

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

GEILSTON HALL

AGM ON MONDAY 20 APRIL 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, Bob Murray, Councillor Paul Kennedy and 12 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Heather Munro and Christine Nevin.

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 for this month and there has not been one for three months.

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

On page 2 under **Kilmahew Estate**, remove "the Community Council do nothing at the moment" and replace it with "**Christine Nevin** will write to the **Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR)**".

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Rob Irving** and seconded by **Alasdair MacCuish**.

SCHOOL REPORT

Patrick said there is no school report this month.

MATTERS ARISING

20 MPH Speed An 18 month trial will be introduced later this year.

Limit Proposal:

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

Library **Patrick** said that since the Community Charge has been increased this year, the threatened
Closures: libraries should remain open. However, the community must remain vigilant to the threat of closure.

Kilmahew **Christine** has written to the **Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR)** regarding lack of progress
Estate: by the registered charity called **The Kilmahew Education Trust Limited**.

Road Surfacing The surfacing over the railway crossing that had been damaged by a diesel spill,
at Railway has been repaired.
Crossing:

CORRESPONDENCE

Neither **Patrick** nor **Duncan** had received anything of note.

PLANNING

Rob said that there was one application this month.

1. Proposed felling of one lime tree and crowning of one sycamore tree at Seafield in Peel Street.

Taylor Wimpey Development

Rob said that he has no new information since the last meeting. It says on the website that the "Expiry Date" is 24 April 2026.

Cala Development

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

Rob had received an email today from **Gordon Hendry**. It said,

"The Roads Construction Consent (RCC) is essentially a box ticking exercise to satisfy the **Roads Authority** that the proposed road is to an acceptable standard for future adoption. The process requires the Applicant, under the **Roads Scotland Act 1984**, to notify all owners of land affected by or fronting, the proposed works, to advise them where the appropriate drawings can be viewed and to advise them where to make any subsequent representation. CALA's agent, couldn't even be bothered to identify the land owners, only referring to them as Owners/Occupiers. They completely missed out two directly affected owners. I went to the Civic Centre twice, attempting to view drawings without success. I then made a formal complaint about the unavailability of drawings. This has now been raised to a stage 2 complaint, as I was not satisfied with the initial response. Packages of the drawings were subsequently sent to a number of affected land owners. I have examined the drawings and in my professional opinion, the whole submission is so poorly presented, lacking information regarding lighting and public utilities together with a significant number of clear design errors, that it should be immediately rejected by the **Roads Authority**. On past performance, I am not optimistic that this will be the case. In my representation to the **Head of Roads**, I have made it abundantly clear that I consider the application fundamentally flawed. The situation regarding ownership of the hedge and land fronting my property remains unresolved and I am prepared to take out an interdict against **CALA**, their **Agents** and **Contactors**, to prevent damage to my hedge. One point I made in my representation was that the narrow footway, might be in contravention of the Council's obligations under **The Equality Act 2010**. I have enough on my plate dealing with the land ownership issues, but if the Community Council wish to take it forward, I can give them a starter for 10."

Patrick that he would contact **Gordon** about his "starter for 10"

HEALTH

Patrick said that nothing has changed since the last meeting.

CARDROSS CAN (CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK) GROUP

Lindsey said that the Cardross Community Organic Garden is up and running again.

LOCAL PLACE PLAN

Linsey said that the Local Place Plan has to go out for consultation in May.

FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN

Christine submitted the **Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)** questionnaire on behalf of the **CCC**.

CONVENERS REPORT

Patrick said that he would stand down as Convener in August.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brian said the Account started the year with £1372.00 and ended the year with £2216.

The Accounts were audited and are available for public inspection.

Patrick proposed acceptance of the Accounts and **Lindsey** seconded his proposal.

ELECTION

Election of Convener: Office Bearers stood down and **Chris Moore** took the chair. **Chris** called for nominations for the post of Convener. **Brian Craven** nominated **Patrick Trust**. **Lindsey** seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. **Patrick** was duly elected as **Convener**.

Vice Convener: **Patrick** proposed **Lindsey Young** for Vice Convener. **Duncan** seconded the proposal.

Secretary: **Duncan Stirling** proposed **Heather Munro** for the post of **Secretary**. This was seconded by **Lindsey Young**. **Bob Murray** proposed **Brian Craven** for the post of **Treasurer**. This was seconded by **Lindsey**.

The other named office bearers are:-

Health - Patrick Trust.

Planning - Rob Irving.

Rural – Bob Murray

Active Transport - Lindsey Young and Christine Nevin.

Accounts Examiner - Graeme Kenny.

Chris Moore stood down and **Patrick** took the chair.

Patrick thanked **Chris Moore**.

MEETING DATES FOR 2026-27

2026 – 18 May, 15 June, 17 Aug., 21 Sept., 19 Oct., 16 Nov.

2027- 18 Jan., 15 Feb., 15 Mar., AGM 19 April.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Vandalism at the School: **Patrick** said that there has been vandalism at the school during the holidays. **A member of the public** said that a shelter in the school had been opened to the children on Tuesday and was vandalised on Friday night. Glass bottles were smashed, one of the small picnic tables was wrecked and the bird box was damaged. Drugs were found by Contactors, on the premises. The school has been unable to identify any of the vandals.

- Playpark at School:** **Patrick** said that park is still closed. He said that the play park at Church Avenue, is very well used. A **member of the public** said that there is a play park within the CALA Estate.
- Cycle Track:** **Lindsey** said that there is a CYCLE PATH GROUP meeting tomorrow night. Progress is positive. Access to funding is an ongoing problem.
- Beach Clean:** **Bob** said the beach clean on **18 April 2026** was very successful. 24 bags of rubbish were collected along with some tyres and some cast iron ware. **Bob** agreed to contact the **Helensburgh Advertiser** about the Cardross Beach Clean.
- Geilston Hall:** **Patrick** said that seeking funding for hall repairs is ongoing. **Lindsey** said that the **Knitting Club** had raised £70.00 towards the roof repair fund. **Alasdair** said that roof repairs would cost around **£100,000** and overall repair costs for roof, stonework, mortar, inside of the hall etc. would be around **£400,000**.
Patrick said that **Historic Environment Scotland** and the **Heritage Lottery**, have both decided that they are NOT going to give funding for repairs at the moment. They have said that another application can be submitted.
Patrick said that tickets for the “**Ladies only, Mama Mia**” evening in the hall, are now sold out.
- Telephone Box:** **Lindsey** asked for volunteers to paint the telephone box. The school have not yet decided how the box will be used.
- Community Council Elections:** **Patrick** said that elections for Community Councillors will be held on **20 August 2026**.
- Damaged Road Sign:** **Councillor Kennedy** said that he has been told by officers, that the damaged sign on the A814 between Cardross and Ardoch, will be replaced.
- Flower Show:** **Lindsey** said that there is a flower show in Helensburgh on 1 August 2026 at Victoria Halls.
- Local Development Plan:** **Lindsey** said there is a Council Consultation for the Local Development Plan. It was agreed that the information gained in developing the Local Place Plan, should be used as a basis for the CCC views for inclusion in the Local Development Plan.
- Electric Mini Bus:** **Caroline McNair** said that it might be worth looking into the possibility of purchasing an Electric Mini Bus for the community. **Patrick** said that the funding of such a project would be a problem.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 18 May 2026** at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.