

Your weekly News update for Friday 12th April 2024

Hi All,

Here is the weekly news from the Ardentinnny Community Council and the Village Hall. A quiet week for the Community Council, but lots of info from the new Village Hall Team.

Ardentinnny Community Council News

Volunteer request - to join Ardentinnny Community Council Emergency Management Team

The Community Council is still looking for a volunteer to join the Emergency Management Team (EMT) for our Community Council area. The current emergency team, made up of residents, aims to help reduce the effects of an incident on the community. The role of the EMT is to co-ordinate the activities for the community during an emergency by assessing the situation, mobilising the appropriate local resources to support the community and maintaining links with the emergency services, the local authority and other responding organisations.

If you would like to join us, please get in contact via the Community Council email address – ardentinnnycc@gmail.com



Ardentinnny Community Council Facebook page and Website

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

The Facebook page has been updated, search for **Ardentinnny Community Council** and we have an Instagram site under the same name.

Regards
John

Village Hall Weekly News

We are pleased to announce that the new Village Hall Management Group held our inaugural meeting on Tuesday 9th April. The new team comprises myself as Chairman, Brian Hillesdon - Secretary, Olwyn McShane – Treasurer, Adina Robinson - Trustee, Helen West – Trustee and Elsbeth Brint – Trustee. Firstly, we want to thank Guy Elder and Neil Robinson who recently stood down from their roles for all the hard work and effort that they put in both running and maintaining the hall on behalf of the local community, which is very much appreciated. Most of our first meeting involved playing catch up and familiarising ourselves with all of the existing information and status of the hall. It was however agreed that Elsbeth and Helen will take over the roles of Events Organisers and will start to consider regular and one-off special activities in the hall. John and Elsbeth Brint have also agreed to take over the running of the regular Ardentinnny hall quiz nights – so watch this space for future updates. Dee has agreed to take over the role of Fund Raiser and will be looking for new and exciting ways to strengthen the hall finances for the future. Any ideas or information for funding sources gladly received.

The Team also agreed to carry out a survey of the local community to find out from you the things that you like about the hall and the things that you don't. We aim to be dropping off questionnaires at every property in the geographic Ardentinnny area – so please look out for them. It's YOUR hall so we want to know what YOU think should happen to it and the kind of events that you want to take place. We will also be organising an online version for all those who prefer a keypad to a pen. We intend to make contact with all of the groups who regularly use the hall and set up a route for regular liaison. Elsbeth has also kindly agreed to take on this role and ensure that there is good

communication between the Management Group and the regular hall users. On that note we intend to develop a 5-year plan to refurbish and upgrade facilities in the hall so we will be making contact regularly to ensure that any future works or changes are in line with regular user and members expectations.

Also, behind the scenes Stuart Gray has been experimenting in the mysterious art of getting a working Broadband in the hall (despite the best efforts of BT to the contrary). He has now successfully tested and proven a workable system and phoned me direct from the hall using Wi-Fi! All we have to do now is purchase the equipment and get it installed. It may take a little time but we hope that before too long hall users will be able to access the internet (please note that this won't be allowed during quiz nights).

Below is a list of the regular hall events with contact details. You can also find this on the Ardentinnny Community Council web site.

That's all for now.

Mark Rowthorn
Chairman

Weekly Groups	Ardentinnny Village Hall	
	15th-21st April 2024	
Village hall membership information	Monday	Tuesday
Membership £12 per year from 1 st 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 then email your name and the name of anyone else you are paying including the reference that this has been done to: ardentinnnyvillagehall8@gmail.com Ardentinnny Hall Association A/c: 00123850 Sort: 80-13-46	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 :- ardentinnny.ukulele@gmail.com for further info.	Badminton 10.30 am – 12.30pm £3 per person. Contact for more info- Anne Wood 07894 274422
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 £2 per person.	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.	
Saturday	Sunday	Hiring the village hall
		Contact for more information ardentinnnyvillagehall8@gmail.com £100 Per day £50 1/2 day

Village Hall Association - Minutes
Annual General Meeting – 19th March 2024

19th March 2024 7pm

Present:

Chair: Guy Elder

Treasurer: Olwyn Calder - Mcshane

Secretary: Dee Robinson

Member: Neil Robinson

Attendees: Brian Hillesdon
Mark Rowthorn
Helen West
Roger Canning
Elsbeth & John Brint
Linda Naismith
Susie Robertson
Lydia and Dave Moodie

Apologies: Sandra & Ian Davidson
Jeannie Rowland & Jim Urquhart
Mike Loochin
Isobel Gray

Neil thanked everyone for coming.

