

**CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**  
**ON MONDAY 16 MAY 2022**  
**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, Rob Irving, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Alasdair MacCuish, Lindsey Young, Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess, and 8 members of the public. (14 people in the hall and 4 people on Zoom)

**APOLOGIES**

Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Bobby Beggs, 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.**

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

**Lindsey Young** said that she is a member of **Cardross CAN.**

**POLICE REPORT**

**Patrick** said that there was no police report. The speed camera is not yet functioning.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 21 MARCH 2022**

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Brian Craven** and seconded by **Bob Murray.**

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Geilston Gardens:** **Patrick** said that things are going well in Geilston Gardens, at the moment. It seems that money is to be spent, converting the buildings to holiday lets.

**Darleith Road Lighting Column:** **Patrick** said that one light has been repaired, but there is still one which needs replaced.

**Sawmill Noise:** **Rob** said that the monitoring exercise is still ongoing. The officer now taking responsibility is **Cameron McAuley.**

**Bins at Barrs Rd. Kilmahew Ave.:** **Bob** said that the bins had been emptied but there is still litter strewn around the site. The track is in a good state of repair. **Bob** said that the bins should not have been placed next to a residential property in the village. **Patrick** said that we should again contact **Councillor Penfold.**

- New Leadership Role for Schools:-** **Patrick** said that the Community Council has responded to Argyll and Bute Council. The response stated that the proposal was untried. There seems to be no advantage in centralisation and the removal of local headteachers.
- Disabled Parking at PO:** **Patrick** said that he has written to the Council again about disabled parking at the P.O. He requested that the Council make the lay byes at the Pharmacist and the P.O., a 1 hour wait. This has already been done in the shopping streets in Helensburgh. There has not yet been a reply.
- Cycle Track:** **Patrick** said that he had written to the Scottish Government on the matter and the reply he received was “most depressing”. The letter referenced problems caused by Covid-19 and discussions with various landowners along the route. **Lindsey Young** said that the major barrier to progressing the project, seems to be a lack of personnel available to work on it.
- Street Lighting In Ardoch:** **Brian Watts** said that the problems which have existed for the last 18 months, have still not been resolved.
- Accounts from AGM 2022:** **Brian Craven** said that **Margaret Calder**, who normally audits the Community Council accounts, was temporarily unavailable. The accounts were audited by **Tony Davey** and found to be in order. The balance on 25 April 2022 was **£791.71 in credit**. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by **Aladair MacCuish** and seconded by **Lindsey Young**.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Duncan** said there was no correspondence of note. **Patrick** said that he had received an email from Argyll and Bute Council about the **Local Development Plan**. It is available on the Council website. **Patrick** said that the local church had asked that the Community Council help with their blessing bags. Various items such as toothpaste, brushes, combs, socks, hair elastics, tissues, shampoos, razors, chap sticks, face masks, soap, deodorants, shaving foam and sweets would be welcomed. The items will be put together and taken to Poland for distribution to Ukrainians. There is a collection box at Cardross Library.

## PLANNING

**Rob** said there were no new applications. **Rob** said that the application for **Charnwood**, has still to be decided. **Environmental Health** have asked for details of the wind turbine being proposed for installation in the chimney. An assessment of the potential disturbance caused by noise was requested. **Rob** said that had such a request been made when the extension to the **Sawmill** was proposed, the Community Council would not be experiencing the level of noise complaints that it is receiving. **Patrick** said that the proposed turbine has not yet been fully developed.

## HEALTH

**Patrick** said there is still a problem getting **GG&C Health Board** to advertise the fact that the **Vale of Leven Hospital** is offering a 24/7 Minor Injuries Service.

## CARDROSS CAN GROUP

**Heather Munro** said that the “Adopt a Station” scheme is going very well. Volunteer helpers are still welcome.

**AOCB**

**Post Office:** **Heather** said that the P.O. has been sold to new owners. She asked that the thanks of the community be passed on to the previous owner for his service in running the post office and for his help and service provision during the pandemic.

**Parking at The Sawmill:** **Duncan** said that he had received complaints from members of the community, about notices that have been erected at the car park, south of the railway crossing. They say that only sawmill employees should be allowed to park there. It was agreed that the Community Council will pay the cost of a land search in the area, to find out who owns the land. The cost is of the order of £40.00. If the sawmill owners do not own the land, they have no right to control parking in the area.

**Wall Damage Station Rd./ A814 Junction:** **Heather** said that a small wall on the east side of the road, has been damaged by a vehicle turning from A814 onto Station Road. It was agreed that the owner of the wall is responsible for carrying out the repairs.

**Darleith Road:** **Julie Lang** said that a new sign has been provided form Darleith Road. Unfortunately, “**Darleith**” has been wrongly spelt. **Julie** said that logging operations are being carried out at Blackthird Farm.

**Kilmahew Education Trust:** **Mike Brown** asked if anyone from the trust had been in contact with the Community Council. **Patrick** said that two representatives have attended one meeting but further offers to attend community council meetings have not yet been taken up.

**Road Signs At Ardoch:** **Brian Watts** said that some of the lettering on road signs at Ardoch is missing. **Patrick** said he will contact Argyll and Bute aout the matter.

**Ardoch to Levensgrove Footway:** **Brian Watts** said that a tree has fallen over a part of the footway, near the railway bridge.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 June 2022 at 8.00 p.m. and connected via Zoom, for those not wishing to attend a meeting in public. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.

- The Argyll Macintosh Trail:** **Patrick** said that he has asked those involved, to include the **Geilston Hall** in the trail venues. **Macintosh** was the chief draughtsman, when the hall was designed in 1889.
- Ukraine:-** **Patrick** said that a number of villagers have asked if CCC can do anything to help Ukraine. Some villagers have offered to take a Ukrainian family. **The Macdonalds** played a recording made by the Ukrainian mother of the family they are taking in. **Patrick** suggested that the group called "**Cardross Cares**" could be a useful place to coordinate the village response. Families could be enabled to meet up and converse in their own language. **Heather** said that the premises of those offering accommodation, have to be inspected by the Local Authority. She is concerned that hard pressed Local Authorities may not have the resources to expedite inspections quickly enough. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that he will pass these concerns onto the Council.
- Beach Clean:** **Bob** said that he hopes to organise a beach clean sometime after Easter.
- Carman Road:** **Brian Watts** said that the white lining has not yet been replaced on the recently resurfaced sections of road. **Provost Kinniburgh** said the white lining is done, under contract, by a private contractor. The contractor decides the order of work.
- Cycle Track:** **Brian Watts** said that as the track enters Ardoch, the line of site requirements cannot be met by vehicles travelling at 40mph. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that the design of the cycle track will need to include such details.
- CCC Finances:** **Brian Craven** said that the CCC account is £791.71 in credit.