

Ardentinny Community Council - Annual General Meeting

Date & Venue

Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at Ardentinny Village Hall.

Public

Jeannie Urquhart, Jim Urquhart, Robert Devine, Anne Wood, Linda Naismith, Robbie Lawrence, Sandra Davidson, Neil Bennet, Sophie Jaquet Bennett

ACC councillors

John Brint (Convener), Brian Hillesdon (Secretary), Keith Wood (Treasurer), Bill Tierney (Member)

1. Welcome and introductions

John welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for attending

2. Apologies received from:

Julie McAlpine FLS, Gill Walker FLS, Steve Gillen FLS, Michael Cunningham (Police), Neil & Dee Robinson, Elsbeth Brint, Mark and Helen Rowthorn

3. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest declared.

4. Minutes of 2025 AGM

The minutes of the last meeting had been made available on the various notice boards, the Ardentinny Community Council (ACC) website and all those on the Community Council email list had received a copy. Hard copies were made available in the hall for information.

JB asked whether anyone had any comments, issues or matters arising regarding the minutes: None were made.

JB asked for a proposer and seconder that the minutes be accepted.

Proposed: Keith Wood

Seconded: Bill Tierney

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

6. Convener's Report

Presented by John Brint:

The Community Council (CC) continued to be active on several fronts in the last year. This includes follow up on the points identified in our 2023 Residents Survey. We have had some success on some items but unfortunately many are still lagging due to lack of response from the agency departments we are trying to engage with.

We appreciate the support of all three of our local ward councillors who assisted us in many activities.

a. Road Safety in the village

We still await the finalisation of Road Safety improvements that we requested to the Roads Department last year. These are red panels and road markings at the Rock Cottage corner. The A&BC Roads Department have advised us that the work is still scheduled for completion, but no date given.

We have also made a request to Councillor Sinclair for a comprehensive road resurfacing project from Blairmore through Ardentinny and on to the Whistlefield. The road continues to deteriorate and the recent heavy use of the road by tractors, and timber trucks has exacerbated the need for urgent road repairs. Filling potholes just isn't enough.

b. Bus Service

We are disappointed that more services to Ardentinny were cut by West Coast Motors, with no opportunity for the Community Council to make a case to keep the services. We are trying to engage with them to have at least part of the service restored for summer, but to date there is no reply from West Cost Motors to our emails.

c. Local Place Plan

The Ardentinny Local Place Plan was issued and subsequently registered with the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Authority. The plan captures as action points the wishes of residents who attended the drop-in sessions and also uses feedback from the 2023 Residents Survey and previous Community Action Plan. We hope to turn many of these action points into projects that will benefit the village, this will be done in conjunction with the Ardentinny Community Trust as well as interested residents and clubs. The Plan also details our views on planning issues that may arise in the future, these will be captured in the forthcoming National Park Local Development Plan.

d. Ardentinny Community Emergency Plan

We made our annual revisions to the community emergency plan in April 2026. This was again distributed to residents via our website and made available as a hard copy in the Ardentinny Village Hall. Copies were also provided to the Civil Contingencies Unit at Argyll & Bute Council, Forestry and Land Scotland, Ardentinny Outdoor Centre, the Village Hall Management Team and Kilmun Community Council. We are pleased that we have two new members on the Emergency Management Team, plus we still have our group of volunteers who will support the Team by making themselves available in the case of an emergency event in the village.

e. After effects - Storm Eowyn

Telephone lines around the village are either hanging low or completely down as a result of Storm Eowyn. Approaches to Openreach have been unsuccessful in moving this forward, so we are looking into using our Ward Councillors for assistance.

