

Weekly news update from 10th March 2023

Hi All,

Here is our weekly news from the Community Council and the Village Hall, plus information on events at Glenfinart Walled Garden and Ardentinnny Bowling Club for you.

Ardentinnny Community Council News.

Ardentinnny Community Council Meeting;

We held our first public meeting on Tuesday March 7, many thanks to all who attended. I have attached the minutes, an overview of the Ardentinnny Residents Survey, the Highgate Hall survey and the Police Speedwatch initiative where you can sign up to assist in monitoring speeding in the village.

Defibrillator Update

We are pleased to have received funding from the Ardentinnny Renewables Trust to renew the pads and charge pack for the defibrillator located at the Ferry House, opposite the Outdoor Centre. When the new equipment arrives later in the year (due to long lead times) we will arrange for installation.

Highgate Hall, Strone

To hear more about the Highgate Hall survey findings, there is an open meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 15th March, at Kilmun Hall.

Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park

Please find a link to the latest news from the National Park

- <https://mailchi.mp/fc2a504b9b80/covid19-coronavirus-23march2020-5388440?e=aa1c7d6a44>

Events

Glenfinart Walled Garden

Easter Fun Day: Sunday 9 April 1-4pm – Easter Egg Hunt/stalls/burgers. Free Entry, fun for all the family

Volunteer Days – Every Wednesday and Thursday 11-2.30pm. All welcome.

sec@glenfinartgarden.org

Ardentinnny Bowling Club

Opening Day Saturday 1 April from 2pm.

Memberships available and the club welcomes both experienced and first-time bowlers from the Shore villages and beyond, all you need is a flat pair of shoes.

For more info, email: Rbdevine0@gmail.com

Regards

John

Ardentinnny Village Hall

Hi Everyone,

We are currently in talks with the new treasurer who will be taking over from Susie from April which is the start of the new tax year.

As mentioned in our previous update, we were contacted about a new newsletter launching which covers Kilmun, Strone, Blairmore, Ardentinny, Loch Eck etc. Dee was given two copies of the East Cowal Echo and this has been pinned to the notice board in the hall. There is also a copy on one of the tables in the warm space area.

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 Dee know if they would like their information and details to be included in this so a response can be sent with everything included. Please contact ardentinnyvillagehall8@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 although this is taking longer than we first anticipated due to the line which needs to be installed and there is no clear line of sight.

The warm space project is now completed on the stage area with radiators which are on a programmed timer, tables and access to the kitchen where there is a microwave and toaster should anyone want to use these to cook a warm meal. Tea and coffee are also available on a donation basis.

Anyone wanting to use this please contact ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com

Other Events

11th March Quiz night TBC

New group for the hall

Ukulele/Music group

Hi Everyone,

The music group has been up and running for 6 weeks. We are learning the ukulele, but are not restricting the group to just this instrument.

Other instruments welcomed, but not taught.

Please join us on Mondays from 18.00-19.30. Beginners to George Formby welcomed, spare ukuleles available. £2 per session, tea/coffee included.

Email us at ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com for further info.

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

To make the event happen we do require a number of volunteers to help us coordinate and run certain parts of the day.

To date these are for:

Bar/radio and burgers need to have volunteers and be staffed/resources

Grassed area where Nuddy's boat, the Girl Sharon was, needs to be cleared and we need to organise a date and a works party to help clear all this area up de-weed it and get it ready as that's where the burger area and bar area will be placed.

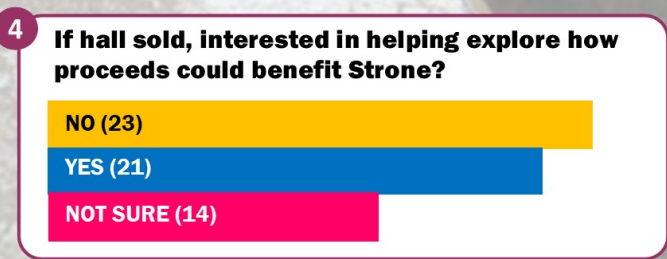
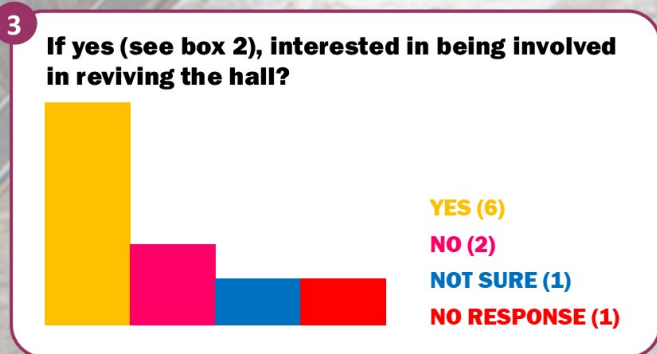
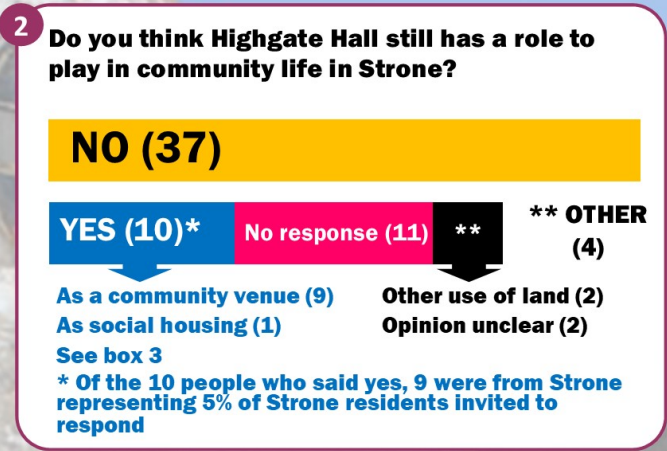
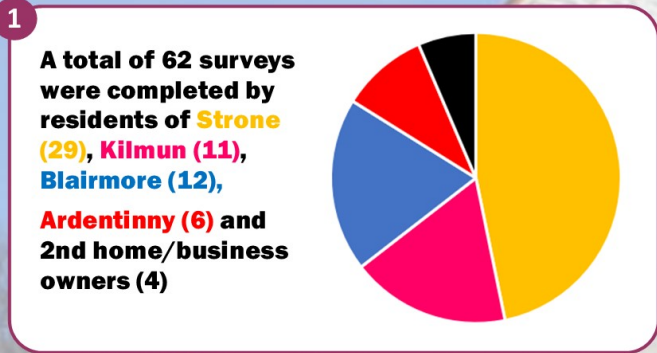
If you would like to volunteer, then please email Dee on ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com and let her know. The more people we get on board the easier and better the day will be.

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

Regards

Highgate Hall Survey - Main Findings

During November and December 2022, the Highgate Hall committee carried out a survey to gather local views about Highgate Hall and other community facilities. An online survey was publicised widely via social media and local email lists and 170 paper forms were delivered throughout Strone.



Highgate Hall Survey – other local spaces

Respondents' ideas about other nearby places or spaces that could be used or developed to enhance community facilities:



School building and woodland learning area (6)



Strone Inn (3)



Play area at Graham's Point (2)



Strone Church Hall (4)



The Shore Café (2)



Access path between high and low road (2)

OTHER IDEAS.....

Land at the top of Strone Hill

The Woods

Tyneshandon

Surrounding village halls and Historic Kilmun

Respondents' suggestions for new facilities...

A community forest

A pontoon in Strone

Community EV charge in laybys

Tyneshandon and the pier...for watersports