

**CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AGM HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL AND ON ZOOM**  
**ON MONDAY 15 April 2024**  
**AT 8.00 P.M.**

**WELCOME**

**Patrick Trust** welcomed all present. He reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

**PRESENT**

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Alice Cook, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Heather Munro, Lindsey Young, Councillor Paul Kennedy, Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess and 14 members of the public. (24 people in the hall and no one on Zoom)

**APOLOGIES**

Shuna Gillies, Simone McLeod, Caroline McNair, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, Angela O'Neil and Barrie Morton.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Patrick** said that he is a **Community Member of the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership** and **Secretary of the Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

**Alasdair** said that he is the **Chairperson of the Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

**Caroline McNair** said that she is a member of **Cardross CAN** and she works in the **library**.

**Heather Munro** said that she is a member of **Cardross CAN**.

**Lindsey Young** said that she is a member of **Cardross CAN** and the community engagement officer for **Argyll and Bute Climate Action Network** for the **Helensburgh and Lomond Area**.

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Acceptance was proposed by **Heather Munro** and seconded by **Rob Irving**.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Gala Day:** **Lindsey** said that the Gala Day will now be held bi-annually. The next gala day will be in 2025.

**Sawmill Noise:** **Rob** said that the Sawmill is still noisy. Villagers have lost heart with Argyll and Bute Environmental Health Department. No progress has been made in dealing with the problem.

**Roads and Transport:** **Lindsey** said that an Area Meeting was held in March. **WSP** are no longer working on the cycle track project. The outstanding work will be put out to tender.

## CONVENER'S REPORT

<b>Drain at High Strip:</b>	<b>Patrick</b> said that the drainage problem has now been dealt with.
<b>Wall at Station Rd.:</b>	<b>Patrick</b> said that the wall has now been repaired.
<b>Beach Clean:</b>	<b>Patrick</b> said that the beach clean which was held on Saturday 13 April, was very successful.
<b>Bins at Top of Barrs Rd.:</b>	<b>Patrick</b> said that the bins remain a problem. Rats have been seen moving around them.
<b>Nominations For Unfilled Postions:</b>	<b>Patrick</b> said that there are two positions available in the Community Council.
<b>Health:</b>	<b>Patrick</b> said that there have not been any major changes.
<b>Cars Parked on Carman Road:</b>	<b>Patrick</b> said that cars are still being parked on Carman Road, near the junction with the A814. The police said that no action can be taken, unless the parked vehicles cause an obstruction.
<b>Lay-bye at Pharmacy:</b>	<b>Patrick</b> said that he has again requested a 1 hour limit be placed on parking at the pharmacy and the library. The Council have ignored his request, so far.
<b>Craigend "Rocks":</b>	<b>Patrick</b> said that the footway has been cleared and made safe.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Brian** reported on income and expenditure from 1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024. The net balance is **£816.66**. The accounts were audited by **Graeme Kenny**. Acceptance of the statement of accounts was proposed by **Duncan Stirling** and seconded by **Rob Irving**

## ELECTION

**Election of Convener And Vice Convener:** Office Bearers stood down and **Judy Wilson** took the chair. **Judy** called for nominations for the post of Convener. **Brian Craven** nominated **Patrick Trust**. **Heather Munro** seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. **Patrick** was duly elected as **Convener**. **Patrick** proposed **Lindsey Young** for Vice Convener. **Duncan** seconded the proposal. **Patrick Trust** proposed **Duncan Stirling** for the post of **Secretary**. This was seconded by **Rob Irving**. **Alice Cook** proposed **Brian Craven** for the post of **Treasurer**. This was seconded by **Lindsey**.

The other named office bearers are:-

**Health - Patrick Trust.**

**Planning - Rob Irving. (Alice Cook will assist).**

**Rural - Bob Murray.**

**Active Travel - Lindsey Young.**

**Flooding - Sabina Astarita (to be Co-opted)**

**Accounts Examiner - Margaret Calder.**

**Judy Wilson** stood down and **Patrick** took the chair.

**Patrick** thanked **Judy Wilson**.

**Dates for Forthcoming Meetings 2024 & 2025:** The dates for the forthcoming Cardross Community Council Meetings are as follows:-  
20 May 2024, 17 June 2024, 19 August 2024, 16 September 2024, 21 October 2024,  
18 November 2024, 20 January 2025, 17 February 2025, 17 March 2025, AGM 21 April 2025.  
All meetings will be held in the Geilston Hall at 8:00pm.

### **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- Phone Box:** **Lindsey** said that she, along with one of the teachers and four members of P7, have carried out a survey of the phone box. There is now a list of the repairs which need to be carried out.
- Speed Camera:** The camera in the village has slowed the traffic on the A814. However, the camera is not still working. It is activated from Edinburgh. The local police and residents are equally frustrated by the situation.
- Flooding:** **Patrick** said that flooding and the effect of the new development on flooding in the village, is a paramount matter. **Scottish Water** are going to construct an overflow chamber in the play park. This will allow untreated sewage to be discharged into the Geilston Burn, during high intensity storms. This is a less expensive option than enlarging the pipe going to the pump house, near the station. **Patrick** said that at times, there is a lot of flood water coming down Barrs Road. It comes from the “priest’s pond” near the college building and flows from the 12th green on the golf course, down the track, to Barrs Road.
- Local Place Plan:** **Lindsey** suggested inviting **Kirsty Sweeney ( Area Team Leader - Helensburgh and Lomond/Bute and Cowal)** to the meeting in May. Council members agreed to this proposal.
- Kirkton Housing Development:** **Rob** said there was a planning application from CALA Homes, dating back to January 2023. It was seeking approval of the matters specified in many of the conditions that were approved in the original planning consent. It came before the Council’s Planning and Protective Services and Licencing Committee on Wednesday 20 March. **David Moor**, the senior planning officer with the Council, gave a presentation. In **Rob’s** view, this could equally well been given by a representative of CALA. It made CALA’s case. He dismissed the Community Council’s concerns around flooding and he ruled out of order, any discussion of the access arrangements via Darleith Road. He recommended that the application should be approved. However, **Councillor Kennedy** put forward, very articulately and forcibly, the concerns of the community. As a result, the Committee essentially deferred a decision, pending a Pre-Determination Hearing, focused on the flooding issue. This will be held in Helensburgh, on a date to be arranged. This will give committee members an opportunity to hear directly from the Council’s flooding consultant, from **CALA’s** representatives and the Community Council and concerned members of the public.
- Scottish Water Combined Sewer Overflow Chamber:-** **Patrick** said that Scottish Water intend to start work on this project on 22 April 2024. Three house owners adjacent to the works, have received a request to allow photos to be taken within their properties, in case they suffer damage during the Works. The owners felt that the level of contact relating to this request, has been very poor. A general discussion ensued as to why **Scottish Water** have chosen the cheaper option of an overflow chamber, and have not pursued the preferred option of **SEPA** and themselves, That is, a larger pipe beneath the railway, going to the pump house. It would seem to be down to the lack of funds.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting held on Monday 20 May 2024 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall and on Zoom. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.