

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGM HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 17 JUNE 2019

AT 7.30 P.M.

WELCOME

The Convener welcomed all present. This is the 44th AGM of the Cardross Community Council. The Convener 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), Jo Cameron, Mike Crow, Alasdair MacCuish, Bob Murray, Inspector Roddy MacNeil (Police Scotland), Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail and 12 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Bobby Beggs, Mike Brown, Rob Irving, Councillor Ellen Morton, Barrie Morton and Michael Wilson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Patrick said that he is a community member of the Health and Social Care Partnership. There were no other declarations of Interest.

POLICE REPORT

Inspector MacNeil said there were 4 crimes in the month ending 17 June. The first was vandalism of a car, the second was about youths gathering around the beach near the railway crossing, the third was an assault of two girls. A youth under 16 years of age has been arrested in connection with this crime. The fourth related to an enquiry at the Co-op.

Inspector MacNeil said that **speeding** is an issue in a number of communities in Argyll and Bute. Officers are being trained in the use of the new hand held laser speed guns. Officers rotate around eight sites where speeding is being monitored. Any signage or road calming measures to deal with speeding, are a matter for the local Roads Authority. The Roads Authority have been monitoring vehicle speeds in Cardross, from 31 May until 4 June. On the first day, 8700 vehicles passed through the village. The average speed was 31 mph. On the other days, traffic numbers and average speeds were about the same.

There is only one police van with a speed camera covering the Argyll and Bute area. It only investigates speeds on sites where there is a record of accidents.

Inspector MacNeil said he has contacted the British Rail Police in relation to the youths using the train to get to Cardross beach. The police are attempting to stop the youths coming to the village to cause trouble. They will continue to patrol the beach area, manpower permitting. Cardross is one of five areas that the police are concentrating on at present.

Bob asked if recent house break-ins around the village had been solved. **Inspector MacNeil** said there were four house breakings in one day recently, in Rhu, Helensburgh and Cardross. The police are fairly confident that the break-ins were all linked. Because of the forensic evidence gathered, the police are fairly confident that an arrest will follow soon.

Tony Davey said that at this time of year, underage drinkers are down the shore. He asked if the shopkeepers selling

the alcohol, can be reminded of their responsibility. **Inspector MacNeil** said the police do this as a matter of course. However, on occasions, adults are buying the alcohol for the underage drinkers.

Patrick said that there had been graffiti on the paths in the village park. The word “dinkies” had been written. **Inspector MacNeil** said that this “gang name” has been used in Bellsmyre for years and helps the police locate the perpetrators.

Inspector MacNeil said that a recent letter relating to custody arrangements had been put out to some community councils. It had caused some concerns in that councils thought arrangements had been changed. The existing custody arrangements have been in place for at least 10 years.

John Major asked if arrangements had been put in place to deal with the forthcoming events at the submarine base.

Inspector MacNeil said the big events start on the first week in July and matters are in hand.

Since there were no further questions, **Patrick** thanked **Inspector MacNeil** for attending the meeting and the Inspector left.

MINUTES OF AGM HELD 24 April 2017

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Mike Crowe** and seconded by **Bob Murray**.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

