

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 20 January 2014

AT 8.00 P.M.

PRESENTATION

Councillors **Ellen Morton** and **David Kinniburgh** opened the meeting by presenting **Tony** with a small gift, in recognition of his inclusion in the New Years Honours List 2014. Tony was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the community in Cardross, Argyll and Bute.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the committee, the Councillors, Constable Chris Neilson and members of the public. He reminded all present that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

PRESENT

Tony Davey (Convener), Patrick Trust (Vice Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Gail Steven (Treasurer), Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Eric Duncan, Jim Hollywood, Andrea Steele McLean, Bob Murray, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Ellen Morton, Police Constable Chris Neilson and 15 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Michael Wilson, Councillor Richard Trail.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

POLICE REPORT

Constable Neilson said that from 15 November 2013, there had been 59 incidents in Cardross. These included weather related incidents, house alarms, car on fire, road traffic collisions, suspicious persons, assisting members of the public, stray dogs and noise complaints.

There were 4 recorded crimes. A 46 year old male and a 40 year old female were reported for driving without insurance. There was an alleged theft from a property near the station. A 28 year old female was reported for dangerous driving.

Following the death of a dog on the foreshore, a warning has been issued to walkers in the area.

Constable Neilson asked if there were questions. **Andrea** asked if the unmarked cars used by the police were in Cardross in the evening, as well as during the day. **Constable Neilson** said that the cars can be in the village any time during the day or night. **Pat Redman** asked if the cars went to outlying areas around Cardross, such as the road to Murray's crossing. **Constable Neilson** said that cars did patrol outlying areas.

A **member of the public** said that 20 tonne trucks loaded with fill material were speeding through the village and that a wall at the junction of Carman Road and the A814 had been damaged by a car.

Constable Neilson asked if the speeding incidents occurred at particular times. The feeling was that timings were random. **Constable Neilson** said that he would report on the matter. No further questions were asked and **Constable Neilson** left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL ON 25 NOVEMBER 2013

Acceptance was proposed by **Bob Murray**.

Seconded by **Mike Crowe**.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 25 NOVEMBER 2013

Acceptance was proposed by **Mike Crowe**.

Seconded by **Bob Murray**.

MATTERS ARISING

Recycling Bins: **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that there is nothing further to report

Road Sign on A814: **Tony** said that a sign for the new food store that had been put on the same pole as the sign for the Crematorium, has now been removed.

Local Resilience Plan: **Tony** said that the Emergency Bag displayed at the start of the meeting, effectively dealt with the matter.

Vegetation On Boundary Wall at Cala Flats: **Tony** said that the vegetation is being removed. It is hoped that it will all be away by the Spring.
Cllr. Kinniburgh said that he is still pursuing the matter of the hole in the wall in this area.

Newsletter: **Tony** said that he will be starting work on the newsletter in the next few weeks and will be looking for input to it.

Dog Fouling **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that awaiting a reply from officers, on his query

Cycling on Footways: **Tony** said that he had a meeting with the headteacher of the school. The headteacher said that although the matter is outwith the school's control, they will assist where they can. **Tony** said that he and **Constable Crawford** will talk to the school council later this month. **Andrea** said that there has been an improvement in the situation.

Flooding at Cedarwood Court Flats: **Tony** said that Argyll and Bute Council had requested and been sent details of the locations of the affected areas. The Council will further investigate the matter. **Jo Cameron** asked if a Council Officer could come to one of our meetings to discuss the problem. **Duncan** said that he will try to arrange for an officer to attend once the Council have investigated the matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PLANNING

Eric Duncan said there had been 3 applications. One was for the erection of an extension in Bainfield Road. The second was for the erection of an extension in Cedar Grove. The third was for the pruning of two sycamore trees in Peel Street. These are all household developments.

HEALTH

Patrick said that **Jackie Bailie's** "North of the River" is mooted this Friday. **Patrick** met the **Secretary for Health** after the last meeting of the Community Council, with a view to promoting what is happening in the Vale of Leven Hospital. A lot of people do not realise that it is

open through the night for minor injuries. **The Secretary for Health** will take that matter to Greater Glasgow Health Board. **Patrick** said that he is concerned that a “North of the River” solution, which would mean that the Golden Jubilee would become our local hospital, could endanger the Vale of Leven Hospital. **Patrick** said that he would like to see Glasgow having their minor injury units open overnight, on the same model as the Vale of Leven.

Jim Hollywood asked there had been two occasions in the last week, when two Cardross residents were taken to Inverclyde Hospital. **Patrick** said that he was aware of one such occasion. **Patrick** said that there are certain medical conditions that the Vale does not have the resources to deal with. If there is not a bed in Paisley, then a bed has to be found somewhere in the West of Scotland.

At the moment, due to norovirus and various other problems, there are not enough beds in the West of Scotland.

Homes For Heroes: It was agreed by Council members that **Tony** should write to this organisation. The **Local Plan** excludes the use of the area within Bloomhill from building houses. The Organisation should contact Dumbrition and ACHA with a view to finding suitable areas for their housing proposals.