Accounts

Olwyn gave the accounts report and explained we are in a better position than last year after funding and fund-raising events.

Olwyn was concerned we needed the accounts to be signed off and this needs to be a registered accountant. This has been looked into and we know this does not have to be a qualified accountant.

Guy offered to sign these off as he has been involved with the running of the hall and understands the expenditure.

Guy explained we are better off than some of the other halls which are in financial difficulty.

Neil explained we have had a lot of free electricity then explained the latest electric bill and readings and paper passed round to everyone attending, with the figures on.

Guy apologised for being late and explained he is stepping down as chairman, he thanked previous members for assisting.

Neil is stepping down as a group member but will carry on with the projects he has already started.

Outstanding projects are:

The kitchen area will need £5k to make improvements including buying industrial size ovens so we can apply for food hygiene certificates which opens more doors for people wishing to hire the hall for functions such as weddings and catering for events such as the Argyll Rally. We have also looked at connecting to the internet.

We have requested for £15k from the sale of Highgate Hall to install updated heating now the hall has been insulated and the electric wiring has been replaced.

The bicycle rack needs to be constructed and fitted.

Previous Projects

Guy explained the previous projects which have been completed including all damp and ingress has been dealt with, new guttering, roofing and the hall decorated.

Although there are issues with storage namely in the container, but we have not had a chance to start to sort this out. A date will be organised where the village will have the opportunity to come and assist with emptying and tidying the container and anything which has not been used for a

while will be given as first refusal to the village before either being disposed of or given to a charity shop.

Funding is also available for the hall, although, we have not had time to look into this and apply for any.

Before Guy and Neil stepped down, the group decided to increase the rental of the hall has not been updated (as far as we know) for the last 10 years so to cover electric usage and insurance this has been increased from £7 per hour to £10 per hour and will begin on the 1st April 2024. Neil advised that if any groups are struggling, with the price increase, to go and speak to him and he will assist with looking at funding rather than any groups disbanding.

AMENDMENT

The price increase for groups has been reviewed and will not be £10 per hour as we have been informed this is too high and due to some groups having less members on some days, this is not practical.

The new Hall Management Group secretary will mention any changes when a new update is sent. Guy mentioned the tree stumps in the corner of the car park will be moved in due course.

The brush is to be cleared as he is trying to avoid run off when there is heavy rain from forming a deep puddle near his property which keeps happening and could potentially cut off residents from that part of the village from leaving to get into town etc.

We requested volunteers to come onto the group to prevent all groups being disbanded and the hall closing and being sold.

Mark Rowthorn volunteered to be Chairman and Brian Hillesdon volunteered to be secretary.

After Dee explained that rather than putting all responsibility for setting up functions on one or two people, if there were 6 volunteers to clean the hall, this would mean the hall would be cleaned by each person once every 6 weeks or once every 3 weeks if they were to work in pairs. There would also be one person to go to the local paper to advertise the larger functions, someone to go to the printers to order posters and flyers and everyone to distribute these to the town and outside areas rather than only having one or two people to do all of it.

As a result, Elsbeth and Helen have also kindly volunteered to come on to the group.

A meeting of the new Management Group will be confirmed to discuss further projects and events going forward and assist in a smooth transition of information for the new chairman and secretary. Linda Naismith requested we ask a member from each group to be present at meetings to keep everyone informed of news and changes. This was agreed upon and will be actioned on future meetings.

Kind Regards,
Dee.