

Weekly News from 13th January 2023

Hi All,

Here is our weekly news from the Community Council and the Village Hall for you. Please note there is an attachment in this email from the Village Hall Meeting Minutes Dec. 2022.

Ardentinny Community Council News

Car Park Toilet Block.

We received an email from Argyll and Bute Council advising that they are starting repairs to the toilet block. So, I hope that it will not be long before the toilets are fully operational again. We will keep you advised on progress and when the toilets will reopen.

Ardentinny Community Council Resident Survey;

Your new Community Council is now "live". We plan to engage with you in the coming weeks by inviting you to complete a short Resident's Survey, that we will deliver to your doors in person. We do hope that you will provide us with feedback. More information on this next week once we have the leaflets ready for distribution.

Ardentinny Community Council Meeting;

Our first public meeting will be held on 7 March 2023 in the village hall at 7.30pm, details to follow. We hope to see you there.

Regards

John Brint

Ardentinny Village Hall News

Hi Everyone,

We are looking for a volunteer to be treasurer as after 4 years, Susie is looking to step down. If anyone is interested, please email ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com Thank you.

Please note below the following events over the next few months

Broadband will shortly be set up in the hall and the warm space project will hopefully be coming online we will provide further updates on this in the coming weeks

Other Events

Burns Quiz night 14th January

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Members: Free entry Non-members £2.50

Table of up to 4 people £5

Bring your own drinks, snacks, glasses

Prize for the winners to be determined on the night

A fun way to spend an evening and display or improve your knowledge.

11th February Valentines Quiz details to follow

26th February Tabletop Sale. 10.30 – 1

Anyone wanting to book a table for this should email ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com

There will be home baking, teas and coffees on sale. Timings to follow.

If anyone would like to donate home baking for the day, can you please let Dee know on the email above so she can make a list and we know what to expect, as usual volunteers will be asked for closer to the day to help with the running of this function

11th March Quiz night TBC

**New group for the hall
Ukulele/Music group**

Hi Everyone,

Neil and Mike from Rock Cottage have decided to start a new group within the village, initially this will be aimed at learning to play the Ukulele.

That said we are not limiting or restricting the group to these two instruments. Neither Mike or I are music tutors by any stretch of the imagination, however Mike can and does play several string instruments and has offered his services to teach beginners and get the group going.

Anyone and everyone are welcome to come, learn, join in, or add something to those starting out playing an instrument, likewise if you're at a loose end, then come along for a coffee and chat, worth noting we do have spare instruments knocking around, so even if you just want to try something then please pop along.

Location - Ardentinnny Village Hall

Timings - 1800-1930hrs every Monday night so weekly

Cost £2.00 per session

Teas and coffees will be available these will be on a donation basis

Our first meeting will be on Monday 16th January 1800hrs

Summer combined event

The village hall has been liaising with the outdoor centre prior to the Christmas break, for those that are unaware the outdoor centre is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with this in mind we have decided to band together and run a large summer event over one day at the outdoor centre and on the beach area. This will be held on the 29th of July

More details for this will follow however to make the event happen we do require a number of volunteers to help us coordinate and run certain parts of the day

If you would like to volunteer, then please email dee on ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com and let her know the more people we get on board the easier and better the day will be

If you would like to organise a village hall event or have a specific theme for a quiz night please get in touch, either by email at: ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com or just grab us around the village anytime

That's all from the village hall committee for now have a great new year

Regards

Ardentinny village hall committee

Village Hall Association

General Meeting – 6th December 2022

6th December 2022 7pm

Present:

Chair: Guy Elder

Treasurer: Susie Robertson

Secretary: Dee Robinson

Attendees: Ann Wood
Isobel Grey
Elsbeth & John Brint
Sandra & John Primrose
Marion McIntosh
Margo Hendry
Neil Robinson

Apologies: Sandra & Ian Davidson
Mike Loochin

Reopening the Hall

Clubs are up and running again.

Quiz nights introduced this year and other fundraising events have taken place.

Hall insurance price increased this year. Main hall heaters not to be left on when hall unattended as fire risk.

Hydro

Smart meter in place and readings can be broken down into daily/weekly/monthly costs. The electricity will be at least half the cost of what was being paid. Awaiting first invoice from Hydro. Hydro team are currently storing their caravan at the hall for a fee and will be returning to the hall in the spring to carry out work at the hydro by the Centre.

Hall Repairs/Works

Mulden Roofing replaced two slates in the autumn which has stopped the roof leaking
Gutters – the old cast iron gutters have been replaced as they were causing a pooling of water and leaking into the hall by the windows. The slates on the roof have been extended to enable the new guttering to be fitted.

The Renewables Trust kindly awarded a grant to cover two-thirds of the cost with the balance being funded by the hall.

Works completed today.

Slates on the weathered side of the hall will need to be replaced in the next 5-10 years but the east side is fine.

Neil built shelving in the container. Items not frequently used will be moved to the container freeing up space for each club to have its own cupboard space.

Funded by Renewables Trust a new removable handrail has been fitted on the stage enabling the area to be better used and not invalidate insurance. Sandra P concerned about badminton and ability of watchers to see the court. Guy explained that the handrail followed building control regulations and offered to obtain higher seating.

Changes to the Committee:

Adina Robinson - Secretary

Susie stepping down as Treasurer after four years. New Treasurer to be found by the next AGM.

Neil Robinson elected to the Committee

Additional Works

Guy explained the steps to the stage will be altered to move under the stage and the carpet bowls to have carpets on a trolley for ease of use.

Window where plaster caved in due to leaking gutters to be mended.

The second door to the kitchen which has been opened up door will be addressed this week to stop the draft from the kitchen.

Hall heating is being looked into and information gathered. Anne Wood asked about the type of heating and Neil explained infrared panel radiators and additional insulation to the hall.

Loos need upgrading with the addition of a disabled one.

Upgrade the kitchen with an instantaneous hot water system rather than heating the immersion. An industrial oven required.

Neil explained there are grants available for the £20-40k range but not so many for lesser amounts.

Guy mentioned a quarterly email drop to everyone in the village as well as a meeting each quarter so the village can be kept informed 4-6 months in advance of events or works at the hall. Letterbox drop of information for anyone not on email.

Accounts to date: attached. After outstanding invoices in and payments out the accounts will stand at approx. £7k.

Internet banking to be applied for. No two people from the same household can be signatories

Cleaning rota been discussed as this was requested but need to sort. Email residents and ask for volunteers and put in pairs or more then work a 6-week rota for example.

Neil discussed the warm space for anyone who need to come to keep warm and not worry about heating etc.

Spoke to BT about wi-fi box and other issues

Mugs have been printed and will be on sale. First set were credited as badly printed. These are now being used in the hall.

Planning to make some postcards to sell at functions and again raise money for the hall.

Stringed instrument club on a Monday night for anyone who is interested.

Hogmanay function and burns night quiz