

## CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

### ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2020

AT 8.00 P.M.

#### WELCOME

Patrick Trust welcomed all present. He reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

#### PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Rob Irving, Bob Murray, Alasdair MacCuish, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, and 8 members of the public.

#### APOLOGIES

Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Bobby Beggs, Mike Brown, Kelly Girling (Head Teacher), Councillor Ellen Morton, Rev. Maggie McArthur, Barrie Morton and Michael Wilson.

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**Alasdair MacCuish** said that he is the Chairman of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**.  
**Patrick** said that he is a community member of the **Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership**.  
There were no other declarations of interest.

#### POLICE REPORT

**Patrick** read out the report . It covered the period from 20 July 2020 to 17 August 2020:-

**Incidents:** Total of 21 calls to Cardross and surrounding area.

Call for large group at the Seminary, I have been in touch with the owners who are in process of increasing security. We will provide attention to persons making their way to the site, not the best for routine patrols.

4 x calls relate to dropped / false 999 calls, they show in this area due to the location of a phone mast, could be from various areas and could be a child or pocket dial. Common occurrence.

Couple of calls to Carman care Home, looking for owners to secure.

Few cows on the road and some traffic issues.

Rest of calls contain nothing of concern, general police business.

**Crime reports:** 12 in total.

2 x report for persons removing boards from vacant nursing home on Carman.

2 x persons charged with no car insurance.

1 x person charged with leaving scene of an accident without reporting same.

1 x male charged with disorder offence & police assault.

1 x report for vandalism (graffiti)

1 x male charged with disorder offence, police assault and resist arrest.

3 x persons charged with speeding, these are persons over the limit at which a ticket can be issued. Generally on the spot tickets issued for speeds up to 49 MPH, these people done in and at Ardoch for 53, 51 & 61MPH.

1 x male charged with vandalism in a garden.

A good month, 9 detected crimes from 12, good lot of traffic work in and around the village as well.

## **CARDROSS SCHOOL REPORT**

**Patrick** read out the report received from **Kelly Girling (Head Teacher)** as follows:-

The school had a phased return Wednesday/Thursday with all pupils back together on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Our school roll for this session is 161 pupils in P1-P7 and 24 in our nursery class.

Children do not have to physically distance from each other in school but where possible we are to limit mixed groups coming together, this means that at this current time we are unable to have assembly or Friday afternoon activity groups. We also have staggered break and lunch times to reduce the number of different classes mixing and to allow physical distancing for staff in communal staff areas. Staff are to (where possible) keep a physical distance of 2m from pupils in P3 upwards and from other members of staff and parents.

The advice from the Scottish Government is that at this time we should be doing as much outdoor learning as possible, and this is where Cardross Primary is very lucky with our extensive school grounds. All PE lessons at this time should also be taking place outside whenever possible. We are also advised to limit the number of shared resources and all resources that are used have to be sanitised after use and put away for 72 hours before they can be used by another group. Pupils are also discouraged from bringing too many belongings from home.

Argyll and Bute have an enhanced cleaning programme in place and this takes place throughout the day and in the evening. Children are reminded about good hand hygiene and safe respiratory hygiene (coughing/sneezing into elbow etc)

We have a staggered start and finish to school and this is to enable parents and carers to physically distance when dropping off and picking up. Only school staff and pupils are allowed in the school building/grounds and all non-essential visitors are not allowed in to the school at this time.

No child or young person or adult should attend the establishment with COVID-19 symptoms and anyone who develops symptoms during the day will be sent home immediately.

**Test and Protect.** This scheme will be operational from Day 1 of schools re-opening. It is operated by Public Health Scotland (PHS), not the school, and will activate wherever a case is reported. Education will be meeting regularly with NHS and updates will be shared with schools. Additionally, there will be surveillance and monitoring at three levels – community, specific school estate, and enhanced surveillance focusing primarily on staff. The view from the scientists is that this package would allow micro analysis of schools, their catchment areas, and quick response actions where required.

The plans we have in place are under constant evaluation and review. The main priority is keeping our pupils and staff safe during the school day.

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 15 JUNE 2020**

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Rob Irving** and seconded by **Brian Craven**.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Hole in the Wall at Shira Lodge:** **Patrick** said the situation is unchanged.

**Road Sweeper:** **Patrick** said some road sweeping has been done..

**Lamp post at Ardoch:** **Brian Watt** said while repair work has been carried out, the street lights are only on for the night of the repair and stop working thereafter. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he will raise the matter with the Roads Section.

- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Patrick** said the situation is unchanged. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he will raise the matter with the Roads Section.
- ACRE Lorries:** **Patrick** said the situation is unchanged.
- Murray's Crossing:** **Patrick** said the situation is unchanged.
- Cycle Path:** **Patrick** said that work continues on construction of the cycle path near the park and football pitch.
- Avant Homes:** **Patrick** said that there has been no further activity around the site.
- Caronavirus Response:** **Patrick** said he would like to thank **Cardross Cares** and all the volunteers for their work. So far, people who are isolating are being catered for. **Patrick** said that some of the volunteers are now starting to stand down.
- Cardross Inn:** **Patrick** said that the Inn had provided a great service during the pandemic.
- Dog Walking Facility at Auchensail:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that planning permission is required for the facility. He said that he will ask planning for an update for next month. **Jukie Lang** said that the facility is "going like a fair" and the traffic is constant.
- Ardoch A814 Road Safety:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that a site visit will be carried out when the Council has agreed a "site visit protocol" for its' staff.
- Planning for Agricultural Building:** The proposed building is situated adjacent to **Darlieth Road**. The applicant has cut down a number of trees on the site. **Bob** said that a representative from **Forestry Scotland** has issued a **Restoration Order** on the applicant. When the trees have been restored, the Order will become a burden on that piece of land. It seems that the Order overrides the planning application. **Julie Lang** said that the application is to be considered by the Council at a meeting on Wednesday morning.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Duncan** said he had received nothing of note.

## PLANNING

**Rob** reported as follows:-

There were no planning applications this month, likely to cause concern to the Community Council. There were 3 that related to the installation of telecommunications equipment, and 2 involving the felling or pruning of oak trees. All of these were validated in late June or early July and have already been decided.

## HEALTH

**Patrick** said that **The Lomond Patient Group** met with **Jackie Bailie MSP** last week. There is concern that **Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board** are not "playing ball". the Board are still directing NHS 24 callers to RAH and to Glasgow instead of the **Vale of Leven Hospital**. The Board's web site says that the Minor Injuries Unit at the Vale, closes at 21.00 in line with Glasgow Hospitals. This is NOT the case. The Vale has been open 24/7 for the last 12 years. **The Board** have blocked a change to the website at

the highest level. It is hoped that the **Scottish Government** will convince **the Board** to have a change of heart.

**The Patient Group** are concerned that there is no **Covid 19 testing facility** in the local area and have asked **Jackie Bailie MSP**, if one could be made available in G81, G82, G83 or G84.

### AOCB

#### **Overgrown Garden Hedges:-**

**Stella** said that overgrown hedges are narrowing the footways on some of the routes to school. It causes children to have to walk on the road. **Stella** asked if anything can be done. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that overgrown hedges are the responsibility of the property owner. **Patrick** suggested that a friendly word with the property owners may resolve the problem. **Bob** said that vehicles parking on the footways are causing a similar problem. **Patrick** said that unfortunately, it is a matter for the police.

#### **Cycle Track:**

**Duncan** said that a concerned **member of the public** had said that drainage is required in the football pitch, to relieve the wet area on the north side of the cycle path. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he will raise the matter with the Roads Section.

#### **Footways Ardoch to Dumbarton:**

At the last meeting, **Councillor Kinniburgh** said the work to remove overgrown vegetation was scheduled before the lockdown and is still on the list of work to be carried out.

#### **Poppy Wreath:**

**Brian** said that a sum of £36.00 is due to pay for the poppy wreath, for remembrance Day in November.

#### **Parking Bay for Disabled at P.O:**

**Fiona Collins** asked if it would be possible to have a parking bay for the disabled at the Post Office. **Fiona** said that there are a lot of disabled people in the village and a designated bay would be a great help to them and their carers. **Bob** said that the effect of such a bay on the sustainability of the P.O.'s business, must also be considered. **Fiona** said that parking is available for the able bodied, round the corner, in Station Road. **Stella** said there would need to be a time restriction put on the bay. **Alasdair MacCuish** said there are disabled bays in Helensburgh that have a time limit of an hour. **Patrick** said that he would like limited parking at the **Pharmacy**. He said that he will write to the **Council** about parking at the **P.O.** and the **Pharmacy**.

#### **Site Visits:**

**Julie Lang** asked when Council staff would be resuming site visits, which were stopped due to the pandemic. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the **Council** are looking at ways in which staff can carry out site visits in a safe manner, as soon as possible.

#### **Food Waste:**

**Alasdair MacCuish** congratulated the Council in recommencing food waste collections.

#### **A814 Road:**

**Alasdair MacCuish** asked when the poor road surfacing at Craigend Nursery will be repaired. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said the work is programmed to start in March 2021.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Geilston Hall with social distancing and Zoom for those shielding or unable to attend the meeting personally, at 8.00pm on Monday 21 September 2020. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.