Local Development Plan: **Tony** said that it is his understanding that the Full Council of Argyll and Bute Council will now be considering the Plan. It will then go to the Reporter for his consideration. **Councillors Morton** and **Kinniburgh** agreed that this is the case. **Tony** said that he had come across an organisation that helps communities with actions they can take in the future regarding planning issues. It is called CARE. Communities Against Reckless Expansion. **Eric** said that since reading the recent copy of the **Local Plan** he has become aware of the “bigger picture” throughout the region. **Eric** asked if our chance to discuss the wider implications has gone. It seems illogical to build houses far from supposed areas of employment. **Tony** said that in view of the high number of objections to some proposals in the Local Plan, he was hopeful that the **Reporter** would talk to objectors. **Bob** asked if the **Reporter** is duty bound to consult objectors. **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that the Council must provide the Reporter with all objections together with the Council’s reasons for ignoring particular objections. **Councillor Morton** said that the **Reporter’s** decision is final. **Mike Crowe** said that there were people within the village who had written in support of the Plan. **Tony** said that it is agreed that there is a need for social housing in the village. The need for a large number of private housing is arguable.

AOCB

Debris on the Shore: **Patrick** said that recent storms had left a large amount of debris on the shore between Ardmore and Cardross. **Patrick** commended the Sawmill who have filled in a rather nasty hole at the West end of their walkway.

Burns Supper: **Patrick** said that tickets are available for the Burns Supper on Friday 7 February.

Beach Clean: **Gail** said that while the Beach Clean would normally take place in April, it may need substantial input from the Council to clear the large amount of debris now on the shore, before April. **Councillor Morton** said that she would take the matter up with **Tom Murphy**. **Duncan** said that some of the material thrown up on the shore is beyond “Beach Clean” level, It will require mechanical plant to remove it.

Cycle Path: **Bob** noted that work is being done down at the Moss Road area. **Councillor Morton** said that the purchasing of the required land is in progress. Construction of the cycle path will continue, probably near the end of each financial year, until completion.

Core Paths: **Bob** asked if the Council had contacted **Clark Colquhoun** about the section of path on his land. **Clark** said that he had not heard anything about the path.

The Loop System in Crematorium: **Jo Cameron** said that the Loop System of the hard of hearing is effectively non-existent. **Councillor Trail** had told **Jo** that the system should be functioning by the end of the financial year. The system is not yet working. **Councillor Morton** agreed to take the matter up with **Tom Murphy**. **Andrea** said that there is no handrail on the stairway to the upper level in the Crematorium. **Tony** said that he will email **Tom Murphy** on both of these issues.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Local Development Plan: **Pat Redman** asked which development sites remained in the Plan. **Tony** said that the two remaining development sites are **H2001** and **H2002**. These are at **Geilston** and **Kirkton** respectively.

Ronnie Collins asked if the **Reporter** took a negative view on the proposed sites, would any alternative sites have to be within the Cardross Area. **Councillor Morton** said that alternatives would have to be found within the **Helensburgh and Lomond Area** and not necessarily the **Cardross Area**.

Public Car Park: **Alan Gray** said that the car park adjacent to the A814 is covered in leaves and should be cleaned up. The Council Vehicles working around the recycling bins are destroying the adjacent grass areas by travelling outwith the access road to the bins. **Tony** said that he would take the matter up with **Tom Murphy**.

VC Award: **Councillor Morton** said that she had received a letter from a gentleman in England whose father had been awarded the Victoria Cross. The Government are supplying commemorative plaques to VC winners, to be erected in communities to which they have belonged. The English gentleman has asked if the plaque for his father could be erected in Cardross. The meeting was honoured to agree to this proposal.

Presentation to Barrie Morton: **Barrie** has been a member of the Cardross Community Council for more than 30 years. As a mark of the Communities gratitude, it had been hoped that a presentation would be made at tonight's meeting. Unfortunately, **Barrie** is unable to attend. The presentation will be made by **Tony** and **Patrick** at **Barrie's** home.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 17 February 2014 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Tony asked that members of the Community Council remain after the public meeting, to discuss a matter in accordance with Paragraph 11 (h) of the Constitution.

PRESENT

Tony Davey (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Gail Steven (Treasurer), Jo Cameron, Eric Duncan, Jim Hollywood, Bob Murray, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail and 10 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Vice Convener), Mike Crowe, Andrea Steele McLean and Councillor Ellen Morton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

POLICE REPORT

Tony said that he had a report from the Police saying that during the last month, there had been 1 reported offence in Cardross. It was for domestic violence.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 20 JANUARY 2014

Councillor David Kinniburgh asked that Page 3, Line 29 of the Minutes, be amended from “**Council’s reasons for ignoring particular objections**” to “**Council’s responses to particular objections**”.

Acceptance of the minute, with the above amendment, was proposed by **Jim Hollywood** and seconded by **Bob Murray**.

MATTERS ARISING

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Boundary Wall at **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that he is still pursuing the matter of the hole in the wall.

Cala Flats:

Dog Fouling **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that a bin has been sited at the junction of Mill Road and Darleith Road. The bin will be in place for 3 months. If it is used, it will remain. If it is not used it will be removed.

Homes For Heroes: **Tony** said that he had sent a reply outlining the view of the Community Council.

Local Development Plan:	Tony said that we are awaiting the view of the Reporter. Councillor Kinniburgh said that it could take up to 6 months before the Reporter's views are available.
Beach Clean:	Tony said he had an email from Tom Murphy saying that the vegetation on the beach which is a danger to animals, is NOT a danger to humans. The beach clean can go ahead as usual. Gail said that she recalled Councillor Morton saying at the last meeting that Community Payback Scheme was involved in cleaning up some beaches because of the unusual amount of large pieces of debris on these beaches. Gail asked if we in Cardross were included in this exercise and if the larger pieces of debris could be removed, prior to the beach clean. Cllr. Kinniburgh said that he will look into the matter.
The Loop System in Crematorium:	Tony said that he had been told by Tom Murphy that a new Loop System and handrail will be installed during the planned refurbishment of the Crematorium.
Rubbish in Public Car Park:	Tony said that Tom Murphy had agreed to look into the matter.
VC Award Plaque:	Tony said that the matter of whether the plaque can be placed on the war memorial or in the vicinity, is still under consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said that there was one piece of correspondence from the **Information Commissioner's Office** saying that the Community Council's registration renewal fee of £35.00 is due on 27 February 2014.
Gail has arranged for a cheque to be made payable to the ICO for that amount.

