

Your weekly news Friday 21st March 2025

Hi All,

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

Ardentinn Community Council News

Log removal near Glenfinart Caravan Park

Forestry and Land Scotland have informed us that the really big logs and stumps at the road side near the caravan park will be removed by Ross MacArthur's team. No date was specified.

Road Safety Improvements

I presume you have seen the new red panels, light rumble strips and some re-marking of slow signs in the village by Argyll and Bute Council Roads Department. This is part of the package of works agreed with them, with the aim to remind motorists that they are entering a 30-mph zone. It appears that not all work was completed, as we were expecting improvements at Rock Cottage corner and also new signs at the entry to the village, so we are chasing the Roads Department again.

Once this has been completed, we want them to address our outstanding concerns regarding the current 60-mph speed limit from just north of Ardfin Avenue to the Glenfinart Terminus, which we asked them to reduce to a 40-mph zone. They previously turned down this request, but we will try again.

All of this stems from your feedback in the Residents Survey, with these road safety issues being your highest priority.

Swedish Houses Septic Tank Issues

Scottish Water attended the septic tank at Swedish Houses, and they have apparently emptied the tank. We received information from the team inspecting the sewage pipe that it is in a good state and that the problem lay in the septic tank causing a backlog, which resulted in leakage at the manhole cover midfield. They were going to report this to Scottish Water to have the tank investigated.

Ardentinn Community Council Public Meeting Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Apologies for a typo in the text last week, the next meeting of the Community Council will be the AGM at 7pm on **Tuesday 3rd June**, followed at 7.30pm by the public meeting.

The official minutes I attached last week had the correct day.

Visitor Levy for Argyll and Bute – Input Requested from A&BC

Argyll and Bute Council are asking for your views on a visitor levy for Argyll and Bute.

What is the visitor levy? It is a charge on overnight stays in hotels and other short-term accommodation, to raise funds to support and sustain local services and infrastructure for the visitor economy. It would be paid by people using hotels and other short-term accommodation. As



many services used by visitors are shared with local residents, investment in visitor economy services could also benefit residents.

There is still time to find out more and give your views on these questions and any other points you would like to raise about a visitor levy as the [VISITOR LEVY CONSULTATION](#) is running until 10 April 2025.

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

Ardentinny Village Hall Weekly News

HALL CLOSURE – NEW TRUSTEES NEEDED URGENTLY

The hall currently has 4 Trustees however 3 Trustees will be standing down at the next AGM. The AGM will be held on Tuesday 6th May 2025. The hall constitution requires a minimum of 3 Trustees for a quorum, it cannot legally continue with only 1 Trustee remaining. In the event of no new Trustees coming forward ***then the hall will be forced to close and the property sold.*** Surplus funds would then be transferred to other charitable bodies.

If the hall is lost it is highly unlikely that we would manage to get it replaced. It's a fantastic facility for the village as well as being the emergency hub for the community.



Please, please if you are a regular (or occasional) hall Member or user consider ‘standing in the gap’ for a season so that we can retain the hall for current and future users.

If you want to find out more then send us an email ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com or come along to the AGM and volunteer.

ADVANCE NOTICE – Table Top Sale Sunday 13th April 2025 – 11.00am till 3.00pm

Do you have any craft items, second hand items, food, bric-a-brac etc that you would like to sell? We are holding a Bring-and-Buy/Table-Top Sale/Local Craft Sale in the hall. Thank you for those who have already expressed interest. If you would be interested in having a table or taking part again, please send us an email at ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com We will be shortly sending out more information to those who have already expressed interest.

Also, we need volunteers to help set up the hall for this event and also to help clearing up afterwards. If you would be willing to help assist in this then please email Helen Rowthorn at the hall email address.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO JOIN THE HALL CLEANING ROTA TEAM

A number of people have had to stand down from the Hall Cleaning Rota Team. If you are able to spare an hour say once a month to join the cleaning team, please let Elsbeth Brint know at ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com

MUGS FOR SALE

We are selling mugs to help raise money for the village hall refurbishment. Mugs are for sale either individually or in whatever number you would like £5 each or £25 for 6 (any design).

Please contact Helen Rowthorn at ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com if you are interested in any. Top left to top right then bottom row we called them:

- Red boat (SOLD OUT)
- Summer view
- Swans in the bay
- Winter in Ardentinnny
- Ferry cottage
- Loch long



Ardentinny Sunday Market
Sunday 13th April 2025
11am-3pm
At
Ardentinny
Village Hall
Tabletop sale



Crafts, Cakes, Plants, Collectables
and much more.



£10.00 per Table to book a space

Contact email -Ardentinny Village Hall – ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com
or phone Helen on 07803712850



£0.50 Entry
all funds to The Ardentinnny
village hall



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

That's all for now

Mark Rowthorn (Chairman), Brian Hillesdon (Secretary), Helen Rowthorn (Treasurer), and Elsbeth Brint (Trustee).

Weekly Groups	Ardentinny Village Hall	24th Mar –30th Mar 2025
Village hall membership information	Monday	Tuesday
<p>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 email your name and the name of anyone else you are paying for including the reference that this has been done to: ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com Ardentinny Hall Association A/c: 00123850 Sort: 80-13-46</p>	<p>Ukulele/Music group Please join us on from 17.30-19.30. 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.com for further info.</p>	<p>Ladies Badminton 10.30 am – 12.30pm £3 per person. Contact for more info- Anne Wood 07894 274422</p>
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>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.</p>	<p>Carpet Bowls Blairmore and Ardentinn Carpet Bowling Club 2.30pm – 4.30pm Contact Gordon Smith on 01369 810218 for new enquiries.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Saturday	Sunday	Private Hiring of the village hall

	Contact for more information ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com £100 Per day £50 1/2 day
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