

Weekly news update from 9th June 2023

Hi All,

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

Ardentinny Community Council

Ardentinny Community Council Meeting & AGM

We held our AGM and ordinary meeting last Tuesday, many thanks to all who attended. We will issue the minutes of both meetings within the next two weeks. The following Office bearers were elected
Convener - John Brint
Secretary - Mark Rowthorn
Treasurer - Keith Wood

Bill Tierney stepped down from the Treasurer position, and I would like to thank Bill for his dedicated service and efforts in that role for the Community Council over the past years. It is greatly appreciated.

The remaining Community Councillor positions are held by Brian Hillesdon, Danielle Markey, Bill Tierney and Helen West.

Next meeting is Tuesday September 5th at 7.30pm.

Beach Issues

There are reports of dogs seriously ill after visiting the beach, possibly due to blue/green algae in the water, and it has been reported to SEPA and Environmental Health, as you may have seen on the Ardentinny Residents Forum. We are also informing Forestry and Land Scotland who operate the car park and picnic site of this risk and have asked that they put up warning signs of the potential risks.

Beinn Reithe Fish Farm

We have been closely monitoring progress on the proposed fish farm at Beinn Reithe because if it is successful, it will set a planning precedent for further fish farms to be developed in Loch Long. Although the original application was rejected by the National Parks Board the applicant has now appealed but instead of this being reviewed by the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (as is normal) the Scottish government has decided that the case will now be decided by Scottish Ministers. The Community Council together with assistance from David McDowall of AFFtheClyde decided to reach out to other local community councils to gather support for a unified approach to lobby Ministers to reject the appeal.

This week the Ardentinny Community Council together with Gourock Community Council, Helensburgh Community Council, Hunters Quay Community Council and Lochgoil Community Council have written to Jenni Minto (Argyll), Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton), Stuart McMillan (Inverclyde), Kenneth Gibson (Cunninghame North), Ross Greer (West Scotland), Ariane Burgess (Highlands and Islands), Rhoda Grant (Highlands), Jamie Halcro Johnston (Highlands), Edward Mountain (Highlands), Emma Roddick (Highlands) and Minister Mairi Gougeon (Cabinet Sec. for Rural Affairs) to ask them to reject the Beinn Reithe Fish Farm appeal.

Obviously this is still in the early stages but we will update you about progress in future news updates.

Benmore Gardens

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

Fern Fever Thursday 15 June, 2pm.

Embrace the Victorian Fern craze with a guided walk to the Fern Gully and a tour of our extraordinary Victorian Fernery at Benmore Botanic Garden.

Booking SGray@rbge.org.uk

Garden admission applies to non-members.

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.

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.

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 so search for **Ardentinny Community Council** and we have an Instagram site under the same name.

Regards

John

Ardentinny Village Hall

Hi Everyone,

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

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.

If you know of anyone who does not have access to the internet, this can be paid by posting in the letter box attached to the hall. Other options are to call at Angle Cottage. 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 6th 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 (6 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.

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.

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.

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.

Other events are archery, paddle boarding, canoeing, a treasure hunt, and other family events. There will also be live music and the Ardentinny 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.

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