PLANNING

Eric said there had been 2 applications. One was for the alterations to a free standing wall at Westerhill Cottage, Ardoch. The second was for the erection of an extension in Muirend Road.

HEALTH

Tony said that **Patrick** is pursuing the model that has been adopted in the Vale of Leven Hospital and he is awaiting the **Secretary for Health's** comments.

AOCB

Traffic Vibration:	Tony said that he had been approached by a member of the community who had a technician in his house, carrying out a vibration survey. The technician said that he was unable to give the householder the results of this survey since the work was being done on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council. The householder has been unable to obtain a copy of the report from the Council. Councillor Kinniburgh said that he will take up the matter.
Street Lighting:	Tony said that he had been approached by a member of the community who had used the Council's online system to report lighting faults. Unfortunately, there was nothing on the site to say that the report had been received or was being dealt with. Bob said that he had reported an intermittent fault on lamp standard no. 7 on Hillside Road. There was no feedback on the site and the fault has not yet been attended to. Councillor Kinniburgh said that he will look into the matter.

Newsletter: **Tony** asked that all articles be submitted to him by the end of the month. It is hoped that the Newsletter will be ready before the AGM in April.

Dates of Future Meetings: Community Council Meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of every month with the exception of July and December. The dates are: 19 May, 16 June, 18 August, 15 September 20 October, 17 November, 19 January, 16 February, 16 March and AGM on 20 April 2015.

Street Warden: **Jim** asked if the street warden was still being used in Cardross. **Jo** suggested that the residents of Cardross could help the situation, if they would clear leaves from the drains in front of their properties.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

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WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the committee, the Councillors, Jackie Bailie MSP, Elspeth Davies (Cardross Primary School Head Teacher) and members of the public. He reminded all present that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

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PRESENT

Tony Davey (Convener), Patrick Trust (Vice Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Gail Steven (Treasurer), Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Eric Duncan, Jim Hollywood, Andrea Steele McLean, Bob Murray, Michael Wilson, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor Richard Trail, Jackie Bailie MSP, Elspeth Davies and 19 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

JACKIE BAILIE MSP

Jackie thanked **Tony** for the invitation to come along and speak at the Community Council Meeting.

Jackie said that she wanted to talk about two local issues.

The first is the **Health Service** and the second is **Policing** issues.

Health In terms of Health, **Jackie** said that local support had helped retain a level of services and a new model of Care at the Vale of Leven Hospital. It is true to say that travelling to Paisley is never something that we favoured. People are spending hours trying to get to Paisley if they rely on public transport. If you live on the Roseneath Peninsula you have major difficulties. We have a history over the last 13 years of resisting a reduction in the services at the VOL and the use of the RAH. We have campaigned for a "North of the River" solution for all of this time and have recognised the need for specialist centres. The specialist centre for us should be the Golden Jubilee Hospital. **Jackie** was very pleased to say that it looks as if that option is very firmly on the cards.

Jackie has been in discussion with the **Greater Glasgow Health Board**. They are about to launch another acute services review. This time, instead of reviewing **Clyde** separately from **Glasgow**, all will be reviewed together.

Jackie said that the minute you start to do that, you then question why are we going to Paisley.

The review was going to be carried out in Autumn 2013. It was then going to be done in Spring 2014.

It is now going to be done in October 2014, after the Scottish Referendum in September 2014.

Jackie said that the **Southern General in Glasgow** will be the largest hospital in Europe, when it opens.

It is already under pressure because of the number of patients that will be turning up for care.

There is a real concern that people from **Paisley** and **Inverclyde** will find it easier to go to the **Southern General**, instead of the **RAH**. There is a recognition that it will cause too much pressure on the new **Southern General**.

Greater Glasgow and Clyde have decided that something is needed in the North West corridor of their area.

We need look no further than the **Golden Jubilee**. The fact that the suggestion is coming from **Greater Glasgow and Clyde** should give us some comfort.

The suggestion is that a catchment area of about 250,000 people should be developed, to be served by the **Golden Jubilee**.

It is not just Helensburgh, Lomond, Dumbarton and the Vale, but it would be Clydebank to. Bearsden and Milngavie could be included. The West End of Glasgow could be included. Services at the **Golden Jubilee** would include an accident and emergency centre. It is predicated on the **Western** closing. That decision has already been taken.

Jackie said that we must guard what we already have at the **Vale**. We have a new model of care at the **Vale** which has been put in place by local GPs. There is care of the elderly facilities, clinics, a variety of day services. It makes sense to retain them to prevent too many people turning up at the A and E of the new hospital service. What we want, is provision as local as possible and when it needs to be specialised, we should travel to our specialist centre.

The hotel in the Golden Jubilee is being "measured" with a view to possible conversion. There is also adjacent land available for extension. The foundations for a possible extension were put in place when the hospital was built. Building costs should therefore not be too great. **Jackie** said that she is deeply encouraged by all of this. However, we need to make sure that our voices are heard in the consultation, when it comes in October.

Jackie said that for the very first time, the local Health Board is talking our language. That is to be welcomed.

Policing **Jackie** said that a report had "appeared" from **Police Scotland**. This included a list of the police stations they were going to close. There had not been any consultation on the document.

