

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 16 JUNE 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), Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Caroline McNair, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, Councillor Paul Kennedy and 21 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Convener), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Alice Cook, Heather Munro and Simone McLeod.

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**.

Caroline said that she is the librarian in Cardross Library and she is a member of **Cardross CAN**.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 28 APRIL 2025.

On page 2 in paragraph “**Cardross Gala Day**” amend “Unfortunately, the weather was poor” to “Fortunately, the weather was good”.

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Rob Irving** and seconded by **Alasdair MacCuish**.

POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report.

SCHOOL REPORT

There was no School Report.

MATTERS ARISING

Road Drains: **Rob** said that he saw drains being cleared last Monday. **Lindsey** said that one of the issues being raised while compiling the **Local Place Plan**, was the need for a drain clearing programme, instead of relying on emergency responses. **John Middleton** said that the road drain on the west side of Station Road, adjacent to the level crossing, was completely blocked. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will contact officers about clearing drains on the main road and at the railway. **A member of the public** said that sawdust from the Sawmill

vehicles, falls on the road and is washed into the drains. **Lindsey** said that she will draft a letter for **Patrick**, to the Sawmill, raising the matter.

Cardross Library: **Lindsey** said that the library has been reprieved from closure until the Council Meeting in September. **Chris Moore** said that an **Integrated Impact Assessment** should be carried out before any decision is made. In a reply to a letter about library closures, **Jackie Bailie MSP** said that she will write to Argyll and Bute Council and raise the matter in the **Scottish Parliament**. **Lindsey** said that responses to the **Local Place Plan** emphasised the importance of the **Library** to the community. **Jill** from the **Community Planning Partnership Group** said that they are pushing for a meeting with the management of **Live Argyll**. She said that there is a Statutory Duty on the Council, to provide Library Services. **Lindsey** thanked **Jill** for coming along this evening.

Caroline said that she had approached **Live Argyll** about different parties renting the existing premises. She has yet to receive a useful reply. **Christine** suggested raising an FOI (Freedom of Information) request, to find out how the library is financed.

Playpark next to School: **Lindsey** said that there has been very little progress to date. The park remains closed.

CYCLE TRACK

Lindsey said that she attended the Area Committee meeting last Tuesday. The Cycle Path Action Group had submitted 7 questions to the clerk at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting should provide answers to these questions.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received nothing of note.

PLANNING

Rob said that there are three new planning applications. The one in Station Road and the other in Kilmahew Avenue, are not contentious. The third application is for the construction of a dwelling on land west of **1 Crystal Gardens**. This is a proposal for a four bedroom detached property on land immediately behind **Shira Lodge**. **Rob** said that the plot concerned, is not within the Greenbelt on the **Local Development Plan**.

Rob said that following the successful appeal by **CALA**, in connection with the flooding and drainage issues, **CALA** have said that they will continue their work with Argyll and Bute Council, to secure the remaining necessary consents, to facilitate this much needed housing development. Occupation of the newly built houses should start in late 2026.

Rob said that **Gordon Hendry** has been in contact with **Raymond Kane (Roads)** regarding the **Roads Construction Consent** application. The **RCC** ensures that new roads meet required standards for safety, design and future maintenance. **Rob** said that none of the adjacent landowners have been contacted by **CALA**. In his reply to **Gordon**, **Raymond** said his department have requested that a planning condition be applied to the construction of the access road in accordance with the **RCC**, prior to any development works being undertaken on site. Should these works not be delivered to the satisfaction of the Roads Authority, in accordance with the drawings provided, then they would not permit progression of the development, towards the next stages.

Rob said that there is nothing new on the **Taylor Wimpey** development.

Lindsey said that she will be attending a Council meeting which will discuss the 20-40 year **strategic development framework (SDF)** for the Helensburgh area, to enable sustainable development. A public discussion will be opened later. **Jill** said that there is a need for 1 or 2 bedroom houses over the whole of Argyll and Bute.

HEALTH

Lindsey said that there is no Health Report this month.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Lindsey said members are hoping to organise some Himalayan Balsam bashing sessions over the summer.

Lindsey said the group have a problem with their bank account at the moment. They are being charged for using their account. **Lindsey** suggested that as they report to the Community Council, it may be possible to use the Community Council account. **Duncan** said that he would check **Standing Orders** and see if this proposal is acceptable.

LOCAL PLACE PLAN

Lindsey said that since the last meeting they have had two sessions, an in person session and an online session. This weekend, at the golf club and the church hall, the results from the survey and possible actions going forward can be discussed.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

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| Ardoch Car Crash: | Brian Watts said that on 2 June, there was a car crash on the south side of the A814. The car was coming from Dumbarton. The driver had driven over the kerb at the edge of the carriageway then driven over the verge. |
| Gas Works at Ardoch: | Brian said the high pressure regulators on the walls of the existing properties, are being moved to the edge of the properties, in the interest of safety. |
| BT switch over to Digital: | Lindsey suggested inviting the BT representative dealing with community engagement in Helensburgh, to come to Cardross. This would be especially helpful for those using telecare devices . BT aim to complete the switch by January 2027. |
| Path near Park Terrace: | A member of the public asked who is responsible for clearing the overgrown brambles and litter in this area. Lindsey said she would ask Councillor Kennedy if he could help. |

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 18 August 2025** at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vice Convener.