

**CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCILMEETING**

**GEILSTON HALL**

**ON MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2026**

**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.

**PRESENT**

Patrick Trust (Convener), Lindsey Young (Vice Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Caroline McNair, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, Councillor Paul Kennedy, and 12 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES**

Alice Cook, and Simone McLeod.

**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.**

**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**.

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 17 NOVEMBER 2025.**

On page 2 under “**Taylor Wimpey Development**”, change “4 January 2026” to “24 January 2026”. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Rob Irving** and seconded by **Bob Murray**.

**POLICE REPORT**

**Patrick** said that there is no police report this month.

**SCHOOL REPORT**

**Patrick** said there is no school report this month. The pupils are carrying out a project on traffic around the school during morning assembly and pick-up times. They are also getting ready for the Burns Competition. The school is still happy for the P6 winner to address the haggis and the P7 winner to recite Tam O’Shanter, at the Burns Supper, to be held in Geilston Hall on 30 January 2026.

**CYCLE TRACK**

**Christine Nevin** that the Ecological Survey has been completed. The Technical Survey has been completed. The Consultants are engaged with the land owners over the whole route. Funding is available until the end of this Financial Year, and a bit beyond. The Ground Investigation should be completed by the end of March.

The pragmatic route of the track is to follow the A814. **Christine** said that progress on the project is good at the moment.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Church Hall Grounds:** **Patrick** said that the parts of the grounds that were being used as “drinking” areas at the weekends, have been litter and “drink” free so far this month. The PO has lost the licence to sell alcohol.

**Playpark next to School:-** **Patrick** said that it is not yet known when the park will be opened for use.

**Playpark at Church Ave.:** **Patrick** said that the damaged roundabout equipment, has still not been repaired. **Patrick** said that he will write to the **Cardross Trust** on the matter.

**Road Drains:** **Patrick** said that the drain outside the Geilston Hall has been cleared, but after it has rained, water flows down the A814 and past the drain. It pools at the bottom of Darleith Road. This is a real danger when it turns to ice in winter. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will report the matter to the appropriate officer.

**Estate Agent Signs:** **Bob** said that house “for sale” signs, are still being erected some distance from the properties involved. In spite of receiving an encouraging email from the Enforcement Officer, the situation has not yet improved.

**Burns Supper:** **Patrick** said that the Burns Supper is on Friday 30 January 2026.

**Reflective Road Edge Posts:** **Brian Watts** said that a number of these posts on A814 between **Ardoch** and **Cardross** are still missing and should be replaced. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will report the matter to the appropriate officer.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Patrick** said that he had received a letter from Network Rail. It said that work is continuing in the vicinity of the railway crossing at the station.

**Duncan** said that he had received a copy of a reply to a **Freedom of Information Request** for **Andrew Potter** to Police Scotland. It asked for the number of motorists exceeding 30mph, that had been recorded by the speed camera in the village. The reply refused to confirm or deny whether the information sought exists or is held by Police Scotland, in terms of section 18 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

### **PLANNING**

**Rob** said that there were a couple of applications since the last meeting.

1. An amendment to the planning permission already granted for work at Broomhill House. It relates to an increased provision of parking spaces.
2. A property at 94 Main Road for the enlargement of external windows and an illuminated sign.

None of these were deemed to be of concern to the Community Council.

### **Cala Development**

Rob said that there is no new information since the last meeting. Some investigative work has been done by **CALA** on Darleith Road. Rob said that **Gordon Hendry** has been in touch with **CALA** concerning the ownership of his land, adjacent to Darleith Road. Correspondence continues, without agreement.

**Gordon** told **Rob** that he had been in correspondence with the Roads Department about the subsidence that has developed on the west side of Darleith Road near his property. The Roads Department have no concerns about the stability of the road or the verge at that point and are going to erect a permanent safety barrier at this location. They say that the road and verge at that point is built on solid rock.

### **Taylor Wimpey Development**

**Rob** said that in November 2025, the Determination Date for the project was 24 January 2026. The Expiry Date is 24 April 2026. **The Expiry Date** is the deadline by which the council is expected to make a decision on that application. It is NOT the date on which the application will lapse.

### **MOT Garage Development**

**Rob** said that the drawings supplied as part of the Planning Application did not show the height of the proposed structure. He heard unofficially, that the structure which is in place at the moment, is to be demolished and replaced with a taller structure.

### **HEALTH**

**Patrick** said that nothing has changed since the last meeting. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde are determined to stop the Minor Injury Service being provided overnight. To this end, they are refusing to employ “overnight” nursing assistance, which would allow the service to continue.

### **CARDROSS CANGROUP (CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK)**

**Heather** said that there is a meeting in the library next Wednesday, between 19.30pm and 20.30pm. There will be a talk on our planet and how to protect it. **Heather** said that there was an article on the BBC yesterday, which reported that 40 Community Councils across the South of Scotland, are challenging the Scottish Government over renewable energy developments in their area. The proposal reads as “NIMBYISM”. She asked that the Community Council writes to the Government, strongly supporting a rapid and just transition to clean renewable energy. **Patrick** said that once the letter has been written, it will be discussed at the next Community Council meeting. **Heather** said that from the experience of Cardross CAN, it is clear that the community supports the principle of renewable energy. **Cardross CAN** are having a viewing of the film “**Ocean**” on Saturday 7 March 2026, 4pm to 6pm, in the Geilston Hall. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will report the matter to the appropriate officer.

### **LOCAL PLACE PLAN**

**Lindsey** said that the Local Place Plan should be available by March.

### **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**Speed Camera on Main Road:** **Bob** said that the **Freedom of Information Request** which had been sent to **Police Scotland**, had asked for details of the number of motorists who had exceeded the speed limit. **Police Scotland** said that this information could not be made available to the public.

**Litter:** **Bob** said that there is an extraordinary amount of litter in the village. It is depressing. He asked if a **street sweeper** could be brought into the village, perhaps once a month. **Rob** said that around the new-year period, every litter bin was overflowing with uncollected rubbish. **Brian Watts** said that the layby near **Ardoch** is being used as a rubbish dump. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will ask if these problems can be dealt with.

**Gritting:** **Julie Lang** said that, during the cold spell, iced sections of **Dareilth Road** had not been gritted. **Patrick** said that Darleith Road is not on the “gritting list” for the village.

**Friends of Geilston:** **Ken Readman** said that the Friends are having a presentation about the history of the gardens. It will be in the Golf Club on 11 February 2026 at 19.30.

**A814 Road:** **Brian Watts** said that a wall on the south side of the road, near Craigend Nursery, has collapsed. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will report the matter to the appropriate officer.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 16 February 2026** at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.