

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 19 May 2025

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Lindsey Young (Vice Convener) welcomed all present. She reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

PRESENT

Lindsey Young (Vice Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Alice Cook, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Councillor Paul Kennedy and 10 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Convener), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, Simone McLeod and Caroline McNair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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 28 APRIL 2025.

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Alice Cook** and seconded by **Rob Irving**.

POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report.

SCHOOL REPORT

There was no School Report.

MATTERS ARISING

Road Drains: **Lindsey** said that there are only three drain cleaning vehicles in the Helensburgh and Cardross area. The road gullies on the A814 in front of the Geilston Hall, at the east end of Church Avenue, on Station Road, near the church gate and at the corner of Darleith Road and Mill Road are still blocked.

- Cardross Library:** **Lindsey** said that the library will close on 30 June 2025. The rented building will no longer be rented by **Live Argyll**. It is unlikely that a volunteer system could be made to work successfully. **Lindsey** talked to **Patrick** who is of the opinion that we should still fight the proposal. He suggested contacting **Jackie Bailie MSP** to ask for her support. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he had a meeting with other councillors today and expressed his disgust at the proposal to close the library. **Councillor Kennedy** said the **Council** fund **Live Argyll**. He is angry that millions of pounds are being awarded to the likes of **Oban Airport, the construction of a new school on Mull and the Pavilion in Rothesay** and yet the Council is refusing to find the relatively small amount of money necessary to keep community libraries open. **Councillor Kennedy** said that it is worth asking for the closure to be put off for 6 months, to allow options to be discussed. **Lindsey** said that she has organised, and will attend, a meeting about the library, on 2 June from 14.00 until 15.00, with **Patrick** and a representative from **Live Argyll**.
- Sawmill Noise:** **Ken Readman** said that **Taylor Wimpey** are proposing to construct an earth bund as part of their housing development. This is to limit the noise from the Sawmill. **Ken** suggested that it would be worth writing to Environmental Health reminding them of this and asking them to deal with the noise being experienced by existing residents. **Rob** said that Environmental Health had done nothing to deal with the problem, in the 5 or 6 years he had dealt with them. He wished the best of luck to whoever wants to carry on with the complaint.
- Proposed CALA Development:** **Rob** said that he has no further information, since the last meeting.
- Playpark next to School:** **Lindsey** said that the park needs to be open by the summer holidays. She said she will contact **ACCA**.
- Cardross Gala Day:** **Lindsey** said that the Gala Day was very successful. Unfortunately, the weather was poor. The drone footage of the event was excellent.

CYCLE TRACK

Lindsey said that there have been no further developments since the last CCC meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had three pieces of correspondence. The first was from **SEPA** about their **Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme (EPAS)**. The public will be able to participate in the consultation on SEPA's consultation hub on 30 June 2025. The second piece of correspondence was from **SPT** consulting on the **Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy** the third was from Argyll and Bute Council giving details of a traffic order on Carman Road from 0700 on 3 June 2025 to 1700 on 12 June 2025. Contact details from these are available from **Duncan**.

PLANNING

Rob said that there are three new planning applications. These are, changes to premises at **Broomhill Lodge, Ardmore House and Asker Farm**. They are domestic and do not give rise to any controversy. **Rob** said he has no further information on the **CALA** development. As far as **Taylor Wimpey's** application is concerned, the Council have now indicated that the determination date has been extended to 30 June 2025.

HEALTH

Lindsey said that there is no Health Report this month.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Lindsey said members of the group were at the Gala Day. Groups will be organised over the summer to help eradicate Himalayan Balsam from parts of the village.

LOCAL PLACE PLAN

Lindsey said that a meeting was held this evening. Landowner engagement will take place this Thursday, at a meeting in the Golf Club. The survey feedback on the Local Place Plan, will be available on the weekend of 21 and 22 June, at the Golf Club, then in the church on 22 June,

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Cardross Infrastructure: **Morag Elliot** asked if it is possible to ask anyone in the Council, who is not in Planning, how the existing infrastructure in Cardross is going to cope with all of the proposed developments. It seems that no one is looking at the bigger development picture within the village. Transport links including road, rail and buses, are poor. **Duncan** said that the **Local Development Plan for Argyll and Bute** should include all of these details. **Lindsey** said that she would write to the Head of Roads, and ask the question.

HSDF: **Rob** said that an invitation has been received by the Community Council, to attend a "Community Council Representative Focus Group" on 24 June 2025, to be held in the Civic Centre in Helensburgh. This will introduce the "**Helensburgh Strategic Development Framework (HSDF)**". The HSDF will act to identify and co-ordinate actions required to deal with strategic growth over a 20 to 40 year period. External consultants called **Stantec**, have been appointed to support the Council in this work. **Lindsey** said that she will try to find out who is allowed to attend this meeting.

Beach Clean : **Lyndsey** thanked **Bob Murray** for his work in organising the highly successful beach clean on 3 May 2025.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 16 June 2025** at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vice Convener.