

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 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), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Caroline McNair, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, PC Jonathan Hanna (Police Scotland), Councillor Paul Kennedy, and 11 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Lindsey Young (Vice Convener), Alice Cook, Simone McLeod and Heather Munro.

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.**

POLICE REPORT

PC Hanna reported as follows:-

Serious Organised Crime	- Nothing of note.
Acquisitive Crime	- Theft by opening a storage container. 4x Theft by shop lifting. Theft.
Road Safety and Road Crime	- 1x vehicle up lifted no insurance. 3x calls for animals on the road. Oil spill on road.
Violent Crime	- 1x aggressive male with broken bottle.
Public Protection -	1x Male bitten by dog. 4x Calls for youths under the influence.

PC Hanna has been operating in plain clothes, in the village, over the weekend. He was observing youths.

Christine said that she had seen fly tipping on Carman Road. Builders' rubble was dumped behind the wall at the lay-by, next to where the Kilmahew Estate East Lodge used to be. **PC Hanna** said that it is very difficult to find the source of that kind of material. He suggested that anyone seeing fly tipping should try to get the registration of the vehicle and photographs. He emphasised that no one should put themselves at risk while doing this.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 19 JANUARY 2026.

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Brian Craven** and seconded by **Bob Murray**.

SCHOOL REPORT

Patrick said there is no school report this month.

CYCLE TRACK

Christine said that the **Cycle path Action Group** met with **Colin Young**, the Project Manager Officer and **Mark Ringas**, who represents the Contractor, on 3 February 2026. Overall, things are looking positive. Discussions and negotiations are going on with all **Landowners**. Site investigation work is underway on the Cardross to Dumbarton section. The route is agreed with the landowners. **Scottish Gas** has yet to sign off the Method Statement. The Cardross to Helensburgh section of the route is not yet finalised. The Taylor Wimpey Development details, have not yet been finalised. The Cycle Path will be included somewhere within that Development. The Planning Application for the Cycle Path should be submitted by early summer. Construction of the Cardross Dumbarton section should begin later in the Financial Year 2026 – 2027. Funding for this Financial Year, has been obtained. An application for next years' funding has been submitted. Community Consultation will take place in early summer. It will involve detail design, seating arrangements and the placement of information signs.

Christine agreed to forward **Brian Watts'** map on the layout of the gas services, to **Colin Young**.

MATTERS ARISING

Burns Supper: **Patrick** said that the sum of **£1,300.00** was raised for the roof fund, at the supper.

Estate Agent Signs: **Bob** said that in spite of receiving an encouraging email from the Enforcement Officer, the situation has not yet improved.

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.

Speed Camera on Main Road: **Rob** said that he came across an item today in the Herald online. It said that 16 speed cameras are to be switched off in the West of Scotland. One site is A814 Cardross Road Dumbarton. **Rob** was concerned that this was the camera in the village. It was agreed that CCC should write to Police Scotland expressing our concerns.

Litter and a Street Sweeper: **Councillor Kennedy** said that he had asked if a street sweeper could be supplied for Cardross. Officers have not yet replied to his request.

A814 Road: **Brian Watts** said that a car had gone through a fence and gone into a field, on south side of A814, near Ardoch. It appears that the area supporting the road may have been damaged. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will report the matter to the appropriate officer.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said that he had received an email from **The Cardross Trust**. **Graham Corder** said that repairs to the Church Avenue play park are due to commence this month. The Contractor intends to do the work on the 23 February 2026. **Scottish Water** are to continue removing stones and grassing the area in which they were working.

Patrick said that he received an email from the Tيرة Community Council about the possible closure of their library.

PLANNING

Rob said that there was just one proposal this month.

1. The proposed felling of a sycamore tree at the property “**Ardmoy**”, on Main Road, Cardross. The tree is causing significant damage to the boundary wall and the sewer of the property. No objections were raised at the meeting.

Taylor Wimpey Development

Rob said that he has no new information since the last meeting.

Cala Development

Rob said that he has no further definitive information, since the last meeting.

Rob had a message from **Gordon Hendry** who was happy that it be shared with the meeting.

Gordon said “ Our solicitor sent a strongly worded rejection of **Cala’s** position regarding the hedge, to **Cala’s** solicitor, last week. Part of the concluding paragraph included the following. “My clients have no proposals to make and no interest in negotiating matters further.””

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. **Patrick** said that the **Health and Social Care Co-operative** has no money. The budget for next year is not looking good.

