

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 17 September 2012

AT 8.00 P.M.

PRESENT

Tony Davey (Chair), Wendy Clarke (Treasurer), Jo Cameron, Jim Hollywood, Willie Laird, Barrie Morton, Bob Murray, Michael Wilson, Rikki Young, Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor Richard Trail, Jenny Faulds (Helensburgh Advertiser) and 6 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Mike Crowe, Catherine Derries, William Derries, Eric Duncan, Gail Steven, Duncan Stirling, Patrick Trust (Vice Chair), Councillor David Kinniburgh,

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the committee, the Councillors and members of the public. The Chair advised of an additional item to the Agenda.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

ADDITIONAL ITEM TO THE AGENDA

Community Police Officer Report from Community Sergeant Steve Honeyman (Helensburgh and Lomond Area)

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER REPORT

Sergeant Honeyman said that the police structure had now changed. **Chief Inspector Gary Stitt** is the Area Commander for Helensburgh and Lomond which is part of the Dunoon and Cowal Area of Argyll and Bute. **Clare Miller** is the new **Area Inspector**. **Sergeant Honeyman** is based in Helensburgh and will also cover Cardross, Garelochhead and the Peninsula. It is hoped that the introduction of a Unitary National Police Force, will not affect these new police boundaries

Sergeant Honeyman said that there is a new scheme for dealing with "lesser offences" such as anti-social behaviour and youth disorder. It is called the Direct Policing Plan (DPP). This will task officers to contact complainants and keep them aware of progress until the problem is resolved.

Within the DPP is a scheme called OMI (Offender Management Intervention). Known offenders will be contacted by officers and reminded that their behaviour will be monitored. To date, the system has been reasonably successful.

Sergeant Honeyman said five adult males have been arrested as a result of a housebreaking incidents. There was a report of a housebreaking with intent at Cardross Primary School, during the school holiday. Entry was gained but nothing was stolen. Enquiries continue. A theft of tools was reported on the 2nd of August from an address in Carman Road.

Enquiries continue. A 38 year old male was arrested on 9th August when he was found in Reay Avenue in circumstances where it may be inferred that he had committed theft. The male is subject to a report to the Procurator Fiscal for charges including the possession of drugs. A 21 year old male is subject to a report to the Procurator Fiscal Following a report of wilful fire raising at the Muirholm Hotel. Following a report of theft from an address in Napier Avenue on 25th July, two males who were carrying out work at the address, are being sought. Enquiries continue.

Between 30th and 31st of July, a bogus caller to an address in Barrs Road was involved in excessive charging for gardening work. Enquiries continue to trace three males.

No other crimes of public interest were reported.

Jo Cameron asked about the problem of primary school children cycling discourteously on the footways within Cardross and vehicles speeding on Darleith Road around 16:00.

Sergeant Honeyman said he would propose that the children use high pitched bells to attempt to deal with the problem. He said he would have a word with the traffic Section about speeding in Darleith Road.

Andrea Steele said that she has been raising the problem for the last three years. She said that there are now family groups cycling on the footway. **Andrea** has been told by the police that nothing can be done until someone is hurt or killed. She did not find this acceptable.

Hugh said that he had seen an adult cycling on the footway with a dog on a lead. He had also seen children on quad bikes, on the footway.

Sergeant Honeyman said he would raise these matters during a visit to the school and perhaps parents could be lettered by the school.

Jim Hollywood said that the 20MPH sign at the school had been spray painted.

Sergeant Honeyman said he would give the matter his attention.

Archie Westwood said he was unsure if it was a police matter, but as he crossed the Carman Road today, he passed behind a McColl's M10 bus. The road is unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles. Archie has seen lorries and busses on the road at the same time.

Sergeant Honeyman said that while it may not be illegal, he would ask members of the Traffic Department to consider the problem.

Tony thanked **Sergeant Honeyman** for his attendance, and the sergeant left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 18th AUGUST 2012

The Minutes were amended on pages 1 and 2, changing the name "Cameron Robertson" to Callum Robertson"

Acceptance was proposed by Bob Murray.

Seconded by Jim Hollywood.

MATTERS ARISING

Roadworks: **Tony** had been asked why only the kerbs on the north of the road were being replaced. He explained that the work was not yet complete and the kerbs on the south side would be done.

Remembrance Sunday: **Tony** said that the parade application had been submitted. We await approval.

Newsletter: **Tony** said that the newsletter had been written and printed. It is now ready for delivery.

The hole in the Wall near the War memorial: The hole has now been repaired.

Flower Beds And Station: **Tony** said that the flowerbeds had been looked at. £600:00 has been obtained from Scotrail to cover the soil areas in bark. This should be complete by the end of this week.

The Village Warden: The post has been filled. The community Council is still awaiting a response from his line manager regarding the warden's briefing.

Police: **Tony** has written to other affected Community Councils to ask if they felt as **Alasdair MacCuish** did, regarding the fact that the Chief Inspector will be in Helensburgh for two days per week and in Dunoon for three days per week. **Tony** has not yet received any replies.

PLANNING **Bob** said that there was 1 application for the conversion of a garage into living accommodation in Church Avenue. **Bob** confirmed it was a household development.

Tony said that the **LOCAL PLAN** is out, with a closing date of November. He has approached by a number of developers relating to the plan. **Tony** has expressed the acquired position of the Community Council, which is that development would be considered in “gap sites”.

HEALTH

Tony said he was unaware of any further developments.

AOCB

Napier Avenue: **Tony** had received a concern from a wheelchair user about the state of the footway. **Tony** has e-mailed **Tom Murphy**. He will discuss the matter with the Roads Department and try to resolve the problem.

Hillside Road: **Tony** said there is an issue with an overgrown hedge. He said he would approach the owner and attempt an amicable solution.

**Mill Cottage/
Carman Road:** **Jim Hollywood** said the overgrown hedge here is affecting visibility for drivers. **Tony** asked **Councillor Trail** if he could take the matter up. **Councillor Trail** said he would.

Beach Clean: **Bob** said it is scheduled for 20th October. Laura of **Laura’s Cafe** has generously offered free teas for the participants.

Dog Fouling: **Jo Cameron** said that a woman is walking 5 dogs in **Burns Park** and is clearly unable to monitor where the dogs are fouling. She is not cleaning up after the dogs. There is also a girl who is on a cycle while exercising her dog. She has the dog on a lead and does not stop to clean up after it. **Councillor Morton** said that she would ask **Dominic** to pursue the problem.

CCC Web Site: **Rikki Young** said that CCC business can now be accessed on the church website, www.cardrossparishchurch.org under “news”.

Percy Pilcher: **Andrea Steele** asked if anything was ever done regarding Percy Pilcher. **Tony** said that the gentleman who had instigated the matter had “stepped down” and interest had subsided.

Consultation on the Pier Masterplan: **Councillor Morton** suggested that it might be an idea for the CCC to have a link to the consultation on it’s website. **Councillor Morton** said it could be linked through the Argyll and Bute Council web site.

Minutes of Meetings In the Library: **Hugh** said that he had been in the Library last week and there were no Community Council minutes on display. **Tony** said he would take the matter up with Duncan Stirling on his return from holiday.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held on 15th October 2012 at 7.30 p.m. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to The Chair.