

Weekly news update from 19th May 2023

Hi All,

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

Ardentinny Community Council

It has been fairly quiet this week, so just a few updates on what is happening and some information on how to avoid being scammed.

Ardentinny Community Council next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 6 June 2023, AGM @ 7pm followed by Public Meeting @ 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Residents Survey Road Safety Improvements

We are finalising our request for improved road signs at the entry to the village and at the Rock Cottage corner, hopefully to encourage drivers to slow down a bit. We will send this out to Ward Councillors to seek their support and to the Head of Roads and Argyll and Bute Council with a request for improved signage, speed monitors and a barrier at the open sea wall opposite the Telephone Exchange.

Here is a note we received from Trading Standards Scotland on how to avoid being caught out by scammers:

Avoiding Common Scams

[Phone Scams](#)[Email Scams](#)[Doorstep Scams](#)[Text/WhatsApp Scams](#)[Financial Issues](#)[A-Z of Scams](#)

[Links to Further Information / Resources](#) [Glossary](#)

Where to report scams:

Scams

In Scotland, report all scams to **Advice Direct Scotland** by calling **0808 164 6000** (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or online at www.consumeradvice.scot

Fraud

If you have been the victim of fraud, report it to **Police Scotland** on **101** or **999** in an emergency.

Suspicious Emails

You can forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk and send links from websites which you think are trying to scam the public to the **National Cyber Security Centre's** scam website reporting service at www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/about-this-website/report-scam-website

Suspicious Text Messages

If you receive a suspicious text message you can forward it to **7726**. The free-of-charge '7726' service enables your provider to investigate and take action if malicious content is found.

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

Reminder that the Argyll Rally will include the Whistlefield Stage on Saturday 24th 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

We have started 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.

Please note that these are magnetic boards so we will put some magnets in for general use.

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

The Facebook page has been updated, to see it search for **Ardentinny Community Council** and we also have an Instagram site under the same name.

Regards

John

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.

We have noticed the Immersion Heater is switched which may have something to do with the new water heating so please leave this on.

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 have been advised by a small number of people that not all memberships have been paid. Can anyone who has not paid a membership, please do so before the end of this month before the new Treasurer takes over completely. Thank you.

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.

The other option did not work out unfortunately.

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

Quiz Nights

The last few quiz nights have not been as well attended as they have been previously. We thought this could be due to people taking advantage of the longer days and warmer weather, so are maybe going away on holidays or maybe have families coming to visit and enjoy our lovely village.

Families are more than welcome to come and enjoy the events with us so you could bring them along for a local night out!

With this in mind, we thought either a games night could replace this, again, this may not be well attended for the same reasons the quiz nights haven't been, or to leave this for now and pick it up again in September. Please give us your input at ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com so we can review this in a way to suit everyone.

All ideas will be taken on board, and we are happy to go with the majority. Thank you.

Grassed Area Tidy Up

An update on this will be given next week.

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

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,

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.

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

Kind Regards,
Ardentinny Hall Management Group Secretary