

Weekly news update from 30th June 2023

Hi All,

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

Ardentinnny Community Council News

Road Safety in Ardentinnny

Just to let you know that in response to our letter, Argyll and Bute Roads department have promised a reply to us by next week. We gave them a list of requests that we believe would address speeding traffic in the village, safety at Rock Cottage corner and a reduced speed limit for the north end of the village. Road Safety was the highest priority in your resident's survey. We have received support to this request from our Ward Councillors which could be very useful going forward if the Roads department are not too keen to implement our requests, but let's see what their reply is first.

Argyll and Bute Council Budget Setting – An Opportunity for us to participate

We have been given an opportunity by Argyll and Bute Council to provide input to their Budget planning for Council Services. Argyll and Bute is facing an estimated gap in funding for its council services of more than £40 million over the next five years, with a gap of over £10 million in 2024-25 alone.

The Council are inviting communities to get involved earlier than usual in the budget-setting process by using a budget simulator to set high-level priorities. You can find this on the Council website, see link below; you can choose the services where you believe they could save money and where not to cut services. The consultation is open until 11 August 2023.

So, if you want to advise the Council on where to spend their (our) money on services to us then click here and fill it in - <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/budget-simulator>

Benmore Gardens

Here is an activity 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.

Ardentinnny Community Council Facebook page and Website

The Community Council website can be found here - www.ardentinnnycc.co.uk

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

Regards

John

Ardentinny Village Hall News

Hi Everyone,

After contacting BT/Outreach to find out why the installation of the line is taking so long, it appears there has been several issues from their side which resulted in them completely cancelling the account without notifying anyone.

We are still looking into this and will keep you updated.

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

The gazebos have already been loaned out and we have had queries from other interested parties. If anyone is interested in loaning them or the BBQ's, please contact ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com

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.

A polite reminder that the notice board at the hall is for events happening in the hall and around the village. Notices for events further afield should be put on the notice boards in the car park.

Sandwiches provided for the Marshalls of the Argyll Rally were gratefully received. Thank you to John and Elsbeth for being real troopers and helping make the sandwiches at the last minute.

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.

After speaking to Harry about the hot water system, the immersion switch can be put on when groups first enter the hall, and the water will be hot enough within minutes. The immersion heater must be switched off at the end of each group session or it will break as the storage tank is not meant to hold hot water continuously. This will also avoid the water becoming too hot.

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.

Guy has also been to complete this now the plaster has dried completely so this should be looking much better and ready for the new blinds to be fitted, hopefully next week.

Still to be completed

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.

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 6th June, we are still looking at other options. Updates to follow once we know more.

In the meantime, thank you to the volunteers who are doing a great job of keeping on top of this while this is sorted.

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 (4 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 and address this to Susie Robertson who is dealing with this. Thank you.

The 2 volunteers to do the burger stand on the beach have confirmed they are able to do this so a big thank you to both.

The 2 BBQ's have now been delivered and will make things a lot easier for you on the day.

Just to remind everyone that there is no big picnic at the Walled Garden this year as the whole village is coming together to support the 50th Anniversary of the outdoor centre.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I have a list of people who can provide home baking and who can help with the setting up of tables etc for the gala, but we still need more. **Please could anyone who would like to volunteer with the Ardentinnny Gala, please contact Dee on the link below. Thank you.**

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 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 July 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 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 or just grab us around the village anytime

Kind Regards,

Dee.

Ardentinny Hall Management Group Secretary