Your weekly news update for 16th February 2024

Hi All,

Here is the weekly news from the Ardentinny Community Council and the Village Hall. In addition there is a note from Peter at the Outdoor Centre, seeking your input with regard to applying for funds from the Highgate Hall sale. Also we have the monthly update from Strone Primary School.

Ardentinny Community Council News

Ardentinny Community Council Public Meeting Tuesday March 5th 2023 @ 7.30pm

The next public meeting will be held in the Village Hall, we hope to see you there, tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. An agenda will be sent out soon.

Wall repairs opposite Church Car Park

Good to see the repair work to the wall at the bridge and on the other side of the road has been completed by the Council.

Telephone Cables lying on the Coast Path past Coronation Wood

Thanks to the help of one of our residents, who managed to contact an Openreach engineer, we found out that they are waiting for a new pole to reinstate the cables.

Church Car Park Toilets

Still slow progress on this one, we are still waiting for the Council to get the electricity restored to the toilets, but they are open.

Ardentinny Community Council Facebook page and Website

The Community Council website can be found here - <u>www.ardentinnycc.co.uk</u> The Facebook page has been updated, search for **Ardentinny Community Council** and we have an Instagram site under the same name. Regards John

Ardentinny Village Hall News

Hi Everyone,

Is anyone else looking forward to Spring now or is it just me!

Please see reminders of what's happening in the hall.

Monday

Ukulele/Music group

Please join us on from 18.00-19.30.

Following our successful live debut at the bowling club, we are currently running a beginner session.

All abilities welcome, spare instruments available.

£2 per session, tea/coffee included.

Email us at <u>ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com</u> for further info.

Tuesday Badminton 10.30 am – 12.30pm £3 per person.





Wednesday

Hobbies 7pm – 9pm Anyone who has a hobby or would just like to drop in and meet people, please call in. £2 per person.

Thursday Afternoon

October – March 2pm – 4pm Indoor bowls membership £25 during these times and non-members £2.50 per person

Thursday Evening

Heavenly Mountain Gate Tai-Chi Chuan (Yang Tradition) 6.30pm – 7.30pm £5 per person Contact Bryan on 07813 374879 for new enquiries.

30th March

The much-anticipated great Ardentinny Scone off and music night

Cost to enter £5 per entry.

The hall will be open between 12 and 2 for the scones to be dropped off and the judging will begin at 4pm. There will be 2 categories for sweet and savoury scones and prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be given at 6pm.

This will be followed by a music night.

The doors will be open at 7pm for setting up and the function will begin at 7.30. Entry cost ± 3.00 per person all to pay including bands. A bar MAY BE available on the night, but this has not been confirmed yet.

We will keep you posted of any other events in the coming weeks.

As Neil and I have been the ones who mainly organise these, we are looking for more people to join the Management Group as we cannot keep up the pace with some of the functions and events. It would be beneficial if someone who was good on a computer could assist with funding applications and general admin. Please let me know if you are interested.

Take Care and Kind Regards, Dee

Ardentinny Outdoor Centre – A request from Peter Wilson

I guess like many community groups in the area, the centre is planning to make a submission to the High Gate Hall Trust for a share of the funds to be disbursed amongst the Shore Villages.

As you would expect, we have one or two quite strong ideas of our own about how we would use any grant made available to us but we are wondering what the community in Ardentinny would most like to see us applying for!

The application guidelines are very clear that the project must be of demonstrable benefit to the local communities and should reflect David Highgate's generosity towards the area.

Should anyone with an interest in the centre and the well-being of the shore villages wish to do so, I would be delighted to have advice and ideas around which the centre may be able to build its application.

Please feel free to call me (07766 902591) or email me - - <u>peter@ardentinnycentre.org.uk</u> Kindest regards to one and all.

Peter

Peter Wilson | Executive Officer | The Ardentinny Centre

Strone Primary School Parent Council update February 2024

STAFFING UPDATE

We were very sad to say goodbye to Wee Class teacher Kathryn Morrison after Christmas but wish her all the best in her new role teaching Gaelic medium at Sandbank Primary. We welcome Ms Petrie and Ms Vinson who have joined us. Mrs Fish continues to work a 4-day week and is in school on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Marshall has taken up the role of our Principal Teacher (Acting).

SHINTY SUCCESS

Some of our pupils in the P5-P7 class took part in the Camanachd Association National Primary Schools competition recently. This was their first time

playing as part of the combined shinty team with Tignabruaich and Sandbank Gaelic Unit. Congratulations to them all, as they have qualified for the final in Fort William at the end of February.

FIDDLE LESSONS

We are delighted to have Abigail Pryde teaching the children fiddle. The school has always offered fiddle lessons so its great to see this continue.

SCOTTISH JUNIOR FORESTER AWARD

The P5-7 class are coming Towards the end of this award, which aims to give children and young people of all ages an insight into the skills needed for a career in Forestry as well as equipping them with the practical ability to assist in woodland management in their schools and local communities. The children have been completing practical tasks and enhancing their knowledge of trees, woodlands and forestry. This week they had a field trip to Glenbranter to hear from and see different forestry professionals in action. Huge thanks to Steve Gillen from Forestry and Land Scotland for delivering these sessions.

NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Parent Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 27th February at 6.15pm and will be held online. We welcome members of the community to join us.

Please contact stroneparentcouncil@gmail.com if interested.

Kind regards,

Andrew Smith,

Chair