

## **Weekly news update from 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Hi All,

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

### **Ardentinny Community Council News**

#### **Ardentinny Community Council Meeting & AGM**

Please find attached the minutes of the AGM and Public Meeting that was held on June 6. If you have any questions do get in touch with one of us at [ardentinnycc@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnycc@gmail.com) .

Next meeting is Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

#### **Beach Issues**

As mentioned last week, there were reports of dogs becoming seriously ill after visiting the beach, possibly due to blue/green algae in the water or perhaps the presence of Hemlock Water Dropwort. It is still a bit unclear as to what is behind the illnesses.

We informed Forestry and Land Scotland and they have put up warning signs of the potential risks of the Hemlock, which is appreciated.

#### **Ardentinny Community Emergency Plan Update Information**

We have been able to get back in contact with the MOD at Faslane/Coulport. We have wanted a way to contact the Police boats and Rhibs that are on Loch Long in case of an emergency in the water around Ardentinny. So we now we have the contact number for the Control room which can be called for an emergency;

Coulport control room - 01436 674321 select option 2 and then extension 6429.  
Alternatively, Clyde Control Room 01436 674321 Option 1 extension 7339 will provide contact with the Operational control room and be able to direct the police assets and support.

We will make an update to the Emergency Plan document to include these numbers. The document can be found on the Community Council website - [www.ardentinnycc.co.uk](http://www.ardentinnycc.co.uk)

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

Reminder 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.

## **Benmore Gardens**

Here are activities at Benmore Gardens which may be of interest;

### **Wildflower Walk Tuesday 4 July, 2pm**

Join Phil Lusby, Research Associate, RBGE, as he takes you for a walk to explore the wildflowers of Benmore Botanic Garden.

Meet at the covered notice board, just past admissions.

Garden admission applies to non-members.

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

The Community Council website can be found 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 News**

Hi Everyone,

Two brand new BBQ's and 2 gazebos have now been delivered which will make organising events and outside functions more achievable.

These are also available for the village to use for a donation to the village hall. A set of guidelines for using these will be explained to anyone who is interested and will be posted on the notice board in the hall once these have been written up.

You may be pleased to know, there has been outside interest from people wishing to book the hall for personal events as word is getting out there about the upgrades and improvements. This is all positive and will help towards raising funds for the hall which will benefit everyone.

### **Completed**

All lighting and electrical work has now been completed apart from a cooker socket which there is no rush for at the moment. Thank you to our local electrician Harry for working all hours on his days off and between other jobs. Instead of an immersion heater, there is now instant hot water which makes things easier for holding any events which were mentioned above as well as our regular users.

The old water tank which has been removed, is plastic and we are hoping to recycle this for storing grit, sand, and salt for the roads in winter.

As the hall is now watertight, the window to the right of the hall has now been plastered and the supports removed. Thank you to Guy Elder for this.

### **Still to be completed**

Future works include the installation 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 and we are currently putting the pressure on for this to be completed sooner rather than later as this has taken far longer than it should.

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.

**Anyone who would still like to pay membership fees, can do this by posting in the letter box attached to the hall. Other options are to call at Angle Cottage or Rock Cottage with their payment. Thank you.**

We currently have 4 volunteers to clean the hall on a rota basis. Thank you, this is very much appreciated. After speaking with the CC at the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June, we are still looking at other options. Updates to follow once we know more.

Please note below the following events over the next few months

### **Quiz Nights**

These are cancelled for now and will start up again in September.

### **Ardentinny Beach Gala Saturday the 29th of July (5 Weeks to go)**

There will be a total of 30 tables in the Outdoor Centre for anyone wishing to sell arts, crafts, bric-a-brac etc. To book a table, please email [ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com) and address this to Susie Robertson who is dealing with this. Thank you.

As things are now, we have 2 volunteers to do the burger stand on the beach, however, this could change due to holiday commitments. Please could the volunteers for this please let Dee know if they are still going to be available. The 2 BBQ's have now been delivered and will make things a lot easier for you on the day.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### **Home Baking**

We are looking for volunteers to provide lots and lots of home baking, biscuits buns and cakes.

Please can you contact Dee on [ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com) so a list can be made, and we have an idea how much we have. Thank you.

#### **Setting Up/Running an Event**

We are also looking for volunteers to help with setting this up on the 28th of June as well as run one of the events which are taking place. Please email Dee on the above address so a list can be made. We are having another meeting with the Outdoor Centre next week and getting close to finalising things.

Other events are archery, paddle boarding, canoeing, a treasure hunt, and other family events. There will also be live music and the Ardentinnny have kindly offered to run a beer tent.

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

Hi Everyone,

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.

#### **Requests**

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,

Dee.

Ardentinny Hall Management Group Secretary