

Your weekly news Friday 18th July 2025

Hi All,

Here is the weekly news from the Ardentinn Community Council and the Village Hall.

Ardentinn Community Council News

Ardentinn Beach Area and Picnic Site

Last weekend saw the beach area inundated with visitors, with the car park overflowing, and campers in various locations, plus double parking at the Glenfinart bridge and along the road. The site (which is an FLS Stay The Night Location) is simply not managed appropriately by Forestry and Land Scotland. During the weekend the toilet block became a health hazard with the toilets overflowing and ultimately closed. This resulted in some visitors relieving themselves behind the toilets. The smell was overwhelming. In addition, the water supply failed at the toilet block, and the Bowling Club had an intermittent supply over the weekend.

The Community Council have informed the Forestry and Land Scotland Visitor Services Manager for our area about the mess that the beach area was in. We added that if they continue to promote the site as a "Stay The Night" location then they need to install a mains water supply to the toilets to mitigate this health hazard.

Going forward we will write a more formal letter of complaint to Forestry and Land Scotland on behalf of residents who were there and saw the state of the area. We will also ask for more Police and Ranger patrols.

We plan to copy in Argyll and Bute Council, Ward Councillors and our MSP. If you have any thoughts on this topic, please send us your views at ardentinncc@gmail.com

Ardentinn Community Trust Ltd: Looking for new Trustees

The Ardentinn Community Trust (ACT) is our own Development Trust which is a community-owned and led organisation, working proactively to combine community-led action with an enterprising approach to addressing and tackling local needs and issues. Development Trusts deliver projects and actions on behalf of the local community.

The four defining principles of a development trust are that they are:

- Engaged in the economic, environmental and social regeneration of a defined area.
- Independent, aiming for self-sufficiency and not for private profit.
- Community based, owned and managed.
- Actively involved in partnerships and alliances between the community, voluntary, private and public sectors.

In recent years the current Trustees have been focused on developing the Glenfinart Walled Garden, which is a major project that operates under the auspices of the Ardentinn Community Trust. It is often thought that the Walled Garden and the Community Trust are one and the same, but this needs clarification and why there is now a need for new Trustees to come forward.

The Current Status of the Trustees

Several of the current Trustees of the ACT are planning to stand down at the next AGM, to focus purely on the project – "Glenfinart Walled Garden". Therefore, this will result in opportunities for residents to step forward and join the board of Trustees of the overarching Ardentinn Community Trust.

To be clear the new Trustees are not part of a project team for the continued development of the Walled Garden. The new Trustees will have oversight of the Walled Garden project and provide assistance and support to obtain funding for its continued development. Furthermore, the new Trustees will have oversight on future projects, by helping to identify funding that will benefit residents, care for our local environment and protect historical buildings and archaeological sites. New projects can be presented to the Trustees by residents as individuals or as a group, as long as its benefits remain within the Ardentinn Community Council geographic area. In the future, projects may come from the Ardentinn Local Place Plan.

What is required to keep the Ardentinn Community Trust going?

There is a need for a minimum of four Trustees to form a quorum and so ensure the survival of the Ardentinn Community Trust. The treasurer has agreed to continue, but there is a requirement for a Chairperson, Secretary and at least one further member Trustee. The Trustees are fully indemnified against loss or liability of the Trust.

If you have a passion to see the beautiful area in which we live not only preserved but also enhanced by the sensitive and appropriate careful management of the built and natural environment, please consider standing for a position as a Trustee of the Ardentinn Community Trust. You could play a key role in this 'mile stone' opportunity for our local community.

A Development Trust opens up access to numerous funding streams that would otherwise be unavailable to the community i.e. Scottish Government Rural Housing Funds, UK Government - Community Ownership Fund, National Lottery Community Fund, Investing in Communities Fund (ICF), Community, Capacity and Resilience Fund (Funding Scotland), Robertson Fund - Community Food and Health, Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, Scottish Borders Council, Shared Property Fund etc. Without it we cannot access these funding sources.

Ardentinn Community Council are facilitating the search for Trustees for the Community Trust, feel free to get in contact with any questions you may have, and we will try to clarify such points.

Ardentinny Renewables Trust AGM

The AGM will take place in Ardentinnny Village Hall on 22rd July at 19.30

This is a public meeting to which you are invited to attend.

The meeting will be recorded for the minutes.

Forestry and Land Scotland Update

Civils works have been awarded to MAM in the Blairmore/Kilmun/Ardentinny area to facilitate road construction that will be used to take out timber in the areas affected by Storm Eowyn. They are planning on starting in the next couple of weeks and may bring in a few Caravans for operatives to stay in. More information to follow.

Glenfinart Walled Garden - Date for your diary:

Harvest Fair at the Walled Garden – Sunday 21st September 2025 12 noon to 4.30 pm. There will be the usual attractions plus music, more information to follow.

Glenfinart Walled Garden Membership: Reminder that membership fees for the Walled Garden are due - £2 per year. You can hand in the fees to any of the Trustees along with your name and address.

Ardentinny Community Council Facebook page and Website

The Community Council website can be found here - www.ardentinnycc.co.uk

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 Weekly News

Table Top Sale at the Village Hall

Table Top Sale on Sunday 27th July. 11 - till 3. Tables available to book @ £10. Contact Village hall to book ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com. **CANCELLED**

Quiz Night Saturday 9th August Village Hall

The next quiz will be hosted by Stuart Gray, on Films, television and Music. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

Weekly Groups	Ardentinny Village Hall	
Village hall membership information	Monday	Tuesday
<p>Membership £12 per year from 1st April each year Pay directly into the hall account with the details below. Please write the first line of your address as the reference and email your name and the name of anyone else you are paying for including the reference that this has been done to: ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com Ardentinny Hall Association A/c: 00123850 Sort: 80-13-46</p>	<p>Ukulele/Music group Please join us on from 17.30-19.30. Following our successful live debut at the bowling club, we are currently running a beginner session. All abilities welcome, spare instruments available. £3 per session, tea/coffee included. Email :- ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com for further info.</p>	<p>Ladies Badminton 10.30 am – 12.30pm £3 per person. Contact for more info- Anne Wood 07894 274422</p>
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Hobbies 7pm – 9pm All welcome for a chat and a cuppa and friendly help with your knitting/ crochet/ quilting etc. Anyone who has a hobby or would just like to drop in and meet people, please call in. Contact Margo Hendry 01369 810262 £3 per person.</p>	<p>Tai-Chi Heavenly Mountain Gate Tai-Chi Chuan (Yang Tradition) 6.30pm – 7.30pm £5 per person Contact Bryan on 07813 374879 for new enquiries.</p>	
Saturday	Sunday	Private Hiring of the village hall
		<p>Contact for more information ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com £120 per day £60 1/2 day</p>