

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 16 MARCH 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), Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, Councillor Paul Kennedy and 12 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Lindsey Young (Vice Convener), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Caroline McNair 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

Patrick said that there was no Police Report.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 16 FEBRUARY 2026.

On page 2 under **CYCLE TRACK**, amend "The Taylor Wimpey Development" to "The Proposed Taylor Wimpey Development".

On page 3 under **HEALTH** amend "**Health and Social Care Co-operative**" to "**Health and Social Care Partnership**".

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Bob Murray** and seconded by **Rob Irving**.

SCHOOL REPORT

Patrick said there is no school report this month.

CYCLE TRACK

Christine said the Contractors are making good progress on the Helensburgh to Cardross section (Phase 1). Outline agreements with the landowners is almost done. The route will be designed in detail and then submitted for planning permission. The Cardross to Dumbarton section (Phase 2), has been designed. Drawing up legal agreements with landowners is a very lengthy process. **Christine** met with **Jackie Bailie** MSP, near the

end of February, to discuss funding for the project. **Jackie** has written to **Argyll and Bute Council** and **Transport Scotland**, asking about possible funding sources.

MATTERS ARISING

Litter and a Street Sweeper: **Councillor Kennedy** has been told that the street sweeper who works in Helensburgh, cannot come to Cardross. There are “bin emptiers” and a mechanical road sweeper used in Cardross. Unfortunately, this does not deal with the litter in some areas. Particularly, outside the library. The mud and leaves here, are not being cleared. **Christine** asked if the mud and leaves on the footway in Napier Avenue could be cleared. **Councillor Kennedy** was told this is a slip hazard. He said he would contact officers on the matter.

Church Avenue Play Park: **Patrick** said that the damaged roundabout has now been repaired.

Library Closures: **Patrick** said that since the Community Charge has been increased this year, the threatened libraries should remain open, at least for this year.

Beach Clean: **Bob** said the next beach clean will be on **18 April 2026**.

Geilston Hall: **Patrick** said that seeking funding for hall repairs is ongoing. He said there will be a “**Ladies only, Mama Mia**” evening in the hall soon.

Kilmahew Estate: **Christine** said that the estate is owned by the **Kilmahew Education Trust (KET)**. It was registered with **Companies House** in November 2019 as **Kilmahew Education Trust Limited** and registered as a Scottish Charity in June 2021. The submitted accounts have not been accepted by **Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR)**. OSCR does not say why. The 2023 accounts are overdue by 18 months. Regulations require that these accounts be submitted. **Companies House** has issued 5 notices for **compulsory strike off**. If a company is struck off, the property becomes the property of **the Crown**. **Christine** said that **KET** is of no public benefit to the community. Existing tracks are becoming unusable. It was agreed that the Community Council do nothing at the moment.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said that he had received a reply to his query about the speed camera adjacent to the A814 in Cardross. **Police Scotland Safety Cameras** emailed that “There are no plans for this site to enter dormancy”.

PLANNING

Rob said that there were two applications this month.

1. Proposed alterations and extension at Viewpark in Borrowfield.
2. Formation of a garden pond at Kirkton Cottage.

Taylor Wimpey Development

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

Cala Development

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

MOT Garage Development

Patrick said that a higher structure has now been built. It replaces the recently built, lower structure.

HEALTH

Patrick said that nothing has changed since the last meeting. He said that all the **Physiotherapy Services** are being brought back to the Vale of Leven Hospital.

CARDROSS CAN (CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK) GROUP

Patrick said that there is no report this month.

LOCAL PLACE PLAN

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

FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN

Christine said that the **Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)** are consulting on the next **Flood Management Plan**. It covers the period from 2028 until 2034. **SEPA** has issued a questionnaire, to be responded to by 22nd April. There will be a second consultation in December 2026. The next plan will be published in December 2027. On the **SEPA** maps, Cardross is a Potentially Vulnerable Area (PVA). **Christine** read out the questions and answers to the online questionnaire. The meeting agreed to the proposed answers. **Christine** will respond on behalf of the Community Council.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

20 MPH Speed Limit Proposal: **Patrick, Rob** and **Lindsey** attended the meeting held on Monday 2 March 2026 about this proposal. **Rob** said that he expressed the opinion from the last CCC meeting, which was in favour of the proposal. The Council Officials present made a strong case for the proposal. The proposals were very specific. In the case of **Cardross**, the **30mph** limit would become **20mph**. On either side of the village on the A814, there would be a short **30mph** section and then a short **40mph** section. An 18 month trial will be introduced later this year.

Pavement Parking: **A member of the public** said that cars parking on the footway at **Cardross Autos** is forcing pedestrians to walk on the road. **Patrick** said that he will have a word with the proprietor. **Christine** said that there have been traffic wardens in the village and they have been "ticketing" cars parked on the pavement. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he has asked for wardens to visit Cardross more often, after comments made at the last meeting.

Lay-by Parking: **Bob** said that the proprietor of the newspaper shop has expressed concern at the long term parking taking place at the lay-by outside of his shop. **Patrick** said that he has written to the Roads Department, requesting a time limit in this lay-by, the lay-by at the post office and the one at the Pharmacy. He has been told that this cannot be done. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will pursue the matter.

Darleith Road Safety Barrier: **Councillor Kennedy** said that he had asked officers if a barrier was to be erected on Darleith Road, just north of Mill Road. The verge on the west side of the road is eroded. He was told that there are no concerns regarding the structural integrity or safety of the carriageway at this time, since the road at this section is founded on rock. It is hoped that a permanent safety barrier will be erected at this site later in the year.

Road Surfacing at Railway Crossing: **Councillor Kennedy** said that he has received complaints about the newly installed surfacing breaking up. He has asked officers to have a look at the issue.

Post Box: The post box at the **PO** cannot be used at the moment. It is to be replaced with an automated post box.

Newspaper Shop: **Bob** said that he had been asked by the proprietor if planning permission is required to install a Royal Mail collection box within the shop. It seems that no such permission is required.

Telephone Box: **Ken Readman** asked what is happening to the telephone box in the village. **Patrick** said that he will find out.

Warmer Houses: **Councillor Kennedy** said that there have been a few seminars to promote grants which are available to improve energy efficiency in the home. Homes in community tax bands A to D may qualify for these grants.

Financial Grants: **Councillor Kennedy** said that the Council are making grants available for community projects. **Alasdair** said that previous grant applications to the Council, for repairs to the hall roof, have been refused.

Elections: **Patrick** said that elections for Community Councillors will be held on 20 August 2026.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** be held on **Monday 20 April 2026** at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.