

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON ZOOM VIDEO

ON MONDAY 18 MAY 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), Mike Brown, Mike Crowe, Rob Irving, Bob Murray, Alasdair MacCuish, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, Craig Boreland (Helensburgh Advertiser), Rev. Maggie McArthur, and 13 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Jo Cameron, Bobby Beggs, Councillor Ellen Morton, 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

Inspector Roddy MacNeill emailed a police report as follows:-

6 crime reports since last month, nothing of note and no pattern, couple of road traffic offences detected. Continues to be a strange time, calls for crime are down, calls regarding breaches of COVID regulations remain steady. Couple of speeding tickets week before last, on the main road and a couple more warned.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 20 APRIL 2020

Replace "Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Julie Lang** and seconded by **Duncan Stirling**." with "The Minutes were unanimously approved".

On page 2 under **AOCB**, replace "**Caronavirus Response**" with "**Coronavirus Response**."
Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Rob Irving** and seconded by **Brian Craven**.

MATTERS ARISING

Hole in the Wall at Shira Lodge: **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that officers are not carrying out site visits at the moment due to the coronavirus, but he will try to get an update when site visits are allowed.

Road Sweeper: **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that officers are not carrying out site visits at the moment due to the coronavirus, but he will try to get an update when site visits are allowed.

- Lamp post at Ardoch:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the lamp post has been replaced and the lighting in the area is now working. **John Madden** said that the area lighting is not working. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will report the matter to the Roads Department.
- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Patrick** said that the hole is still there. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will get an update when site visits begin again.
- ACRE Lorries:** **Patrick** said that there has been no further contact with Mr. Price, the managing director of ACRE. **Sharon's Ipad** asked if the lorries dumping material in the fields near Auchensail required planning permission for the work. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that officers would investigate any further complaints about the works.
- Murray's Crossing:** **Patrick** said that the area has been cleared. **Rob** said that the material has all been moved to the shore.
- Cycle Path:** **Patrick** said that work has resumed 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 that Cardross has carried out an exemplary amount of action to the Coronavirus response. **Patrick** thanked **John Young, the Rev. Maggie McArthur** and the team who manage the "Cardross Cares" web site and 80 volunteers. **The Rev. Maggie McArthur** thanked **Patrick** and said that the **Co-op** in Cardross have the drop off box for the Food Bank and the people of Cardross have been very generous with donations. **Patrick** said that the Community Council have agreed to pay any "Cardross Cares" costs. **Patrick** said that Argyll and Bute Council will insure Community Councillors and volunteers carrying out duties for "Cardross Cares".
- Cardross Inn:** **Judy Wilson** said that there is a giving page and the Inn is providing a meal for those who need one, on Friday and Saturday.
- Dog Fouling:** **Patrick** said that dog fouling is still a problem.
- AGM:** **Patrick** said that he hopes to have the AGM in the Geilston Hall with social distancing. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that due to the situation with coronavirus, there is no need for Community Councils to hold an AGM. Where minutes of previous meetings have been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council, Community Councils will receive their annual payments.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received an e-mail from **Emma Alexander** about speeding and road accidents on the A814 at Ardoch.
A copy is available from Duncan Stirling (with Emma's agreement).

PLANNING

Rob said that there were two applications as follows:-

1. Erection of replacement garage at Auchenfroe.
2. Erection of solar panels at Cardross Golf Club.

The proposals attracted no adverse comments from the meeting.

HEALTH

Patrick said that everything is in abeyance. **The Lomond Patients Group** are extremely disturbed with the way the **Minor Injuries Unit** at the **Vale** is treated. **Greater Glasgow** is not acknowledging the service provided. The **Minor Injuries Unit** in the **Vale of Leven Hospital** is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The service is provided by local GPs.

AOCB**Dog Walking Facility at Auchensail:**

Councillor Kinniburgh said that officers are aware of the matter. No site visits are being carried out at present due to the coronavirus situation. Investigations will continue when it is safe to do so. **Michael Wilson** of High Auchensail, e-mailed **Patrick** to say that the project is not causing any problems at the moment. **Mike Crowe** said that such facilities are a great idea and the public like them. **Julie Lang** said that she is concerned about the increasing commercialisation of the Darleith Road Area in what appears to be an uncontrolled manner. **Bob Murray** said that he agrees with **Julie**. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he understands that the facility will require planning consent and any application will be viewed in accordance with the requirements of the **Local Development Plan** for the area. **Morag** said that there has been a significant increase in traffic since the facility opened. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the Council are looking at safe ways of carrying out site visits, in the event of the "Lockdown" continuing.