CARDROSS CANGROUP (CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK)

Heather sent an email saying that a screening of “**Ocean by David Attenborough**”, will take place in the Geilston Hall on 7 March 2026 at 6pm. All are welcome.

LOCAL PLACE PLAN

Patrick said that work on the Local Place Plan is still ongoing.

FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN

Patrick said that **Argyll and Bute Council** are responsible for the overall management of flooding. He said that **The Reporter** overturned extensive community proposals regarding the flooding on Darleith Road.

Christine said that consultation on the matter closes on 22 April 2026. That is for the Management Plan covering the period from 2028 until 2034. **Christine** said that there will be two consultations. **The first**

consultation, which is current, is to ask the community about their concerns and to highlight any projects that are already happening, to help manage the flood risk. **The second consultation** will be in December 2026. It will provide further information on flood risks and will be an opportunity to comment on any proposed actions. **Christine** said that Cardross has been designated by **SEPA** as a **Potentially Vulnerable Area. (PVA)**.

These are areas that have the highest flood risk, either now or in the future. **Christine** looked back at the Flood Management Plan for 2022 -2028. It was produced by Glasgow, on behalf of Argyll and Bute. A&B do not appear to have staff able to deal with the matter. The main source of flooding was identified as surface water. It said that 330 people and 180 homes and businesses are at risk from flooding. The plan identified a number of actions for Cardross. They are:

1. A flood study was to be carried out to improve understanding of coastal river and surface water flood risk and the interactivity between the sources of flooding should be assessed.
2. Development of the shoreline management plan to establish flood risk.

These actions were for Argyll and Bute Council to lead on. **SEPA** were to undertake a review of Coastal Flood Modelling. **Christine** said that she thought this had probably been done. **Scottish Water** was to carry out an assessment of Sewer Flood Risk. This will help improve understanding of potential surface water flood risk. **Christine** said that she thought this had probably been done, because of the work that has been done in the park. **Christine** said that in looking back at the actions, the two allocated to Argyll and Bute, do not appear to have been done. **Christine** said that **this point** should be brought up **forcibly at the Consultations**. If the actions are not going to be carried out, then they are not worth the paper they are written on. **Christine** said that we are being asked about the main flooding concerns. Is it rivers, drains, surface water runoff, flooding from adjacent land, flooding from the sea. The impacts of climate change. Coastal flooding. We have to identify what the main sources of flooding are. **Christine** said it is one of the highest priorities for managing flood risks. Things that are identified in terms of the highest priorities are flood warning services, avoid placing new housing in flood risk areas, clearing of drains, clearing and maintaining of water courses. Identify anything we are already doing to manage flood risks, either in the community or individually. **Patrick** suggested discussing these matters at the next meeting.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- War Memorial:** **Patrick** said that **Tony Davey** had complained that the access area around the memorial is very slippery.
- Library Closures:** **Patrick** said that **Tiree Library** and **Cardross Library** are being threatened with closure again. **Councillor Kennedy** said that the **Council Budget** has not yet been finalised.
- 20 MPH Speed Limit Proposal:** **Patrick** said that there is a meeting between 09.00 and 17.00, on Monday 2 March 2026. It is in the Marriage Suite in Helensburgh and is about the proposed 20mph limit in built up zones. This is an opportunity for members of the public to make their views known on the proposal. The Community Council will be allowed to express the view of the public in their area. Of those present at tonight's meeting, the majority of community council members and members of the public, were in favour of the proposal.
- Beach Clean:** **Bob** said the next beach clean will be on **18 April 2026**.
- Geilston Hall:** **Alasdair** said that recent applications for funding to replace the roof, have been rejected. The most recent estimate to do this is **£300,000**. The work needs to be done to prevent the hall falling into a permanent state of disrepair. **Patrick** said that **Argyll and Bute Council** have been very helpful and have paid for the required architectural report. **Patrick** emphasised that the hall is owned by the community.
- Pavement Parking:** **Bob** said that pavement parking is becoming a problem again. He said that the Council attendant should be "ticketing" offenders.
- Kilmahew Estate:** **Patrick** said that there was an article in this weeks' Helensburgh Advertiser, saying that the **Kilmahew Education Trust (KET)** is going to convert the college building and the grounds into a **World Heritage Site**. **Christine** said that **KET** are at least 15 months late issuing their accounts. It is registered in Companies House and is late every year with its' accounts. **Christine** said that nothing has been done since **KET** took possession of the site. **Christine** proposed challenging its' claim to be a charity along with the claim that there is no right of access to the estate. **Patrick** suggested that the matter should be raised again next month. **Chris** said that she will draft a letter for the meeting to consider, next month.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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