## Your weekly news update Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Hi All,

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

# **Ardentinny Community Council News**

#### **Scottish Fire Service Survey**

We have received a request from the Fire Service to share their online survey, please see below;

"The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) has launched an <u>online</u> <u>survey</u> as we consider future changes to our emergency service.

There are issues that we must address with our ageing estate while ensuring that we are best placed to meet the changing community risk across Scotland.



There are areas we think could change which would allow us to use our resources differently. This could include changes to the where our firefighters and stations are based; how and when we staff our resources; and how and when we respond to emergency incidents.

The survey – titled **Shaping Our Future Service: Your Say** – is open until 30 June 2024 and marks the first stage in our engagement with communities, staff, representative bodies, partners and elected members.

The views we gather during this process will help us to develop change options for full public consultation later this year.

You will find more information via our website and online information pack.

Your input is important to us, and we would like you to give us your views by 30 June 2024. The survey takes only a few minutes to complete."

#### **Church Car Park Toilets Update**

Just some information for you regarding the toilets, we have unfortunately had some breakages to the toilet dispensers in both toilets and the big loo rolls have been taken (clearly by someone in desperate need!) in recent weeks. Thankfully the A&BC Amenities team have responded quickly to replace items and repair the damage. Also, someone managed to get into the locked cupboard though nothing taken.

The Community Council have agreed a contract with McCuaig Hygiene Services and they have installed a sanitary bin in the ladies toilets, as the Council do not provide them to Community run toilets.

Finally, there is a newly installed motion sensor at the entry to the Gents toilets, so no more 24/7 lights!

#### A Combined Community Council, Dunoon to Gourock Ferry Service Survey

Representatives of a number of Cowal Community Councils (including Ardentinny) and Gourock Community Council met recently to discuss the town centre to town centre ferry route. In order to gauge local opinion, they have prepared a very short survey that simply asks if residents would like to have a better service than the current one. Dunoon Community Council are kindly hosting the survey.

Please fill this in and the group will use the results to decide the way forward. Here is the link to the <u>survey</u>

#### **Proposed Windfarm - Giants Burn, Sandbank**

You may have the seen a proposal for a windfarm development recently across social media and/or via a letter in the post. Public exhibitions have recently been held but if you missed them there is information on their webpage - www.giants-burn.co.uk

The proposed wind farm is located 2.1km north-west of Dunoon and 1.5km south-west of Sandbank.

Ardentinny Community Council would be interested in your views as residents, whether they be for or against the proposed windfarm. It would give us a feel for the general view of the village and could be useful if we are approached in the future as to the views of locals.

You can send us your views at the usual email address - ardentinnycc@gmail.com

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

The Community Council website can be found here - 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

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# Village Hall Weekly News

## **Residents Surveys**

A big thank you to all of you that took the time to complete and return the surveys. We will be analysing these over the next few weeks and will use them as a basis to plan the changes and activities that you are looking for in the hall.

### **Broadband**

The new equipment has finally arrived, Stuart Gray and John Brint spent a few hours today working out the best location for it to be installed to ensure that we get maximum coverage. We will shortly be seeking quotes to get it installed in its final locations so that it will be available for hall users.



#### **NEXT Village Hall Quiz Night – CALLING ALL QUIZZERS**

John and Elsbeth Brint will now be running the acclaimed monthly Village Hall Quiz nights.

The next quiz will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May (please put it in your diary). This month it is a General Knowledge Quiz. The hall will open at 7.00pm and the quiz will start at 7.30pm. Bring your own drinks and snacks – Fee will be £2.50 per person for Members and £3.00 for Non Members – please join any table you wish. Remember all the money raised goes to keeping the hall running for everyone to use.

Quizzes will take place EVERY MONTH on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

We are still looking for volunteers to join the new team. If you can spare a few hours and would like to help you can either join the Management Team as a Trustee or if you are able to take on a specific role or task in the hall then please let us know. Please send us an email at <a href="mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com">ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com</a>

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

That's all for now Mark Rowthorn Chairman

Weekly Groups	Ardentinny Village Hall	6th-12th May 2024
Village hall membership information	Monday	Tuesday
Membership £12 per year from 1st 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: ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com Ardentinny 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. £3 per session, tea/coffee included. Email:- ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.co m 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 £3 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
Village Hall Quiz 7pm for 7.30pm start till 9pm General Knowledge Quiz Quiz Master – John Brint Bring your own drinks and snacks Members £2.50 each Non Members £3.00 each		Contact for more information ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.co m £100 Per day £50 1/2 day



# GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024
Hall Open at 7pm
Quiz starts at 7.30 pm

Entry: Members £2.50 each Non Members £3.00 each

Please join any table you wish (max 6 per table)

There is a prize for the winning team

Please bring your own drinks and snacks