Trees at Darleith House:

Councillor Kinniburgh said that officers are aware of the matter. No site visits are being carried out at present due to the coronavirus situation. Investigations will continue when it is safe to do so. **Sharon's Ipad** said that with regards to the chopping down of the trees at the top of Darleith Road, a previous planning application for houses in the area, was rejected. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that there is no planning application for anything in this area, at the moment. He is unaware of a tree preservation for the area. Any disruption to wildlife, will be reported to Police Scotland.

Ardoch A814 Road Safety:

Patrick said that after the recent "spectacular" car accident at Ardoch, a woman has been charged. **Raymond Rentick** said that the car in the accident ended up in his garden. He e-mailed three councillors and the Head of Roads. **Raymond** said that the road is dangerous and the speed is excessive. **Raymond** said that the reply from the Head of Roads left him "aghast". He said there are inaccuracies and statistical inaccuracies that he would not have expected. **Raymond** said that the Council are relying on one survey, taken by the police. He did not know the weather conditions or the time of day that the survey was done. He said the majority of these accidents happen in the evening. He said that you cannot take any inference from one survey. **Raymond** said that the Council used statistics gathered from another site. He said that they compare speeding on motorways with the site on the A814. He said this is a misleading comparison. **Raymond** said the letter was written in a way that said there is no problem. He said that the number of accidents occurring indicate that action should be taken by the Council.

Emma Alexander read from her letter sent to the Community Council. She expressed concerns about 3 car crashes onto pedestrian/private grounds in the last 6 months. The last sentence of her letter read "I beg you to change the speed limit to a strict 30mph".

Marie Madden said in the last 6 months, there have been 3 potentially fatal accidents. She said that with "Lockdown" there has been an increase in pedestrian traffic and therefore, an increase in risk to pedestrians. **John Madden** said police speed checks do not give an accurate reflection of vehicle speeds when the police are not present. **Marie Madden** expressed concern that the Council refers to one accident when she had informed them of three accidents.

Councillor Kinniburgh said that he understands that accident information comes from Police Scotland. It is an "accident" if there is a fatality or serious injury or slight injury. Where there are none of these, it is not recorded as an "accident". He said that the section of road at Ardoch does not meet the criteria that would allow limiting the speed to 30 mph.

There was a general discussion as to what should and should not constitute an "accident".

Judy Wilson said that Police Scotland have changed the way "accidents" are defined. There are now lists for "accidents" and different lists for "incidents".

Alasdair MacCuish asked if the Council would consider erecting safety barriers at Ardoch. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he did not have an answer but suggested that there may be technical reasons against this proposal.

Bob Murray suggested that the best working solution would be to realign the road.

Patrick suggested a sign that flashes up the vehicle speed as it enters the area of concern.

John Madden suggested that vehicles that speed through **Cardross** are likely to speed through Ardoch.

Ken Readman said police now refer to Road Traffic Collisions and not Road Traffic Accidents. If you ask for Road Traffic Accident figures, you might not get the information you want.

Mike Crowe said that an English village used members of the public to measure speeding through their village. Using a speed gun, they would give the information to the police who send them a "Polite" notice, recording the speeding incident. **Julie Lang** asked which of the Ardoch residents would be prepared to take their lives in their hands to record the speeding vehicles.

Michael Hutcheson asked what criteria the Council used to make their decisions on speed limits. He then asked how the residents of Ardoch can move the process forward.

Councillor Kinniburgh said he will get the information from officers. He said it may be difficult moving forward, if the site does not meet the Councils' criteria for action.

Patrick said that the Community Council will express the Ardoch residents' concern to **Argyll and Bute Council**.

**Geilston
Gardens:**

The Gardens will be opening towards the end of June.

**Footways
Ardoch to
Dumbarton:**

Marie Madden asked if these could be cleared of vegetation. **John Madden** said the effective footway width has been reduced by the overgrown vegetation. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said the work was scheduled before the lockdown and is still on the list of work to be carried out.

**Footway
Changes:**

Michael Hutcheson asked if the Council intends to construct more footways due to the needs of social distancing, brought about by the effects of the coronavirus. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he is unaware of any immediate plans to deal with this.

**A814 at
Craigend
Nursery:**

Alasdair MacCuish asked if work is to be carried out on the "collapsing road" at the nursery. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said the work was scheduled before the lockdown. The work is being carried out as part of the Capital Programme. It may have to be reprogrammed and may be carried out within the next Financial Year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Geilston Hall (if possible) and/or on Zoom at 8.00pm on Monday 15 June 2020. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.