

**CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, GEILSTON HALL
ON MONDAY 17 August 2026, AT 8.00 P.M.**

WELCOME

Patrick welcomed all present, to the final meeting of the current Community Council.

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convenor), Lindsey Young (Vice Convener), Heather Munro (Secretary), Duncan Stirling, Bob Murray, Brian Craven, Rob Irving, Christine Nevin, Alasdair MacCuish, Shuna Gillies, Councillor Paul Kennedy, and 13 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Caroline MacNair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Patrick Trust: Community Member of the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership and Secretary of the Geilston Hall Management Committee.

Lindsey Young: member of Cardross CAN and community engagement officer for Argyll and Bute Climate Action Network for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area.

Heather Munro: member of Cardross CAN.

MINUTES OF MEETING, HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 15 June 2026.

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Christine Nevin** and seconded by **Bob Murray**.

ACTION POINTS UPDATE, and MATTERS ARISING (for items not covered on agenda)

Police Report: **Grace Laird** said youths running through fields again, damaging crops. Also warned that suspicious men with dogs have been seen, apparently looking at outlying properties. **Rob** said youths on e-scooters are speeding in Cardross. **Patrick** will enquire whether these should be reported to Police.

20mph Speed Limit Proposal: start date for trial period awaited

Playpark by school: remains closed. Emails to ACHA have gone unanswered. **Patrick** will write to Jackie Baillie, and **Cllr Kennedy** will contact Mark Irvine.

Geilston Hall: **Alastair** said the management committee are waiting to hear from Jackie Baillie about HES. AGM will be in September.

Telephone box: **Lindsey** said the paint is with a volunteer, to paint the outside. Purpose for box to be decided.

Damaged road sign: on A814 between Ardoch and Cardross not yet replaced. **Cllr Kennedy** will reopen the incident.

Elections: 9 people applied for new CCC, which is less than the number of seats (16), so they are elected without need for a vote, and will be sworn in by A+BC on 26 August 2026. 5 more can be co-opted.

Drainage at Ardoch: **Brian Watts** reported blockage to drain from Paddock at Ardoch remains. **Cllr Kennedy** said the developer (Baltimore Construction) has been given planning permission in perpetuity. However, there is currently no building warrant. He spoke with David McLauchlin, head of Building Control, who is now aware that building has commenced without a warrant, and will look into the matter. **Cllr Kennedy** also recommended that **Brian** might consider seeking legal advice, perhaps together with neighbours in Ardoch.

CORRESPONDENCE None relevant.

PLANNING

Rob: no new applications requiring discussion.

Cala Development: (via email to Rob) **Gordon Hendry** submitted a Freedom of Information application about the road access, but has not yet received information. **Norman Gatensby** has submitted evidence of the side of the road collapsing, where the developer proposes access.

Taylor Wimpey Development: no new information on A+BC website.

Christine and Cllr Kennedy said A+BC are considering changing Green Belt boundaries around Cardross, and there are long-term potential plans for significant developments east of Cardross, and at Colgrain.

CONSULTATIONS LDP3: Christine and Morag Elliot have responded to 5 Topic Papers. They found them very disappointing from the perspective of Cardross. There are more topic papers to come.

Clyde Mission Strategic Masterplan: Christine responded on behalf of CCC

Helensburgh waterfront consultation: Lindsey responded on behalf of CCC, in support of retaining common good land. Patrick thanked them for work on these consultations

REPORTS:

FINANCE Brian: CCC account received annual allowance of £1063. Expenditure so far £20 for beach clean, £31 for AGM. Balance currently £3228, of which £628 is for LPP expenses; £1000 is donations for COG; £1600 is for CCC. Projected CCC costs are for hall rental.

POLICE PREPORT none

SCHOOL REPORT none

UPDATES FROM A+BC MEETINGS none relevant

CYCLEPATH Christine reported progress: Ground investigations are 90% complete; good cooperation from landowners; grant has not yet been paid out for this year; detailed designs to be completed before planning application; District Valuer to be appointed soon, for land purchases; completion date remains 2033.

CARDROSS CAN (Climate Action Network) Lindsey: ABCAN's free film showing of "Peoples Emergency Briefing" in Helensburgh was attended by around 80 people, incl. Jackie Baillie MSP, who is arranging to show the film to colleagues in Holyrood, and by councillors, incl Cllr Fiona Howard, who is organising an event for local businesses as follow up.

Cardross COG (Community Organic Garden) at station: plant sale, 20 June, raised over £450.

Cardross CAN will take on Beach Clean after October.

LOCAL PLACE PLAN Lindsey: LPP is in progress. Aim is to complete draft by end of Oct 2026. Lindsey thanked Christine for applying the LPP results in responses to Topic Papers for LDP3.

HEALTH Patrick: More physiotherapy services are now available at the Vale. Lomond Patients Group is pushing for Minor Injuries to be open officially overnight. At present, GPs will see minor injuries, but the nurses have both retired.

UPCOMING EVENTS none

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Nicotine products: Owner of Lennox shop is alarmed at how often he has to refuse them to local secondary school children (from Patrick)

Post Office counter is currently closed, as the new owner is not trained yet (from Cllr Kennedy). CCC agreed the Post Office is important to the community, and it would be a big loss if it were to close permanently.

Invasive species: training on management of invasive non-native species in Rhu Community Hall, 10+11 Oct (Lindsey has details). Japanese knotweed, and others, are a big concern locally.

Hedge on roadside, Ardoch to Dumbarton, is obstructing pavement (from Brian Watts).

Bin collections: recent disruption due to Limited Access lorries broken down (from Julie Lang).

Seat at corner of Station Road is broken, and path overgrown (from Morag Rennie). Thought to be owned by Women's Rural. Patrick will explore.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Provisionally **Monday 21 Sept 2026** at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. New CCC to confirm.