

Weekly news update for 3rd February 2023

Hi All,

Here is our weekly news from the Community Council and the Village Hall for you.

Ardentinny Community Council News

Ardentinny Community Council Resident Survey;

Last Wednesday (Jan 31) members of the Ardentinny Community Council came round to pick up the Residents Survey Leaflet. Many Thanks to those of you who provided us with feedback, if we missed you please drop in your completed survey at the Village Hall post box. Alternatively you could photograph/scan it and send it to our email address at ardentinnycc@gmail.com .

We will now take the time to analysis your feedback and present it at the public meeting on March 7 in the Village Hall (7.30pm start), and thereafter on the notice boards and via email distribution.

Your feedback will provide us with a focus for our future activities that is based on your wishes for Ardentinny.

Car Park Toilet Block;

No apparent progress since last week. Electrical work is still to be undertaken by the Council. We will continue to follow up with them on progress.

Meeting with Forestry and Land Scotland

We had the opportunity to meet the new Visitor Services Manager and two of her colleagues at the Beach Car Park this week. Where we took the opportunity to remind them of the issues that have occurred over the last few years at the beach and the concerns of Ardentinny residents. We will follow up with them with more specific items based on your Survey feedback.

One item we got more information on was regarding road improvements going to the beach (which starts at the road end at the Village Hall). These are;

“The plans are for the formalisation of 5 passing places (currently overgrown) and the addition of a culvert and French drain to improve water runoff where the water currently pools etc. All is on the private forestry road once you leave the main road heading towards the picnic site with the purpose of easing the traffic flow and making it safer for pedestrians. The Planning application is only being prepared for submission at the moment”

It will also include fixing pot holes. No date given when this will start though.

Secondly, there is still a plan to reinstate the benches along the coast path. FLS are doing this in collaboration with the Police who promote “Friendship benches”. No timescale given on when they may appear. Apparently, some benches were delivered to the beach area some time ago but they went missing. Nobody seems to know what happened to them.

Argyll & Bute Community Planning Partnership – Request for Public Feedback

Community Planning survey:

The Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership wants to hear your views before 14th February on priorities for improving people’s lives over the next 10 years.

Take the short survey and tell them your top 3 priorities from the 7 themes, or add your own priorities. Your response will help them plan the focus of their work for the next decade and the partnership will work together to make a lasting change.

If you have any difficulties completing this survey or would like the survey in another language, please contact 01631 567960 and a member of the Community Planning and Development Team can help you.

Paper copies of the survey are also available - please contact cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk or phone 01436 658812.

An [FAQ guide](#) may be useful if you have any questions about the survey. You can find out more about their work and who they are on their webpage - [Community Planning Partnership](#)

The survey closes on 14th February 2023.

[Here is a link to the survey](#) or scan the QR code



Home Fire Safety

A general bit of information we picked up which may be of interest;

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, as part of their commitment to building a safer Scotland offer everyone in Scotland a free home fire safety visit.

They will help you sort out a fire escape plan and provide information about smoke, heat and carbon monoxide alarms. So, if you feel you would like a review here is the contact information;

For a Free Home Fire Safety Visit:

call 0800 0731 999

text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.

Twitter link: <https://twitter.com/abewdhq>

Ardentinny Community Council Meeting;

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

Regards

John

Ardentinny Village Hall

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.

Update

This is becoming more important as we head toward the end of the tax year as this is when Susie is hoping to hand everything over to the next person.

We have been contacted about a new newsletter launching soon covering Kilmun, Strone, Blairmore, Ardentinnny, Loch Eck etc. The East Cowal Echo will initially be a bi-monthly, full colour, 4 page A4 publication listing forthcoming events and relevant news and will be distributed to everyone in east Cowal. It will be similar to the Lochs n Glens News publication that was edited by Sue Rule up until the middle of 2022.

The first issue will be out by mid to late February and need details of events, supporting images and any relevant news that you might like to see included in this. The ECHO will be your publication that will be moulded by your input.

The deadline for submissions for the first issue is Friday 10th February. A second issue is planned for mid to late April (deadline Friday 7th April) after which a review will be conducted with your feedback welcomed. Please could groups let me know if they would like their information and details to be included in this so I can send a response with everything included. Please contact me on ardentinnylvillagehall8@gmail.com if you are interested. 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

11th February Valentines Quiz details to follow

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.

26th February Tabletop Sale. 10.30 – 1

Anyone wanting to book a table for this should email ardentinnylvillagehall8@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