

Your weekly news update Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Hi All,

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

## **Ardentinn Community Council News**

### **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.

### **Ardentinn Renewables Trust AGM**

The AGM will take place in Ardentinn Village Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 1930

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

The meeting will be recorded for the minutes.

### **Forestry and Land Scotland Quarry Operations**

Please note that Forestry and Land Scotland are commencing operations at Larach Quarry. So you could meet some heavy machinery and trucks if you go over the Larach.

### **Glenfinart Walled Garden - Date for your diary:**

**Harvest Fair** at the Walled Garden – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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**

**Please note the quiz for tomorrow night (12/7) has been cancelled.**

### **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](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com).

<b>Weekly Groups</b>	<b>Ardentinny Village Hall</b>	
<b>Village hall membership information</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<p>Membership £12 per year from 1<sup>st</sup> 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: <a href="mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com">ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com</a> Ardentinny Hall Association A/c: 00123850 Sort: 80-13-46</p>	<p><b>Ukulele/Music group</b> 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 :- <a href="mailto:ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com">ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com</a> for further info.</p>	<p><b>Ladies Badminton</b> 10.30 am – 12.30pm £3 per person. Contact for more info- Anne Wood 07894 274422</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<p><b>Hobbies</b> 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><b>Tai-Chi</b> 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
		Contact for more information <a href="mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com">ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com</a> £120 per day £60 1/2 day