

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 21 September 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, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, and 9 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Bobby Beggs, Mike Brown, Alasdair MacCuish, Councillor Ellen Morton, Rev. Maggie McArthur, Barrie Morton and Michael Wilson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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 17 August 2020 to 21 September 2020:-

Total incidents 21.

1 x noise from address.

3 x alarm calls, all false.

2 x neighbour dispute.

1 x dog bite. Crime report raised, enquiry ongoing.

2x calls to same traffic accident.

1 x cows on road.

1 x car hit a cow.

1 x alleged breach of covid guidelines.

1 x 2 youths on rail track – traced and charged.

1 x sudden death

1 x malicious call

Other 6 calls relate to very minor routine calls. None crime related.

We have had no calls relating to the old Seminary.

Crime reports raised:

Only 1 report relating to the dog bite.

Report for youths on the railway was eventually coded for Helensburgh area as that is where we traced them after they had walked along the line. 2 youths from Glasgow.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 17 AUGUST 2020

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

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 still not working. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said a procurement process is proceeding in order to replace the lighting units. He is hoping for a further update before the next community council meeting.
- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Julie Lang** said the situation is unchanged. Traffic is being diverted from the hole onto the East side of the road and is now breaking up the road surface adjacent to the verge. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that further extensive Works are being scheduled, to deal with the problem.
- 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. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the bridge is scheduled to be installed later this month or next month. **Willie Laird** told **Patrick** that he has not yet been contacted by the Council with regards to land acquisition, west of the site of the new bridge. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the design on the new route, has not yet been carried out. The land required, has not therefore been identified. **Brian Watts** asked if the proposed line of the cycle path from Cardross to Dumbarton could be set out, to be used as an alternative to the existing, poorly maintained footway, adjacent to the A814. **Patrick** said this would require **West Dunbarton** and **Argyll and Bute Councils** to co-operate, since this proposed cycle path crosses the boundary of the two Councils. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he has asked officers to clear the existing footway adjacent to the A814. He is awaiting a reply to this request. **Patrick** said that the path between Ferry Road and the burn is overgrown and needs clearing.
- Ardoch A814 Road Safety:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that is trying to organise a site meeting with the **Head of Roads** for our area.
- Avant Homes:** **Patrick** said that there has been no further activity around the site.
- Caronavirus Response:** **Patrick** said we will see whether or not **Cardross Cares** needs to be "re-born", depending on Government announcements.
- Dog Walking Facility at Auchensail:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that an "enforcement order" has been opened on the project, by the Council. This is to encourage the proposer of the project to submit a planning application and to allow the Council to formally consider the matter. **Bob Murray** asked for the time scale to implement this order. **Councillor Trail** said that Councils try to use persuasion where they can. He said that if the matter were to be referred to Court, it would probably be thrown out by the Procurator Fiscal, because it is not serious enough.

- Planning for Agricultural Building:** The proposed building is situated adjacent to **Darlieth Road**. The planning application has been refused by the Council.
- Overgrown Garden Hedges:-** **Patrick** said that a lot of people are cutting the affected hedges.
- Parking Bay for Disabled P.O:** **Patrick** said that he has written to the Council and has not yet had a reply. He said that there has been a car parked for a month, in the bay at the newsagents. **Councillor Kinniburgh** suggested that **Patrick** should write again to the Council, as a reminder.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received nothing of note.

PLANNING

Rob reported as follows:-

There was an application for tree surgery in a property in Graham Crescent and alterations to an extension in a property in Graham Crescent. There were no adverse comments relating to these proposals.

HEALTH

Patrick said that **The Lomond Patient Group** has had a very unsatisfactory reply from the **Scottish Government**, over the minor injuries unit at the **Vale of Leven Hospital**. The Government has said that **Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board** is responsible for the **Vale**. The Board has blocked any changes to the web site which says that the Vale is shut overnight when it is in fact, open. **Patrick** said that the **Lomond Patient Group** will not let the matter rest.

AOCB

- Speeding A814:** A report from **Inspector Roderick MacNeill** said "I see in the media a static speed camera planned for Cardross, can only be good. I have taken delivery of a second hand-held speed gun giving us more opportunity to set up speed checks. From a Councillor's meeting yesterday, it was suggested the Helensburgh end of the village going down past the hall is the worst area at the moment, I have asked officers to plot up there."
- Geilston Gardens:** **A spokesperson from Friends of Geilston** said that the **National Trust for Scotland** are considering a bid to buy Geilston Gardens. It is from the new owners of St. Peters College Building. The new owners are "**Kilmahew Education Trust**" the address of which is registered in Company House, as Bath, England. The "Friends" do not support this proposal and feel that the house and gardens at Geilston should remain in the ownership of the National Trust. The two people who run the Kilmahew Education Trust are tying in Geilston with St. Peters. Both projects would be connected. The Kilmahew Trust has no successful record of running a project like the development of St. Peters. It is presumed that if St. Peters fails, then so would Geilston. Developing Geilston appears to be the only way of recouping any financial losses. **Fiona Collins** said that she is going to write to **Sir Mark Jones (the Chairman of the National Trust for Scotland)**, expressing her concern at the situation. **Fiona** said that anyone with concerns should write to **Sir Mark**. **Bob** said that the Community Council should write to the National Trust for Scotland, supporting the views of the Friends of Geilston. **Rob** expressed his agreement with **Bob's** proposal. **Patrick** said that he will write to the National Trust on behalf of the Community Council and express the community's concerns.

- Beach Clean:** **Bob** said the Beach Clean will be held on Saturday 17 October 2020.
- Church Ave.** **Bob** said there is a blocked drain at on the North side of the carriageway, outside the church.
- Blocked Drain:** **Rob** said that a neighbour has contacted the Council on a number of occasions. He was told that it is not a priority.
- Estate Agent Signs:** **Bob** said signs are appearing around the village and not in the related property, as required. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the Council has written to agents. He will send a reminder if necessary.
- Red Road Drainage:** **Julie** said there is a large puddle on the carriageway at the “Hunters” house, at the corner next to the Irises.
- Carman Road Car Sales:** **Julie** said she has seen five cars parked on the road near the A814 junction. **Patrick** said the matter has been referred to the police in the past. They can do nothing if the road is not actually blocked.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Zoom for those at 8.00pm on Monday 19 October 2020.
The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.