At the time of the amalgamation of the Scottish Police Forces into one body, the new body was set a target for financial savings of £60 million, over a 2 year period. Due to this high level of saving, the new force looked at rationalising the number of police offices. Garelochhead was closed. Helensburgh's hours of opening were changed. Dumbarton is moving to opening hours similar to Helensburgh. Alexandria is closing, although a "one stop shop" will be provided. There are major concerns about personal safety in and around Alexandria. **Jackie** said that we should guard against further diminution of police services.

Corroboration **Jackie** said that there had recently been heated debate in the Scottish Parliament. on this subject. Corroboration has been a unique cornerstone of the Scottish Law for hundreds of years. There are fewer convictions for rape in England, where there is no corroboration, than there is in Scotland. Corroboration secured more convictions. The Cabinet Secretary has organised a review.

Jackie asked for any questions.

Andrea was concerned that it could become a criminals paradise. How long will it take for someone to come from Clydebank for an incident reported in Cardross at night. **Tony** pointed out that the command area for **Cardross** is **Dunoon**. **Jackie** said that it is her understanding that the "nearest car" to any incident will be deployed from an appropriate control room. **Mike** asked if the proposals would mean a reduction in patrol vehicles within the area. **Jackie** said that there was no indication that this would be the case.

Jo asked if there would be more policemen on the beat and if any of the unused shops in Dumbarton High Street could be used by the Police. **Jackie** said that the **Local Plan for West Dunbartonshire** showed the existing Police and Council Offices zoned for housing. It therefore seems likely that a "one stop shop" will be provided in the High Street.

Ronnie Collins said that as an ex- police officer, he has seen police numbers "on the street" reduce substantially. The main thrust of policing was pro-active in order to prevent crime. He said that the service has now reached a stage where it is simply re-active. **Jackie** said she could not say that **Ronnie** is entirely wrong.

A **member of the public** said that he was very pleased to see the cross party support in the Scottish Parliament, for maintaining corroboration. He thought opponents to its removal, should fight for its retention tooth and nail.

Patrick asked how A and E would be funded at **the Golden Jubilee**. **Patrick** also asked how the Vale Model could progress. **Alex Neil** was interested in the model but there seems to be no funding available. **Alex Neil** said that he would pursue it but has not written back to **Patrick** after 3 months. **Jackie** said that the Vale Model emerged at a time of crisis. GP's said that they could run emergency services from the VOL. It was more than a minor injuries unit, but not a full blown A and E. That was really helpful. It meant that people could be treated locally. **Jackie** said that the project would be funded from **Capital** and NOT **Revenue**. **Glasgow** are involved in discussions with the Scottish Government about funding.

Tony thanked **Jackie** for her time this evening and **Jackie** excused herself from the meeting.

ELSPETH DAVIES Head Teacher of Cardross Primary School

Elsbeth thanked **Tony** for the chance to speak at the Community Council Meeting. She brought the good wishes of staff and pupils to the meeting. **Elsbeth** said that education is a very interesting place to be at this time. The pupils and teachers within school are the source of today's educational development.

Pupils are being equipped with the skills necessary for a changing future. Pupils experience a feeling of fun throughout the school. The school is trying to instil a passion for lifelong learning.

Cardross Primary continues to be a very good school. The children are being very well educated.

Tablet technology was introduced into the classrooms. There is one suite of ipads in the school. These are used through all of the classes. Storyboarding techniques are being used by the children to create stories.

They are then using animation or movie techniques to put them together. They may then blog these stories to what is effectively, a worldwide audience. Cardross Primary has been recognised within the Authority, as a beacon school.

In November, the school had an exhibition of gaming through the ages. The pupils are learning how to programme. The children showed visitors and parents, what the school is doing with the ipads.

Children are able to download learning apps on their own devices and so education continues at home.

A lot of work is being done on internet safety. P6 are in the process of preparing a Cardross Primary Guide on safe Internet use. Additional ipads have been purchased by the school.

The school would like the children to offer a service to anyone in the village who would like to learn to use a tablet. It is hoped that the service will operate as a monthly cafe. Information is available on the school

Twitterfeed on "at cardross primary."

There was a good attendance at the Harvest Tea. The remains of the gifts were given to West Dumbarton Foodshare.

The hospitality and entertainment provided by the school at the Christmas Concert, was enjoyed by the large numbers that attended. The children organised three fund raising events at this time. £730.00 was raised for Save the Children.

The school will be running a John Muir Award. It will involve exploring, conserving and sharing wild places.

Sports teams continue to do well. The football team won the Ardencaple Cup for the third time in 5 years.

The netball team came second in their first competition, In spite of not losing one match.

The cross country team of P7 boys, took part in the Garscube Harriers Meet in October. They came first.

There is a Health Week planned in 2 weeks time. Commonwealth Focus is planned after Easter.

The Gala Day event is to be run on a 2 yearly cycle.

The school will be rewired to current standards, during the summer. Car parking will also be augmented during this time.

Tony thanked **Elsbeth** for her attendance and her update. **Elsbeth** excused herself from the meeting.

POLICE REPORT

Tony said that he had a report from the Police saying that during the last month, speed monitoring had indicated that there is excessive speed through the village.

A quantity of money was stolen from an address in Dick Quadrant. There was a housebreaking at Hillside, where a number of items of jewellery were stolen. Number plates were stolen from vehicles in Carman Road. Two people were charged with a drug related offence.

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Acceptance was proposed by **Bob Murray** and seconded by **Jim Hollywood**.

MATTERS ARISING

Recycling Bins: **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that there is nothing further to report

Boundary Wall at Cala Flats: **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that the wall is privately owned. He understands that a contract for repair has been put out to tender by the factor for the properties.

Dog Fouling **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that a bin has been sited at the junction of Mill Road and Darleith Road. The bin will be in place for 3 months. If it is used, it will remain. If it is not used it will be removed.

Local Development Plan: **Tony** said that we are awaiting the view of the Reporter.

- Westerhill:** **Tony** said it is inappropriate to discuss the matter since it is still the subject of litigation.
- Vibration:** **Tony** thanked **Councillor Kinniburgh** for supplying information which has now been passed onto the gentleman concerned.
- Street Warden:** **Tony** said that the Warden is unfortunately on long term sick leave.
Mike asked if a replacement is available in the short term.
Tony said that he had asked. No replacement is available at present.
- Beach Clean:** **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that he had been told that some of large pieces of debris on the beach would be removed by Council staff. **Bob** said that he had been on the beach this morning and there is still a lot of large debris.
Tony asked **Willie Laird** if he would be able to help out at the beach clean.
Willie volunteered to remove larger items cleared on the beach clean.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said that **Information Commissioner's Office** had sent our certification document. We are now "legal" until 27 February 2015.

PLANNING

Eric said there had been 3 applications. One was for the alterations and erection of extension for a house at Station Road. The second is for the formation of an access road at Cairneydrouth Farm. The third is for the erection of a 1kw wind turbine at Seabank Cottage. All are household developments.

HEALTH

Patrick said that he is disappointed that the **Secretary for Health** has not replied about The meeting held in November 2013. **Patrick** has a meeting with him this coming Saturday.

AOCB

AGM **Tony** said that the Annual General Meeting will be held next month. It will start at 7:30 pm on 14 April and **not** the usual meeting time of 8:00pm.

Kilmahew Estate: **Bob** said that another attempt has been made to close off the access into the estate at the West end. An objection has already been made to the Access Officer of Argyll and Bute Council.

Carman Road: **Jim** said that speeding vehicles are a problem on this road. Vegetation growing at road level is encroaching on the surface and narrowing its effective width. **Tony** said he will take the matter up with **Inspector Miller**.

Beach Clean: **Gail** said that the next beach clean will be on Saturday 26 April. Meet at 10:00am at the bottom of Station Road.

Planted Bed at Newsagents: **Gail** said that the appearance has not changed in a year. This patch seems to be neglected while the island at Darleith Road is kept in a very good condition.
Tony said that he had emailed elected members on this issue, last week.
The matter is under review.

Flooding at Cedarwood Court: **Andrea** said that the area had again been recently flooded. **Cllr. Morton** said that she had been told the matter had been dealt with but that she will pursue it.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Carman Road: **A member of the public** stated their concern that coaches and lorries are using the road. **Tony** said that he will bring the matter to the attention of **Inspector Miller**. **Alasdair MacCuish** asked if anyone knew who owned the road verge between the gates into Kilmahew up to the cattle grid. Some trees have been felled and left near the road edge. **Mike** asked if it is possible to put on a weight restriction, except for access. **Cllr. Kinniburgh** agreed to look into the matter.

Saw Mill: **Hugh Allan** said that Saw Mill appears to be reclaiming land at the West end of the works. The reclamation is moving farther and farther out onto the beach. **Tony** said he will have a word with the Saw Mill proprietor.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting (after the AGM) will be held on Monday 19 May 2014 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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AGM HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 14 April 2014

AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

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APOLOGIES

Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor Richard Trail, Ken Redman and Pat Redman.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the committee, the Councillors, the Rev. David Munroe and the 12 members of the public. A special welcome was extended to George Murphy who will chair the election of Convenor. This is the 40th AGM of the Cardross Community Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF AGM HELD 15th April 2012

Acceptance was proposed by **Mike Crowe**.

Seconded by **Gail Steven**.

MATTERS ARISING

- Newsletter:** **Tony** said that this year has not been as busy as 2011-12. The **beach clean** was very successful. **Policing Policy** continues after the change last year. We still have a Chief Inspector, looking after Helensburgh and Dunoon. Although we come under the "Dunoon Area", we still have a permanent Inspector and a Community Police Officer in Helensburgh. The crime rate in Cardross is still around 2 per cent, which is very low when compared with the rest of the Area. **Roadworks** have been completed and are no longer a problem in the village. **Tony** said that there had been concern about the poor state of the kerbing within the village. This problem has been addressed and there has been an increase in work relating to grass cutting and the flower beds. **Tony** thanked the eight people in the village who keep the flower tubs blooming. **Tony** thanked the members of the Community Council and **Councillors Kinniburgh, Morton and Trail** for their help and support during his term of office.
- Treasurer's Report** **Gail** gave a report on income and expenditure and said that the accounts maintain a healthy surplus of £1152.65. The accounts were examined by **Alistair Macpherson** and **Nancy Gray** and the bank balance was verified as stated. The community council is grateful to **Alistair** and **Nancy** for their assistance in verifying the Accounts. **Tony** thanked **Gail** for "stepping into the breach" and accepting the treasurer's post in mid-session. **Tony** explained that the accounts will be published in March, at the end of each financial year.

