

Your weekly news Friday 18th October 2024

Hi All,

Here is the weekly news from the Ardentinnny Community Council and the Village Hall. Please note that the Village Hall will be closed next week for works, see more in the Village Hall section below.



Ardentinnny Community Council News

Ardentinnny Local Place Plan – Drop-In sessions 15th and 16th November @ Ardentinnny Village Hall

We are holding two drop-in sessions to which all residents, clubs, charities and businesses are invited on the following dates in Ardentinnny Village Hall.

Friday 15th November 13.00-16.00 and Saturday 16th November 09.00-12.00

We are developing a Local Place Plan for the Ardentinnny Community Council area using your input to the Residents Survey of 2023, plus items from the last Ardentinnny Community Action Plan.

This is your opportunity to hear more on what the Local Place Plan aims are, and also to add your own further views (that may have changed or perhaps there are new ones since the last survey) on what you believe Ardentinnny needs to remain a beautiful, thriving village.

Those of you who are office bearers/committee members in Clubs, Charities, Trusts and also businesses will receive a specific invite as we are looking to see how we can capture your organisations specific aims and future aspirations within the Local Place Plan.

Scam Talk – Offer from Police Scotland; Please advise if you are interested to attend

Constable Cunningham from the community engagement team at Dunoon Police Station has offered to give a scam/fraud prevention talk to groups to help raise awareness and help people spot scams to stop them becoming victims.

Could you advise if this is of interest to you. If so, we can arrange for a talk at some point in the future. Please email us at ardentinnnycc@gmail.com to indicate your interest. I presume it will all depend on whether we receive enough numbers to see if this goes ahead.

Private Water Supply Survey with a prize draw – Research Student Request

We have received an email to share the following request from a researcher at the University of Stirling who is investigating private water supply quality in Scotland. She is particularly interested in how users of private water supplies perceive the quality of their water and how effective the current support is for improving private supplies.

She has created a short survey and anybody who currently has (or has previously had) a private water supply can complete it. Anybody who completes the survey will be given the chance to enter a prize draw to win £25 supermarket vouchers.

This is the link to the survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/4LvZqeU64J>

Defibrillator Installed at Ardentinnny Beach Toilet Block

We are pleased to say that the first of our two defibrillators (funded by the sale of the Highgate Hall) have been installed by Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) at the beach toilet block. FLS contractors installed the cabinet and FLS will take care of electricity costs, which is appreciated. The Community Council will check regularly on the status and maintenance of the defibrillator, which has also been registered on “The Circuit” so that emergency services know it is there.

The other defibrillator is currently available inside the Village Hall, the external cabinet is planned for installation in the next couple of weeks on the outside of the building. We will inform you when it is set up.

Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally 2025 20th / 21st June 2025

Last week I asked if there were any objections to the closure of the Larach for the Rally next year. Each year the road is closed for part of one day for the two runs of the stage, which goes from the Whistlefield to the North side entry of Ardentinnny. To date we have received no objections, so if there are no more comments in the next week then we will respond positively to Motorsport UK regarding the use/closure of the Larach.

Donation boxes at the Church Car Park Toilets

In our attempt to raise money to help pay for cleaning of the Church car park toilets, we have installed donation boxes (including a QR code option) for users to make a contribution to their upkeep.

What's On Dunoon and Dunoon Community Development Trust

If you are interested to know about what is happening in Dunoon and surrounding districts have a look at the [What's On Dunoon](#) website.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Heating replacement and upgrade – HALL CLOSURE

The hall will be closed from this Monday 21st October for 1 week and will reopen on Monday 28th October. This is because we are starting to install the replacement heating in the hall. The installation will take place in two phases – Phase 1 is the installation of new wiring and outlets for all the new heating circuits and the installation of new radiant heaters in the main hall. This work will take place during the week that the hall is closed. Phase 2 is the installation of new Convector Storage heaters in the ancillary areas – the date for this is still to be confirmed but we anticipate that this shouldn't require the hall to close. We hope to be able to stay open during this period and for this to take place with less disruption. We will continue to update you on this.

We apologise to all of you affected by this hall closure, but we are sure that the temporary inconvenience will be worth it for improved heating in the longer term (especially as the weather turns colder).

Advance notice - A number of exciting dates for your diary.

WREATH MAKING - 30th November or 14th December (Date to be confirmed). Neil Robinson will be hosting the wreath making again at the Village Hall. There will be an admission on the door of £TBC.



Greenery (plants and leaves etc) to be brought from own gardens and shared out between participants. Bring own embellishments. Blank wreath frames will be provided – event includes hot chocolate and refreshments.

SING-ALONG - 21st December - Christmas Sing-along at the Ardentenny for all Ardentenny Village residents (in aid of Parkinsons and Mind). This is the same format as last year – free buffet for all but buy your own drinks. Music will be provided by The Famous Ardentenny Ukulele Band - but you have to **Sing-along!**

CHRISTMAS HUB – 25th December This will take place at the Ardentenny rather than on the beach. After several ‘bad weather’ days in the past it has been decided that the Ardentenny is a better place to meet up. The Ardentenny has kindly agreed that people can come along and bring their own drinks and nibbles (before the Ardentenny opens). This will enable people to meet up on Christmas day in the warm rather than in a force 9 gale on the beach. Time TBC.

HOGMANAY - 31st December – Hogmanay at the Ardentenny Village Hall – VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

This event was a great success last year and many have asked for it again. Dee Robinson has agreed to act as coordinator for this but needs volunteers for this to go ahead. We have managed to secure the Elderlies Band to play at the event but Dee needs help to get this underway. PLEASE contact Dee on aldina6166@gmail.com or speak to her direct if you can help to get this going. Neil Robinson has agreed to make the Hamper boxes again BUT we need donations to put in them. **We will need to have volunteers in place by 4th November. If you are willing to help then please let Dee know. Sadly, if we don't get enough volunteers to make this viable then we will have to cancel it.**

You can find a list of the regular hall activities on the Ardentenny Community Council web site.

But remember that *the hall will be CLOSED all this week and will re-open on Monday 28th October 2024.*

That's all for now Mark Rowthorn (Chairman), Brian Hillesdon (Secretary), Helen Rowthorn (Treasurer), Elsbeth Brint (Trustee) and Dee Robinson (Trustee)