We were pleased to receive a donation of £500 from SSEN that we have used to buy more resilience equipment for the Emergency Team, which includes a small freezer (powered by our lpg generator) that residents can use during a power cut. The most recent storm (Bram) which caused power outages for a few days, also saw SSEN provide a food truck in the village which was well received.

f. Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) – Picnic Site at the Beach

We have continued to engage with FLS regarding the Beach area and Car Park. There are still concerns about the lack of Rangers to monitor the location, as we still suffer from anti-social behaviour (loud music, fires lit on the grass under the trees which risk a forest fire, alcohol and loose dogs). There is little enthusiasm for the residents to venture near the beach in summer. We attended a meeting at the beach with FLS, Police and the National Park to identify changes that will reduce the sheer volume of visitors to a manageable level and also hopefully reduce the anti-social behaviour of some visitors. We still await feedback from FLS on their plans for this year, and have requested that they improve the road and passing places to the beach.

g. Fish Farms in Loch Long

The CC continues to monitor the planned Beinn Reithe fish farm in the National Park, and have expressed our concerns to the Park planning authority. We are concerned that if Beinn Reithe goes ahead there, it leaves Ardentinnny open to a renewed request by MOWI to try for an installation at the south end of our village. The vast majority of residents are opposed to any fish farms in Loch Long.

h. Defibrillator

A new defibrillator was purchased by the Community Council with financial support from the Ardentinnny Renewables Trust. This was required to replace the old one at the Ferry Building opposite the entrance to the Outdoor Centre, as the company has stopped making replacement pads and batteries.

i. Water sampling sites request for wild swimmers

With an active wild swimming group in the village, plus the presence of water activities for visiting schoolchildren run by the Outdoor Centre, we approached SEPA regarding concerns on water quality at locations in the village. They have agreed to take water samples in the future to monitor the quality of the sea around the village.

7. Treasurers Report

Presented by Keith Wood:

Financial Activity From 1st April 25 to 31st March 26

• Opening Balance	£2737.95	
• Money Credited to account.		
3 Toilet donation box contributions	£380.00	
SSEN Storm Payment	£500.00	
ART Toilet Contribution	£1242.00	
2 A&B Council Contribution	£731.00	
ART Defib Contribution	£880.00	
Loch Lomond National Park LPP Refund	£1071.00	
	Total credits	£4804.00
• Money Debited from the account		

1 payment McCuaig Hygiene Services sanitary disposal	£150.00
13 payments to Out Of Your Hands toilet cleaning	£2016.00
5 Payments Stuart Grey Emergency Team Costs	£130.16
12 Payment Lloyds Bank Service Charges	£50.00
4 payments to village hall hire	£110.00
2 payments to Hostworld/Spanglefish web costs	£106.08
2 Payments to Andrew Deptford Defib & Pads Purchase	£1252.80
1 Payment Keith Wood Emergency Team Costs	£69.90
1 Payment Keith Wood Squirrel Signs	£32.67
1 Payment Emergency Team Freezer	£299.00
1 payment Remembrance wreath	£24.49
1 Payment LPP Items	£3.60
2 Community Council Meeting Archive boxes & Sundries	£47.43
1 payment Ardentenny Christmas party donation	£25.00
1 Payment Parish Online Mapping	£60.00
1 Payment Data Protection Registration	£52.00
1 Payment Argyll Print & Design for LPP Posters	£1071.00
Total debits	£5504.38
• Closing balance on 31st March 26	£2037.57

Proposed: John Brint Seconded: Brian Hillesdon

8. Election of Office Bearers

As per procedure, all the committee stood down. John Brint (Convener), Brian Hillesdon (Secretary) and Keith Wood (Treasurer) stood down from their roles in office.

John Brint agreed to continue as Convener.

Proposed: Keith Wood Seconded: Brian Hillesdon

Brian Hillesdon agreed to continue as Secretary.

Proposed: John Brint Seconded: Keith Wood

Keith Wood agreed to continue as Treasurer.

Proposed: John Brint Seconded: Bill Tierney

Bill Tierney agreed to continue as Councillor until he becomes time-barred at which time a new member will be required.

Proposed: John Brint Seconded: Keith Wood

9. AOCB

None

10. Date & venue of Next Meeting

Date of next AGM - Tuesday 1st June 2027 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall