

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2024

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Patrick Trust (Convener) welcomed all present. **Patrick** thanked **Lindsey** for chairing the August meeting, following the death of his wife, **Jenny**. He also thanked the community for their good wishes. 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), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Alasdair MacCuish, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, Councillor Paul Kennedy and 8 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Alice Cook, Shuna Gillies, Rob Irving, Caroline McNair and Simone McLeod.

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 19 AUGUST 2024

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

POLICE REPORT

Patrick said that there was no police report this month. **Councillor Paul Kennedy** said that he had contacted the police to ask if the speed camera in the village is working. The police will not divulge details of the number of tickets issued by any camera or if the Cardross camera is working.

SCHOOL REPORT

Patrick said that there was no school report this month. **Susan Marshal** said that there have been a number of cases of vandalism in the school grounds. The police have been notified and some local children have been identified as the culprits.

CYCLE PATH

Lindsey said that approximately 150 people attended the meeting in the Geilston Hall, that had been arranged by **Dame Jackie Baillie MSP**, about the cycle path. It was clear that the community wants a cycle path.

Christine said that money will be available next year, to take the project forward. **Councillor Kennedy** said that the construction cost of the project is around £100 million. The cost of the letters involved in contacting one land owner, is about £200.00.

MATTERS ARISING

- Beach Clean:** **Bob** said that the next beach clean will be on 5 October.
- Road Drains:** **Patrick** 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:** **Patrick** said that he has still not had a reply from ACER about the lorries on Darleith Road.
- Hedges on Church Ave.:** **Patrick** 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.
- Play Parks:** **Lindsey** said that she had written to **ACHA**, to find out what is happening to the land on which the play park sits and the land adjacent to it. **ACHA** replied that the park had been closed due to a problem with mole infestation. Due to safety considerations, it will remain closed. **ACHA** are currently revising their play park strategy throughout Argyll and Bute, with the aim of assessing the financial viability of play park provision. **Patrick** said that due to the lack of park facilities in the village at the moment, we should impress on **ACHA**, that the park needs to be opened. **Patrick** said that he will write to **ACHA**.
- Invasive Species:** **Lindsey** said that there is an event being held on 1 November, from 4pm until 7pm, at **Cove Park**. The practicalities of dealing with these species will be discussed.
- Drop Kerbs:** **Patrick** said that a wheelchair user going to the pharmacy, will have problems due to the lack of drop kerbs and the narrowness of parts of the footway. **Councillor Kennedy** said that a council officer will contact **Caroline McNair**, to discuss her complaint.
- Local Place Plans:** **Lindsey** said that the **Local Place Plan** has to be registered with the Council by 30 June 2025. She is hoping to form a steering group to help compile the plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

Patrick said that **Scottish Water** have sent a letter to residents in Church Avenue. They are going to drop the kerb at the large gate, and will have one way traffic lights for 2 weeks, next week.

Patrick said that the **Rev Maggie McArthur** had contacted him to say that a gentleman whose car had broken down at the crematorium, started walking to Cardross. The fast traffic on the A814, frightened him so much, that he crawled from Ardardan to the farm, before he would get up and walk. **Patrick** said footpath is appalling.

PLANNING

Patrick said that **Rob** had emailed his planning report. There are no contentious applications. **Patrick** commended members of the community for their work in the presentation at the predetermination meeting held on 17 June 2024.

CALA have formally objected to the Council decision taken at that meeting.

A proposal of application notice has been submitted by **Taylor Wimpey** for the construction of 200 houses at **Geilston Farm**. Two public consultation meetings will be held in the Geilston Hall on 25 and 29 September from 16.00 until 20.00 hours.

The Paddock: Approval in principle has been granted. **Brian Watts** said that the deeds for the land at the Paddock, prohibit any construction above the gas pipe that passes through the Paddock.

The Main Road Garage is still awaiting a decision.

HEALTH

Patrick said that there are no new Health matters.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Lyndsey said that a recent beach survey had been successful.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Footway to the Crematorium: **Councillor Kennedy** said that the work has been programmed for some time. It is his hope that it will be done soon.

St. Peter's Seminary: **Patrick** said that **Mike Ward**, a reporter from the **Sunday Times**, is hoping to write an article about **The Kilmahew Education Trust**.

Street Lighting In Church Ave.: **Bob** said that **Duncan** had asked him to flag up the failure of the street lighting at the west end of Church Avenue. The lights have been out for about 3 weeks. The failure has been reported. So far, nothing has been done. **Patrick** set that he will send a letter of complaint.

Gala Day: **Susan Marshall** said that a group has been set up to organise a gala day next year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21 October 2024 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.