CONVENER'S REPORT

- Newsletter:** **Patrick** said that the Cardross Community Council Newsletter is now available. This gives some details of matters affecting the community over the last year.
- Community Council:** **Patrick** thanked his predecessor, **Tony Davey**, for his hard work during his ten years as the Convener of the Community Council. **Patrick** said that the main task for the Community Council is to watch how our village develops and to try to maintain the character and pleasant environment for all our local residents.
- Planning Applications:** The main issue during the year has been the ongoing proposal by **Avant Homes** to build 158 houses on the land north of Cardross Primary School. A proposal to use Barrs Road as an access to the site, is currently being considered by The Scottish Government Reporter.
- Health:** Anxiety about local services remains. Evening provision of GP service has failed on many occasions over the last year. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde have been unable to provide cover. This is in stark contrast to the overnight service provided by local and Glasgow doctors, which has allowed the Minor Injuries and Medical Assessment Units to remain open for over 10 years, without interruption.
- Roads and Transport:** **Trains:** The number of complaints about poor punctuality and station “skipping” have reduced. **Cycle Track:** A section of track has been constructed from Ferry Road to the Railway Station. The section from Cardross to Helensburgh is further delayed, while **Argyll and Bute Council** consider alternative routes, provided at their request, by a consultancy firm. **Darleith Road:** Concern has been expressed by road users, at the high number of large tanker vehicles carrying waste sludge to Cairniedrourth Farm. **SEPA** have given assurances that the waste is not hazardous. However, the road surface and grass verges are being damaged by these vehicles.
- Rural & Environment:** **Sawmill:** Following multiple complaints from residents regarding noise from Cardross Sawmill, Argyll and Bute’s Environmental Health Department carried out a noise monitoring exercise. As a consequence, a noise abatement notice was served on the sawmill for causing a noise nuisance. Further monitoring showed a reduction in noise levels when compared with previous readings. Environmental Health claimed that the Sawmill had complied with the terms of the notice served on it. There is considerable scepticism among residents regarding this outcome. An attempt is being made to ascertain exactly what noise reduction measures have been implemented. **Scotrail:** Train horn noise continues from 6.00am until midnight every day. A new system is

presently being tested. It will provide a local audible warning at level-crossings and should reduce the need for train horns to be sounded.

Beach Clean: A huge thanks to around 40 supporters who turned out on Saturday 13 April. Around fifty bags of assorted rubbish (mainly plastic) was collected.

Litter and Dog Fouling: A few thoughtless individuals persist in allowing their dogs to foul village footways. There is no excuse. Littering continues to blight footways and roadsides around the village. Litter should be taken home or put in the waste bins provided.

Geilston Hall: The hall continues to provide facilities for local groups to meet. The Management Committee are trying to raise funds to re-roof the hall, so that it can continue for the next 130 years. The hall is owned by the people of Cardross.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brian gave a report on income and expenditure and said that the accounts maintain a surplus of **£214.00**. The accounts were examined by **Margaret Calder** and the bank balance was verified as stated. **Patrick Trust** proposed that the accounts be accepted. The proposal was seconded by **Bob Murray**.

ELECTION

Election of Convener And Vice Convener: Office Bearers stood down and **George Murphy** took the chair. **George** said that he wanted to commend the Community Council for the work carried during the year together with the integrity of the Convener, as witnessed by his comments on Planning Proposals. **George** called for nominations for the post of Convener. **Duncan Stirling** nominated **Patrick Trust**. **Brian Craven** seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. **George** then stepped down and handed the Chair over to **Patrick**. **Patrick** asked if the existing office bearers were prepared to remain in office. All agreed to remain.

The named office bearers are:-

Convener – Patrick Trust.
Vice Convener and Roads and Transportation – Mike Crowe.
Secretary – Duncan Stirling.
Treasurer – Brian Craven.
Health – Patrick Trust.
Planning – Rob Irving.
Rural – Bob Murray.
Accounts Examiner – Margaret Calder.

Dates for Forthcoming Meetings: The dates for the forthcoming Cardross Community Council Meetings are as follows:-
 2019 – 19 Aug., 16 Sept., 21 Oct., 18 Nov.
 2020 – 20 Jan., 17 Feb., 16 March, 20 April (AGM).
 All meetings will be held in the Geilston Hall at 8:00pm, including the AGM. **Bob** proposed acceptance of these dates and **Mike** seconded the proposal.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Sawmill Noise: **Bob Murray** read out a note passed to him by **Gwen Irving**. It read as follows:
 “ On behalf of a group of neighbours who met last Thursday it was agreed that, although some aspects have improved, noise nuisance from the bark stripper and the clanging at the mill continues. Clearly, monitoring has not taken place when noise levels have been at their worst. The droning noise continued until 4.30pm on Saturday. The outcome of this process has been very disappointing.” **Patrick** said that an attempt is being made to ascertain exactly what noise reduction measures have been implemented.

Dog Poo Bins: **Mr. Redman** said that the bin at the bus stop and the bin on the track from A814 to Murrays Crossing are not being emptied. **Patrick** said that all of the other bins around the village are emptied regularly. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will refer the matter to Council officers.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the public.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19 August 2019 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with thanks to **George Murphy** for taking the chair and a vote of thanks to the Convener.