

Your weekly news Friday 10th October 2025

Ardentinny Community Council Weekly News Update

Hi All,

I'm doing the weekly email note via Facebook on my phone today; it is a bit shorter than usual. Also thought that posting it online may be more practical since some of you may not have access to email via your mobile phones.

Storm Amy

Unfortunately, we suffered at the hands of Storm Amy, I trust that everyone has power back on (3.5 days for some of us).

The current issue is the lack of broadband and phone lines since 4 October. I know that many of you are chasing your service providers but there seems to be no definitive date for reconnection.

We managed to contact Openreach directly and we know that they have inspected the damage.

Unfortunately, there has been no progress or information from them which is very frustrating.

So, we contacted the Resilience Officers at Argyll and Bute Council to see if they could contact Openreach at a higher level than we can, which they did. They also informed the West of Scotland Regional Resilience Partnership as well who are working with BT and Openreach regarding telecoms issues caused by storm Amy. As a result, BT and partners aim to raise the prioritisation level for our area. We haven't got much more information than that at present, but at least we are flagging up that we have telecoms issues in Ardentinnny. We will keep you informed if we hear any updates from them.

If you are desperately in need of internet, the Library at the Queens Hall, Dunoon has free internet access, computers and printing services.

Ardentinny Emergency Team - The team were able to set up in the Village Hall last weekend and provided power banks for residents to charge up phones etc. The generator was used to power the fridge freezer and internet in the hall. Thanks go in particular to Stuart Gray for leading this effort, and to Janice Goldie for doing food runs to residents and the emergency team using the SSSEN food van that was in the village car park.

Power Cut and Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS)

As you know FLS are going to fell the trees just south of the village after the damage from Storm Eowyn, but they refused our request to cut back trees in the next section further south. This is the section where trees have brought down the power lines last week. So, the Community Council have written to them to demand that they cut that section back away from the powerline. If they are still unwilling to do so then we will look at escalating the issue through our Councillors and MSP. We have also asked SSSEN to engage FLS on this topic.

On behalf of Ardentinnny Community Council

John Brint - Convener