

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2024
AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Lindsey Young (Vice Convener) opened the meeting by expressing condolences on behalf of fellow community councillors and the community, to **Patrick** and his family, on the death of his wife, **Jenny**.

Lindsey then welcomed all present and reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

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 and 16 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Convener), Shuna Gillies, Caroline McNair, Simone McLeod and Angela O'Neil.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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 JUNE 2024

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Heather Munro** and seconded by **Alasdair MacCuish**.

POLICE REPORT

Lindsey read out the police report for Cardross, from 01 May 2024 to 17 August 2024, as follows:-
07/06/2024 – Possession of drugs - Carman Road – 2 males issued with a Recorded Police Warning
03/07/2024 – Breach of Peace – Barrs Terrace – Resist and obstruct Police Officers. 1 male arrested.
73 incidents reported and dealt with. Including Fraud, Fly tipping, insecure premises, abandoned vehicles, concern for persons, neighbour disputes and Road Traffic matters.

SCHOOL REPORT

Lindsey reported as follows:-

School roll for 2024/2025 is 173 which is an increase from last year. School capacity is 243 (or there about). Over the summer the school had work to upgrade our infant toilets. We also had new boilers installed, which will ensure we have a more sustainable and efficient heating and hot water system. Unfortunately since returning to school we have had local teenagers in the nursery garden and they have caused £100's of pounds worth of damage. It has been reported to the police and we do have good CCTV, images of them – sad to report they are ex pupils and live in Cardross. We continue to ask if anyone sees people causing damage that it is reported to the police. **Alasdair** said neighbours to the school have stopped

reporting vandalism due to lack of police response to complaints.

CYCLE TRACK

Lyndsey said that there is still no information on when a budget will be available to carry out the necessary Ecological Studies. **Dame Jackie Bailie MSP** is hoping to arrange a public meeting in the Geilston Hall to discuss the issues.

MATTERS ARISING

Beach Clean: **Bob** said that the next beach clean will be in October.

Road Drains: **Lindsey** said the blocked road drains on the A814 and Church Avenue, have not yet been cleared. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will continue to pursue the matter.

ACER Lorries: **Lindsey** said that **Patrick** has not yet had a reply from ACER about the lorries on Darleith Road.

Overhanging Trees on Darleith Road: **Alice** said that she had received complaints from members of the community about the trees overhanging parts of Darleith Road. **Lindsey** said that land owners are responsible for keeping their trees trimmed, particularly where they are a public nuisance.

Hedges on Church Ave.: **Lindsey** said that the hedge owners are responsible for their hedges.

Infestation of Rats at Barrs Rd.: **Councillor Kennedy** said that he has been told by officers that the issue will be dealt with. He has not yet had confirmation that this has been done.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said that he had two pieces of correspondence. The first was from **Susan Marshall**, regarding broken equipment in the play park near the tennis courts and the closure of the play park near the school.

The second piece of correspondence was from **Scottish Water**, regarding the progress in Works to install a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) chamber, in the village park.

PLANNING

Rob said that the predetermination meeting on the CALA housing proposals, was held on 17 June 2024. The outcome was to “kick the can down the road” to a meeting to be held on Wednesday 22 August 2024. The 360 pages relating to the meeting, are available online.

Rob quoted from the papers, “**The concerns expressed by the Community Council on drainage, have been put to the Council’s expert adviser following their objections. His advice remains that the submitted proposals are in accordance with the necessary technical standards. The submitted details are therefore considered acceptable, and the condition can therefore be discharged.**”

Christine questioned if the Council have asked the Developer for a **Cumulative Impact Assessment** of all the surface water that is going into the Geilston Burn. That is the fundamental issue. **Christine** said that the Council are responsible for asking such questions. **Rob** said that a **proposal of application notice** has been made by **Taylor Wimpey**, for a residential development at Geilston Farm.

Rob said that he was surprised by the application. The area is designated Green Belt and the application does not seem to satisfy any of the conditions that allow for development of the Green Belt. The Developer is holding two public meetings in the Geilston Hall on

25 September and 29 October, from 4pm until 8pm.

HEALTH

There was no report on Health.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Lyndsey said that the next meeting is on Wednesday. The warm homes event held in Cardross over the last two years, has been quite well attended.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Resignation From CCC: Due to further commitments, **Angela O'Neil** asked that the CCC accept her resignation.

Play Parks: **Lindsey** said that she will write to **ACHA**, to find out what is happening to the land on which the play park sits and the land adjacent to it. **Councillor Kennedy** said that the Council are providing a grant for work to be carried out in the village park. The Council do not own the park. Agreement is needed between the Council and the landowner, to determine the work to be done.

Invasive Species: **Christine** asked if there is a meeting tomorrow on how to deal with the problem. **Lindsey** said she had no record of a meeting. She said that there is an event in Cove Park on 1 November. **Christine** said that she would attend the meeting.

Drop Kerbs: **Caroline McNair** has asked that drop kerbs be installed in Reay Avenue, near the junction with A814. It is to facilitate wheelchair users going from the pedestrian crossing to the pharmacy. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will ask the question of the appropriate officer.

Local Place Plans: **Lindsey** said the provision of **Local Place Plans** was introduced by the Scottish Government in the 2019 Act. They are community-led plans, setting out a community's aspirations for its future development. Once completed and then registered by the planning authority, they are to be taken into account in the preparation of the relevant local development plan. **Lindsey** is part of the Helensburgh Local Plan Group. Further discussion is needed to consider how to communicate effectively with the community and how to represent the views of the community in providing these plans.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 September 2024 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vice Convener.