

## CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 28 APRIL 2025

AT 8.00 P.M.

### WELCOME

**Patrick Trust** (Convener) 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), Lindsey Young (Vice Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Alice Cook, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, Councillor Paul Kennedy, PC Kierran Cameron (Police Scotland) and 16 members of the public.

### APOLOGIES

Simone McLeod, Caroline McNair, Barry Morton, Reverend Maggie McArthur, Elspeth and Jim Gibb.

### 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**.

**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 and Cardross**.

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 17 MARCH 2025.

On Page 2, under **Proposed CALA Development**, amend the words "Rob said that ..... expenses" to "CALA 's appeal against this decision is currently with the Scottish Government Reporter. Rob observed that CALA have demanded that the Council pay the expenses incurred in connection with this appeal"

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

### POLICE REPORT

**PC Kierran Cameron** said that between 17 March 2025 and 28 April 2025, there had been a three car collision at the junction of Reay Avenue and the A814. There was a crash caused by speeding, just outside the village. There was a case of fraud and a house breaking at Asker Farm.

### SCHOOL REPORT

**Patrick** said that there was no school report this month. **Patrick** said that he was disappointed to find that equipment in the playground had been damaged. The CPSA is trying to raise money to replace the damaged equipment. **Lindsey** said that **Mrs Girling**, the head teacher, is pursuing an offer from **Penguin Books** which could result in a number of free, exchange books being housed in the telephone box at Scott Gardens.

## MATTERS ARISING

- Car Park at Newsagents:** **Patrick** said that the car park is extremely busy. The caravan and trailer is still there. **Councillor Kennedy**, said that he had emailed **Patrick** with ways of going about obtaining signage.
- Road Drains:** **Morag** said that the drain on the A814 in front of the Geilston Hall has been unblocked. **Patrick** said that the drain at the east end of Church Avenue is still blocked. **Morag** said that the drain on Station Road, near the church gate, is blocked. **A member of the public** said that the drain at the corner of Darleith Road and Mill Road has been blocked for years.
- Cardross Library:** **Patrick** said that he wanted to sign a petition to keep the Cardross Library open. He said that the online petition was not very user friendly. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he has brought the matter up at Council and has provided the online petition. However, funding is a problem. It is unfair of the Council to claim limited use of the library, when the Council limit the number of hours that the library is allowed to open.
- Sawmill:** **Patrick** said that he has not yet written about the sawmill noise.
- The Paddock at Ardoch:** **Patrick** said that the area has been cleared recently. **Brian Watts** said that there is a legal requirement for the land owner to provide a line of site from the development to the A814.
- Proposed CALA Development and Darleith Road:** **Rob** said that two things have happened since the last Community Council meeting. One issue is that CALA's appeal, which is with the Reporter, was successful. The Reporter refused CALA's request that the Council pay their expenses, incurred in connection with this appeal. The other issue is that **Condition 4**, relating to Darleith Road, was discussed at the Planning Committee and accepted. It was agreed that the **Community Council** would write to **Argyll and Bute Council**, stating that councillors on the Planning Committee were mislead regarding the number and nature of the complaints raised against CALA's proposals in dealing with **Condition 4**. **Rob** said that CALA have still to obtain **Road Construction Consent (RCC)** from the Council. This could affect their ability to construct an acceptable access using Darleith Road.
- Parking at Pharmacy:** **Patrick** said that he has been asking for a 1 hour time restriction at the Post Office, the Newsagent and the Pharmacy over a period of 10 years. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will email **Patrick** with the appropriate contact.
- Cardross Playpark Roundabout:** **Patrick** said that he has spoken to the Cardross Trust. They say that the Council are asking for 3 quotes, before the roundabout can be repaired. The Council have to approve the quote before it is accepted. **Lindsey** said that the playpark next to the school will be available when molehills have been flattened. The molehill danger will be assessed weekly.

## CYCLE TRACK

**Patrick** said that minutes of meetings held in 2000 said that the cycle track would be available soon. **Christine** said that the estimated completion date is now **March 2033**. The Cycle Action Group had a meeting with the new Contractors. They have received a lot of information from the previous designers, **WSP**. **Argyll and Bute Council** is awaiting a funding decision from **Transport Scotland**. The deadline to get the **Ecological Survey** done is September. If money is not made available by then, the completion date will move to **2034**.

