

Weekly news update from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Hi All,

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

## **Ardentinny Community Council**

### **Energy Advice Online Session for Argyll and Bute Residents 19 May 2023 14.00**

Bute Community Council (BCC) recently held a community engagement meeting and one of the issues identified was energy poverty. BCC contacted A&BC Citizens Advice Bureau regarding offering an online workshop for Bute residents. The opportunity to join this online meeting is now being shared with all Argyll and Bute Community Councils. A&BC Citizens Advice Bureau has recently received another tranche of funding to help support A&B residents who are having difficulties with energy costs. We have a link on our website and below that will allow residents to join the meeting on 19 May at 1400.

<https://butecommunitycouncil.wordpress.com/2023/05/08/argyll-bute-citizens-advice-bureau-energy-advice/>

### **Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally – 23rd - 24th June 2023**

Just a heads up that the Argyll Rally will include the Whistlefield Stage on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

So the Larach will be closed from 10:30 to 19:30, with a potential residents window open between 14:20 and 15:15.

This will affect residents at the north end of the village, I understand that the Rally organisers have dropped in leaflets advising you of the closures. If not, please drop me an email and I will find out further information for you.

The cars will come through the remainder of the village after the stages, as they head back to Dunoon.

### **Community Council Noticeboard Church Car Park**

Next week we will start to renovate the Community Council Notice board at the Church car park. Bear with us as we remove items (one cabinet at a time) to hopefully minimise the water ingress, we will replace the notices when we are finished.

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

Just to let you know we continue to revamp the existing Community Council website which you can find here - [www.ardentinnycc.co.uk](http://www.ardentinnycc.co.uk)

The Facebook page has been updated so search for **Ardentinny Community Council** and we have an Instagram site under the same name.

Regards

John

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## **Ardentinny Village Hall**

Hi Everyone,

Loft and underfloor insulation in the hall were completed last week so hopefully, we should notice a difference when the next lot of cold weather hits.

Neil has been sent some photographs from the installer and will put something together for one of the updates as he has been busy with work commitments.

Please see below for the rest of the information he sent last week which is the next job on the list and hopefully will be completed in the near future.

New instantaneous hot water systems in both the kitchen area and WC areas are being installed and the old systems have been removed. The work for these is still ongoing, however, there is no disruption to the running of the groups.

Issues with one of the female toilets and the male toilet have been brought to our attention and will be sorted as soon as we can. Until then, only one of the female toilets are working and the male toilet has been fixed and can be used.

### **Still to be completed**

**New lighting in all areas including under the stage, these will be dimmable in the main hall.**

**A full electrical check and repairs on some of the poor electrical aspects of the hall this will also include the provision of an outdoor socket which will enable us to do more outside the hall.**

**A local electrician has been appointed to carry out the electrical works.**

### **Still to be completed**

**Future works include the installing of internet facility's this is not part of this fund and the hall has raised the capital to fund this installation which we hope will be up and running shortly just waiting on the BT engineers to do their bit.**

**Going forward we do have plans to refurbish and re-instate the kitchen area so we can once again look to use this facility and once a fund has been found we will look to renew the heating system in the hall.**

I believe all membership fees are in now, so thank you to everyone for these.

We currently have 4 volunteers to clean the hall on a rota basis. Thank you, this is very much appreciated, and I will draw up a rota as soon as possible.

If there are other people who would like to volunteer, this will also be appreciated as I would prefer 2 people to do this rather than 1 being on their own, obviously for safety reasons.

We are also looking at other options so as not to inconvenience anyone.

### **Hall Management Group AGM**

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM.

The minutes are on the hall noticeboard and there is also a copy of the Emergency Plan which the Community Council has meticulously and very kindly put together. Please give this a read as it is very useful and will give you an idea of what to do, should there be an emergency situation in the village.

Please note below the following events over the next few months

### **TOMORROW Quiz Night Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 7pm for 7.30 start**

Bring your own bottle and snacks. A prize for the winners will be determined on the night.

### **Grassed Area Tidy Up**

We are looking for volunteers to finish this on Saturday 13th May **at 10am - 12 noon**. Peter from the outdoor centre has offered to provide teas and coffees.

### **Ardentinny Beach Gala Saturday the 29th of July**

Another meeting with the Outdoor Centre has taken place and the latest information is:

There will be 30 stalls inside the outdoor centre for anyone wishing to sell their wares.

If you would like to book a table, Susie is organising this. For more information, please contact her by emailing [ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com)

If anyone would like to contribute home baking, this will be greatly appreciated as always and as always, these are very popular so thank you to you all.

Staff at the outdoor centre will be working in the kitchen as well as at other events such as archery, paddle boarding, canoeing, a treasure hunt and other family events.

As things are now, we have volunteers to do the burger stand on the beach, however, this could change due to holiday commitments.

### **New group for the hall**

#### **Ukulele/Music group**

Hi Everyone,

Two music group members were on the local radio station this week, Mike Loochin and Lydia Moodie. This was to promote the group and encourage new members and went so well they were asked to do no less than 2 encores.

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](mailto:ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com) for further info.

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](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com) or just grab us around the village anytime

Kind Regards,

Ardentinny Hall Management Group Secretary