

Your weekly news Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Hi All,

Here is the weekly news from the Ardentinn Community Council.

## **Ardentinn Community Council News**

### **Ardentinn Picnic Site and Beach**

So again, this weekend the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services are recommending no naked fires or barbecues in Scotland. Let's hope that our visitors have read this news and listened. Forestry and Land Scotland will have a Ranger there on Sunday; however, they have no ability to enforce the Fire Services recommendations. Let's hope nothing untoward happens at the picnic site. We have informed Forestry and Land Scotland of our concerns.

### **Friends of Benmore - Plant Sale**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 11am - 4pm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 11am - 4pm

Herbaceous plants, herbs, bedding plants, hanging baskets, jam and chutney available.

A wonderful opportunity to support Benmore. Adjacent to the Benmore Shop.

Donations of homemade jam and chutney welcome.

<https://www.rbge.org.uk/whats-on/friends-of-benmore-plant-sale/61204/>

### **Reduction in Ferry Services Calmac Dunoon – Gourock Survey – Your views requested**

A request from Dunoon Community Council for your views, the survey is open until 24 May, details below. Here is the link to the [Survey](#).

“Following the recent decision by Jim Fairlie MSP, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, CalMac have been instructed to remove 3 return sailings per day between Gourock / Dunoon with effect from the start of the winter timetable.

They have asked Dunoon Community Council (DCC) for their views on which sailings should be cancelled, and the purpose of this survey is to seek the views of residents. DCC have advised all other Community Councils (CC) in Cowal of this survey. DCC welcomes everyone's opinion but will ask which area you live in so that we can report our residents' views only to CalMac – we will pass onto the relevant CC any other views received.

Note that this is not a satisfaction survey, nor an opportunity to complain about the service. It's a survey to assist CalMac in reaching a decision that has been forced upon them.

CalMac have made an initial suggestion, so we need to know if you are in favour of that suggestion, or have a preference for an alternative, and what that would be.”

### **Ardentinn Community Council Facebook page and Website**

The Community Council website can be found here - [www.ardentinncc.co.uk](http://www.ardentinncc.co.uk)

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

Regards  
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