## PLANNING

**Rob** said that there are three new planning applications. They are domestic and do not give rise to any contraversion. As far as **Taylor Wimpey's** application is concerned, additional documents in support of the application, have appeared on the website recently. One of these is a landscape and visual appraisal. The other is a noise impact assessment. The noise impact assessment includes a lot of interesting observations on Sawmill Noise. It suggests that in the South East corner of the site, a substantial land embankment will be built,

to shield the development from the Sawmill. **Rob** suggested that a similar construction could be built in the park, to shield nearby residents from the Sawmill Noise.

## **HEALTH**

**Patrick** said there have been problems because **Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board** are still trying to close the overnight **Minor Injury Service** at the **Vale of Leven Hospital**.

## **CARDROSS CAN GROUP**

**Lindsey** said that this Saturday 3 May there will be a survey on the beach. Cardross organic garden is in full swing. **Lindsey** said that she would look into the possibility that spare plants from the garden can be used in planters around the village.

## **LOCAL PLACE PLAN**

**Lindsey** said that the information gained from the recent survey is being processed. The date for submission of the plan has now been moved to January 2026. The working party are hoping to have the place plan completed by October 2025. **Lindsey** said that **SPT have a bus consultation** at the moment.

**Lindsey** said that the National Planning Framework says that new houses should only be built where there are sustainable hubs. New houses should not be built in “car dependant” areas.

## **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**Ardoch:** **Brian Watts** spoke of events that had occurred in Ardoch that would have an impact on the cycle path. The first one is that the waste water line from Cardross to Dumbarton Water Works has exploded again. It took 5 days to reopen it. It prevented access below the railway bridge, which is on the proposed route for the cycle path. The second event was a car crash on the A814. Because of the curvature of the road, the two cars impacted and ended up on the edge of the road at the Paddock, on the proposed line of the cycle path. The line of sight at this point, into the proposed development, is very poor. **Brian** asked how the planning application could go through, with such a poor line of sight.

**Power Cut:** **Julie Lang** said that in view of the possibility of a power cut similar to the recent blackout in Spain and Portugal, the community needs to start thinking ahead. **Julie** asked if our resilience package has a wind up or battery operated radio included. **Patrick** said that it does not include a radio.

**Cardross Gala Day:** **Lindsey** said that the Gala Day is coming up on 17 May 2025. Volunteers will be welcomed.

## **CONVENER'S REPORT**

**Patrick** said that he would like to thank **Jackie Baillie MSP** for organising a meeting about the cycle track. The meeting attracted over 120 people. She also organised a well attended meeting about train horns. This resulted in a very noticeable change in horn noise levels. **Patrick** thanked **Bob Murray** for organising the beach clean.

**Patrick** said that **Scottish Water** has been just as bad as the poorly performing water companies in England, in releasing sewage. £1.5 million has been spent constructing an overflow chamber in the Cardross Playpark. In times of storm, sewage will be released into the Geilston Burn. **Patrick** said that **Mr. Cotton (Kilmahew Education Trust)** is still applying for World Heritage status for **St. Peter's College building**.

**Patrick** said that £2500.00 has been obtained, to carry out a survey on the **Geilston Hall** roof.

**Patrick** said that **Barrie Morton** is extremely keen that we have a tea party on **VE Day**. A party is being held in the primary school. **Patrick** said that the **Reverend Maggie McArthur** has been fantastic for the community. She has done a great job in the village. **Patrick** suggested that the Community Council should mark her leaving. He asked for ideas to recognise this.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Brian** reported on income and expenditure from 1 April 2024 until 31 March 2025. The net balance is **£1372.47**. The accounts were audited by **Graeme Kenny**. Acceptance of the statement of accounts was proposed by **Duncan Stirling** and seconded by **Bob Murray**.

## **ELECTION**

**Election of** Office Bearers stood down and **Chris Moore** took the chair. **Chris** 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**.  
**Convenor:** **Patrick** proposed **Lindsey Young** for Vice Convenor. **Duncan** seconded the proposal.  
**Vice** **Patrick Trust** proposed **Duncan Stirling** for the post of **Secretary**. This was seconded by  
**Convenor:** **Lindsey Young**. **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 Transport - Lindsey Young and Christine Nevin.**

**Accounts Examiner - Graeme Kenny.**

**Chris Moore** stood down and **Patrick** took the chair.

**Patrick** thanked **Chris Moore**.

**Dates for** The dates for the forthcoming Cardross Community Council Meetings are as follows:-  
**Forthcoming** 2025- 19 May, 16 June, 18 Aug., 15 Sept., 20 Oct., 17 Nov.  
**2025 & 2026** 2026- 19 Jan., 16 Feb., 16 March, **20 April (AGM)**

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 19 May 2025** at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.