- Election of Convenor And Vice Convenor:** Office Bearers stood down and **George Murphy** took the chair. **George** said that it was his privilege to chair this small part of the AGM in which a Convenor is elected for the year ahead. He was honoured to have been asked to take the chair. **George** called for nominations for the post of Convenor. **Patrick Trust** nominated **Tony Davey**. **Eric Duncan** seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. **George** took a vote and declared **Tony** elected as Convenor for the year 2013-14. **George** thanked the Committee Members on behalf of himself and the Community, for all of the work they do. **George** asked that it be minuted that the Community Council were hard working and successful. He wished to recognise **Tony's** efforts on behalf of the community, both in public and behind the scenes. **George** wanted **Tony** and the Committee to know that he and the community appreciated the efforts made on their behalf. **George** then stepped down and handed the Chair over to **Tony**. **Tony** thanked **George** and continued with the election of Vice Convenor. **Jo Cameron** nominated **Patrick Trust** for the post. **Bob Murray** seconded the proposal. **Patrick** accepted the post. **Tony** asked all of the office bearers if they were prepared to remain in post. All accepted.
- Dates for Forthcoming Meetings:** The dates for the forthcoming Cardross Community Council Meetings are as follows:- 19 May 2014, 16 June 2014, 18 August 2014, 15 September 2014, 20 October 2014, 17 November 2014, 19 January 2015, 16 February 2015, 16 March 2015, AGM 20 April 2015. All meetings will be held in the Geilston Hall at 8:00pm with the exception of the AGM which starts at 7:30pm..

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- The Geilston Hall:** **Patrick Patrick** reminded those present that the community owns the Hall. A comprehensive document about the Hall, has been published. It is available in the Library. The Management Committee will be grateful for any suggestions relating to the Hall. This year is the 125th anniversary of the building of the Hall. It is hoped that a time capsule will be opened then which may prove a connection between Charles Rennie MacIntosh and the Hall.
- Local Plan:** **Tony** said that we are awaiting the view of the reporter.
- The Cycle Track:** **Tony** said that the track is being constructed in sections between Cardross and Helensburgh.
- Roadworks:** **Tony** said that work on the kerbing at the post office has been completed. **Alan Gray** said that it would be a good idea to have a bus shelter at the post office. **Tony** agreed that it was a good idea but said that after investigation by the Argyll and Bute Roads staff, lack of space prohibited a shelter. **Tony** that the compromise is to provide a bus stop with no shelter.
- MEETING CLOSED:** The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to **George Murphy** and **the Chair**.

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 19 May 2014

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the committee, the Councillors, and members of the public. He reminded all present that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

PRESENT

Tony Davey (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Gail Steven (Treasurer), Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Eric Duncan, Jim Hollywood, Andrea Steele McLean, Bob Murray, Councillor David Kinniburgh and 5 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Vice Convener), Michael Wilson, Councillor Ellen Morton, and Councillor Richard Trail

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

POLICE REPORT

Tony said that he had a report from the Police saying that there had been a number of incidents during the last month. They were reported as follows:-

04 April – Vandalism at the stables near Westerhill Farm. The matter is ongoing.

07 April – Female reported for careless driving on the A814.

14 April – Vandalism at the Scout Hall. Windows were broken. Investigations continue.

21 April – Theft in Dick Quadrant. People have been reported to the fiscal.

22 April – Attempted theft at the trailer at Ardardan.

25 April – Theft in Dick Quadrant. People have been reported to the fiscal.

28 April – House and garage broken into on the Main Road.

05 May - Threats by persons on the bus going through the village. Investigations continue.

09 May - Assault with attempt to steal on Station Road. A 52 year old male has been reported to the fiscal.

14 May - Person on Barrs Road sent threatening messages. Reported to the fiscal, under Telecommunications Act.

18 May - 16 year old arrested on Station Road for possession of controlled drugs.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 17 FEBRUARY 2014

Acceptance was proposed by **Mike Crow** and seconded by **Andrea Steele Mclean**.

MATTERS ARISING

Recycling Bins: **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that **Gerry O'Hare** will look into the matter.

Setts at Bottom of Darleith Rd.: **Tony** asked **Cllr. Kinniburgh** if he would ask **Gerry O'Hare** to investigate the loose setts in this vicinity. They are on the carriageway and the flower beds.

Cllr. Kinniburgh said that he would ask **Gerry O'Hare** look into the matter.

- Boundary Wall at Cala Flats:** **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said the repair has been completed. **Tony** said that he would write to the factor about the vegetation on the wall.
- Dog Fouling** **Tony** said that a number of members of the public had suggested that some of the bins be re-positioned. **Cllr. Kinniburgh** agreed to discuss the matter with **Tony** after the meeting.
- Beach Clean:** **Tony** thanked **Gail** and **Bob** for organising the Beach Clean. He also thanked all who had taken part. **Tony** said that he had seen **Gail's** press release. **Gail** said that she had handed a thank you card into the **Coach House** in case the press release had not appeared in this week's newspaper. **Gail** thanked them for the hospitality given to those taking part in the Beach clean. **Bob** said that there was not a big turnout, but a real difference had been made. **Gail** said that unfortunately, at the same time as the beach clean was taking place, there was a "Church Clean" and a "School Clean". This probably affected the numbers attending the Beach Clean. **Gail** suggested that we should investigate the possibility of using social media to advertise the Beach Clean in October. **Gail** suggested that anyone who is on face book should publicise the date and time of the Beach Clean.
- Carman Road:** **Tony** said that he had discussed the matter with **Inspector Miller**. The road has been adopted by Argyll and Bute Council and is available for use by all members of the public. **Inspector Miller** said that the Traffic Police would "keep an eye on Carman Road". **Tony** said that he would report any information from **Inspector Miller** at the next meeting.
- Planted Bed at Newsagents:** **Tony** said that the area had tree bark spread on it. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he is still awaiting a reply from **Tom Murphy**.
- Flooding at Cedarwood Court:** **Andrea** said that she has been trying to contact **Tom Daley**, without success. She has been lead to understand that he is the person responsible. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter.
- Saw Mill:** **Tony** said that the Saw Mill is making the road "sustainable for heavy vehicles". **Hugh Allan** said that he was concerned that the work being done on the road had opened up vehicular access to the beach. **Tony** said he will have another look at the problem.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tony said that he had received correspondence on the matter of Percy Pilchard. The Royal Aeronautical Society are keen to erect a plaque commemorating Percy Pilcher, who was the first person in the UK to make repeated heavier than air flights. The first successful controlled glider flight was made in Cardross on 12 September 1895. Two possible sites are the Geilston Hall and the Park in Church Avenue. A decision has yet to be taken.

