

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY 15 MARCH 2024
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. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Lindsey Young (Vice Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Alice Cook, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, Councillor Paul Kennedy and 12 members of the public. (10 in the hall and 2 on Zoom)

APOLOGIES

Shuna Gillies, Simone McLeod, Caroline McNair, Angela O'Neil, and Barrie Morton.

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**.

Alasdair said that he is the **Chairperson of the Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

Heather Munro said that she is a member of **Cardross CAN**.

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**.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 19 FEBRUARY 2024

On page 2, paragraph "**Train Horn Noise**", line 3, amend "horns" to "warning sounds".

On page 3, paragraph "**Cardross CAN**", line 1, amend "said that there are spaces" to "introduced".

Acceptance of the amended Minutes was proposed by **Bob Murray** and seconded by **Lindsey Young**.

POLICE REPORT

Patrick read out the police report for Cardross, from 18 February 2024 to 15 March 2024, as follows:-

There were no calls for serious crimes reported. One crime of handbag theft, stealing money from a home, was reported. Suspects have been traced and issued with a police warning.

SCHOOL REPORT

Patrick said that there is no school report.

CYCLE TRACK

Christine said that at the committee meeting on 12 March, it was said that the contract with **WSP** has ended.

Colin Young has yet to review the work outstanding. The Council are proceeding with a Compulsory Purchase Order for the necessary land. There is no money available in the Council for maintenance of the cycle track.

The Cycle Path Action Group put a couple of questions to the committee. The first question was "How will the project progress". The answer was that the Council are doing the best they can. The second question was "How can the community assist". The answer was to impress on land owners, the strong desire to get the cycle path delivered. The Group has submitted a number of freedom of information requests. There is now a live web site to help promote the cycle path. The completion date is still sometime in 2030.

MATTERS ARISING

- Beach Clean:** The next beach clean will be held on 13 April, when low tide is expected. It was agreed that the Community Council will purchase pickers.
- Train Horn Noise:** **Patrick** said **Jackie Bailie MSP** has organised a meeting on the matter. It will be held in the Geilston Hall on Thursday 4 April at 6pm. **Patrick** said that there was a recent report of a woman using a crossing while wearing headphones. A railway driver reported a "near miss".
- Telephone Box:** **Lindsey** said that the box is going to be cleaned up soon.
- Flooding in Church:** **Morag** said that the drain in front of the church is full of water.
- Road Sign:** **Patrick** said that the 30 mph road sign, coming into Cardross from Dumbarton, is deemed not to be dangerous because, although it is lying on the ground, it is still attached to its footing. **Brian Watts** said that in his view, it is a safety issue,

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said that he had received notification of a road closure in Church Avenue, relating to the Works being carried out by Scottish Water,

Patrick said that there are two vacancies on the Community Council. Anyone interested, would be welcome.

He also had a request from **Barry Cunning (representing Taylor Wimpey)**. **Barry** wanted to discuss the use of land west of Cardross for housing development. It was agreed that discussions with the Community Council should only take place, when a planning application has been lodged with the Local Authority.

PLANNING

Rob said there were three planning applications in the past month. A couple for alterations to residential properties in Barrs Road and Riverview Crescent which are not contentious, The **Paddock Development** at **Ardoch** has not progressed since our last meeting. The **CALA Development** will be discussed at a committee meeting this Wednesday. A large number of documents has been posted on the web site.

It is proposed that six rather than nine properties will now be accessed from Barrs Road. The proposed improvement to Barrs Road will now only extend half way up the field. It appears that direct pedestrian access from the development to the primary school, has been abandoned. The issue of the Darlieth Road access has not been addressed in any of these documents. **Gordon Hendry** said that it is reprehensible that the Darlieth Road access is not being discussed. To spend time discussing access to 6 houses and ignoring the access to the other 114, is ridiculous. **Christine** said that she had contacted the **Scottish Government Planning and Environmental Appeals Division**. She was referred to **Planning Aid Scotland**. She asked if a new surface water drainage system, draining streets out-with the development, requires planning permission. She is awaiting a reply.

Christine phoned **David Moore** in **Argyll and Bute Planning** about **Condition 4**. He said that they are not planning to deviate from the decision notes of the **Reporter**.

Rob said that it is our belief, that it is not possible to satisfy **Condition 4** without obtaining third party land. If no land is acquired, then the developer will need to come up with an alternative scheme, and that will require planning permission.

Mr. Young said that the Council have accepted all of the other conditions and he is concerned that Condition 4 will be ignored by the Council.

Christine said that putting in a formal complaint about Argyll and Bute's handling of the planning application, may be a way forward.

HEALTH

Patrick said that there are some alarming budget cuts on the horizon.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Lindsey said that the **Cardross Organic Gardens Group** is up and running again. Contact can be made at the station on Wednesday between 10am and 11am. Shore sessions for the bio-diversity science project on 28 April at 9,30am, 15 June and 15 September. **Cardross CAN** has been given a grant of £1410 from **Argyll and Bute Climate Action Network**. They are also carrying out a survey on how to achieve a more sustainable lifestyle. **ABCAN** is organising 3 community assemblies. One on energy, one on food and one on housing. Carbon Literacy training is available on 11 and 18 April.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Plastic Free: **Lindsey** said that she attended the recent meeting on the topic. It was very good. Lots of conversations were had and a small working group has been set up, teasing out the themes. A number of community groups were represented by 20 to 30 people.

SEPA: **Patrick** read from a reply to his letter to SEPA. It referred to the construction of a combined sewer overflow chamber (CSO) in the play park. It said that SEPA's preferred solution would have been for the removal of surface water from the combined sewer, to reduce sewer flooding. However, this is not always technically feasible. The CSO can be authorised, where it can be shown that water quality will not be adversely impacted. Flooding in the area is the remit of the local authority.

Road Drain A814: **Morag** said there is a blocked road drain outside the Geilston Hall on the A814. **Councillor Kennedy** said he will have a word with the appropriate officer.

Street Sweeper: **Bob** suggested that the village is in need of a street sweeper. The road and gutter, from the Post Office, past the library, round the corner and down Station road, has been littered for months. **Councillor Kennedy** said he will have a word with the appropriate officer.

Flooding: **Lindsey** said that after contact with a number of Community Councils in Argyll and Bute, it is clear that flooding is a Council wide problem. **Patrick** said that he will circulate his letter to Argyll and Bute, expressing flooding concerns in Cardross, to the other Community Councils in Argyll and Bute.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the **Annual General Meeting** and will be held on Monday 18 April 2024 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. It will be connected via Zoom for those not wishing to come to the hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.