark the easing of Covid restrictions. Involving all the groups within the community area and held across 3 venues, the event will showcase what the community has to offer and hopes to both increase memberships and encourage residents both in and out of the village to participate and gain an understanding of the village groups.

The £600 funding will kick-start the event covering the costs of the porta loos, tea/coffee soft drinks for all 3 venues, marketing such as ads and flyers and any other incidentals.

All money raised throughout the day including any money left over from the £600 will be counted as a single pot and split between the 3 venues equally.

**ALTHOUGH APPROVED, THIS APPLICATION WAS WITHDRAWN AFTER THE EVENT WAS POSTPONED AND NO PAYMENT WAS MADE**

## THE HYDRO SCHEMES UPDATE

All four schemes are now operational.

**Scheme 1 – Glen Finart (operated by Hydrover)**

**Scheme 2 - Drynain Burn (operated by Ross MacArthur)**

**Scheme 3 – Cuil Burn (operated by JB Hydro)**

**Scheme 4 – Schoolhouse Burn (operated by JB Hydro)**

Commissioned in February, the Ardentinnny Outdoor Centre now has the benefit of discounted electricity from this scheme. Whilst income for the Trust is being generated, we may not see our first payment until 2022.



**Upper Intake**



**Lower Intake**



**Turbine House**