PLANNING

Eric said there had been 2 applications. One is for the lopping of trees at Ardenmhor on Main Road. The second is for the conversion of a car port, to form a study at Cedar Grove. Neither require comment by the Community Council.

HEALTH

There are no comments on Health.
The meeting held in November 2013. **Patrick** has a meeting with him this coming Saturday.

AOCB

- Police Report:** **Mike** said that there is an increase in the number of incidents when compared with recent reports from the Police. **Tony** agreed but said that compared with other areas, the number of incidents are quite small. However, the incidents around Dick Quadrant had caused concern. **Tony** approached the landlord for the houses in Dick Quadrant and was told that no decision can be made regarding alleged anti-social behaviour by tenants, until they are convicted of a crime.
- Cycle Track:** **Mike** asked if the land between the cycle track and the road could be used for improving the existing road alignment. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that there are no plans at present, for road improvements in this area.
Bob said that he had seen two police cyclists on using the cycle track this morning.
- Boundaries:** **Andrea** asked if the Cardross Boundary has been changed. **Tony** said that it has.
- Dick Quadrant:** **Andrea** said that quite a few elderly people living in the Quadrant are frightened. **Andrea** said that with a reduced police response time, fears will get worse rather than better. **Tony** said that he had approached the landlord for the houses in Dick Quadrant and was told that no decision can be made regarding alleged anti-social behaviour by tenants, until they are convicted of a crime.
Andrea said that 3 years ago, a boy who murdered another boy in East Kilbride, was brought to live in Cardross. **Anrdea** said she is concerned that modern life is becoming quite appalling. People on the wrong side of the law are getting away with far more while people living as we are here, are quite frightened.
Tony said that he will highlight these concerns at his meeting with **Inspector Miller**, next week.
- Cyclists on Footway:** **Andrea** said that tonight, she had seen a female cycling on the footway, with a dog on a lead. **Mike** said that it is not possible to cycle and keep a dog under control. **Tony** said that he will highlight these concerns at his meeting with **Inspector Miller**, next week.
- Woman Knocked Over:** **Andrea** said that an 84 year old lady was knocked over in the park by a large dog. **Andrea** is concerned at the number of dog owners who cannot control their dogs. **Tony** said that he would talk to **Dominic Swan** (the dog warden) about the problem. **Mike** said that he has stopped walking his dog in the park because of the owners who do not control their dogs.
- Street Warden:** **Gail** asked if the Warden who is on long term sick leave, will be replaced. **Gail** said that other arrangements would need to be put in place. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that it is his understanding that staff are attempting to provide a service, "where they can".
Gail asked what that meant in detail. Is it half or one third of the normal service?
Councillor Kinniburgh said he will ask for an update, as to when the warden is expected to return to work.
- John Muir Way:** **Bob** said that **Michael Wilson** was instrumental (through the Cardross Trust) in financing a direction post at the junction of **the John Muir Way** and **the Three Lochs Way**.
Bob and two members of the **Helensburgh Access Trust** put the sign in place.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- War Memorial:** **Hugh Allan** said that he had talked to **Alan Reid MP** about the poor ground maintenance at the memorial. Some of the weeds have been removed but the ground has been left in a poor state.

- Weeds in Gutters in Calla Estate:** **Hugh** said that there are weeds in the road gutters, all around the Cala Estate. **Hugh** has not seen the road sweeper in the Cala Estate for months. **Hugh** asked why these services are not being provided, while he continues to pay his Council Tax.
Willie Laird said that the weed problem is not restricted to Calla. It affects all of the streets in Cardross. **Willie** asked if there is a weed killing programme in place for the village.
- Benches:** **Hugh** asked why the benches and picnic tables that used to be in the Burns Park, near the station, have not been replaced. **Tony** said that the other benches in the village have been provided by donors.
Bob said that the benches along the seafront in Helensburgh, have all been supplied by donors. **Tony** said that he will ask the Council to consider **Hugh's** proposal.
Councillor Kinniburgh said he will pursue the matter although he reminded the meeting that Government Cuts have resulted in cuts in public service..
- Grass Cutting In Park at Church Avenue:** **Marion Adams** said that the grass in the park, between the tennis courts and the bungalow, has not been cut. **Tony** said that the land belongs to the Cardross Trust. It has a contract for grass cutting. He said that he will find out when cutting is due to be carried out.
Marion asked if the Trust were responsible for the park. **Tony** said that is the case.
Marion said that one of the benches was so overgrown, that her husband cleaned it with soap and water. It certainly needs more thorough attention.
- First World War:** **Tony** said that to commemorate the fact that it is 100 years since the start of the First World War, there will be an ecumenical service in the Parish Church on Sunday 3 August at 10:45am. There will be an act of commemoration at the War Memorial on Monday 4 August.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 June 2014 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 16 June 2014

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the committee, the Councillors, and members of the public. He reminded all present that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

PRESENT

Tony Davey (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Patrick Trust (Vice Convener), Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Eric Duncan, Jim Hollywood, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Ellen Morton, and Councillor Richard Trail and 4 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Gail Steven (Treasurer), Bob Murray, Andrea Steele McLean, Michael Wilson, Ken and Pat Redman.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

POLICE REPORT

Tony said that a police officer had been allocated to attend tonight's meeting, subject to operational commitments. No one has turned up and there is no report

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 19 MAY 2014

Acceptance was proposed by **Jo Cameron** and seconded by **Jim Hollywood**.

MATTERS ARISING

Recycling Bins: **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that the matter is ongoing.

Setts at Bottom of Darleith Rd.: **Tony** said that the loose setts had been replaced. **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that planting will be due to be carried out in the area, very soon.

Boundary Wall at Cala Flats: **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said the repair has been completed. **Tony** said that **Gail** had commented on the vegetation growing over the wall. Some vegetation had been cleared, but not all of it. **Tony** said that he will write to the factor and ask them to clear the wall on the road side.

Dog Fouling **Tony** said that **Dominic** has posted a number of new signs in the park.

Carman Road: **Tony** said that he had discussed the matter with **Inspector Miller**. The Police are monitoring the situation. The road has a 60mph speed limit.

- Flooding at Cedarwood Court:** **Tony** said that **Andrea** had raised the issue at our last meeting. **Tony** said that after heavy rain a week ago on Saturday, he had gone along to have a look. There was no flooding. It appears that the drainage system is functioning adequately. **Councillor Morton** said that a camera survey of the pipe will be carried out in the near future.
- Saw Mill:** **Tony** said that he had visited the site of the "Lorry Park" presently under construction. Local residents are concerned that when lorries park up overnight, there are no toilet facilities. Argyll and Bute roads and planning are investigating the matter.
- Percy Pilchard:** **Tony** said that he spoke to the chairmen of both the Cardross Trust and the Geilston Hall Committee. Agreement will be reached as to who will accept responsibility for a monument to Percy, if it is erected in the Church Avenue Park.
- Cyclists on Footway:** **Tony** said the police will investigate the problem. **Mike** reminded the meeting that any cyclist causing an accident on the footway, is personally liable.
- Street Warden:** **Tony** said that present incumbent of the post is on long term sick leave. **Councillor Morton** said that all wardens being appointed are "Amenity Wardens" and this may help the manpower situation within the Council.
- Grass Cutting In Park at Church Avenue:** **Tony** said that the grass in the park, between the tennis courts and the bungalow, was cut the day after the matter was raised by **Marion Adams**.
- First World War:** **Tony** said that he had been in conversation with the minister for the village and a representative from St. Mayhews about the commemoration service for the First World War. **Tony** has been advised by Council Governance that an application for a procession must be submitted. This has been done. **Tony** is looking for volunteer stewards and a first aider.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tony said that he had received correspondence from the Boundary Commission. There is a proposal to alter boundaries and reduce the number of councillors. **Councillor Morton** said that "Deprivation" is now a factor in allocating councillor numbers. **Tony** said that a recent survey by The Joseph Rowntree Foundation had demonstrated high levels of deprivation on Scotland's West Coast and the Islands. **Tony** suggested this may be of use to our councillors when discussing their numbers.

PLANNING

Eric said there had been 4 applications. One is for change of appearance to a dormer window. The second is for renewal of planning permission for the erection of a wind turbine at Kirkton Farm. The third is for a retrospective application for the erection of a garden store at Darlieth House. The fourth is for the installation of a broadband cabinet on the land south of the white house on Carman Road. None of the applications require comment by the Community Council.

HEALTH

There are no comments on Health.

AOCB

Weeds on Footways: **Mike** said that the footways at the top of Barrs Road, particularly around the area to the rear of **Kilmahew Court**, is overgrown with weeds and some trees.
Tony said that he will raise the matter with a representative from the Council.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Instalation of Gas Pipes **Mrs. Hope** asked if it is true that there will be further disruption to Main Road by more pipe laying. **Tony** said that he had been in contact with **Scottish Gas**.
In Main Road: He had been told that a programme of testing of pipe collars is going to be carried out. This will not involve disturbing the newly laid road surface.
Councillor Morton said that it was her understanding that the road **WOULD** be affected.
Councillor Morton said that she will look into the matter.

Broadband Applicaton: **George Murphy** said that he is keen that the Broadband Planning Application is encouraged.
Councillor Morton said that the proposed installation is funded by the Scottish Government.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18 August 2014 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTONHALL

ON MONDAY 18 August 2014

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed PC Jill Brown, Peter Minshall (CEO of Houses for Heroes Scotland), Paul Houghton (a planning consultant), the committee, the Councillor, and members of the public. He reminded all present that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

PRESENT

Tony Davey (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Gail Steven (Treasurer), Eric Duncan, Jim Hollywood, Bob Murray, Andrea Steele McLean, Councillor David Kinniburgh, and 14 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Vice Convener), Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor Richard Trail and Michael Wilson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor David Kinniburgh declared an interest in planning matters, since he now sits on the Argyll and Bute Planning Committee.

POLICE REPORT

PC Brown said that since 1st July, there had been 39 calls relating to Cardross. The calls related to road traffic incidents, house alarms, fires, traffic obstruction and youth disorder. Only 3 crimes were recorded. Two sheds were broken into and there was one report of disorderly behaviour at the bowling club. **PC Brown** asked if there were any issues causing concern. **Andrea Steele McLean** asked if anything could be done about the problem of people cycling on the footway. **PC Brown** said that she would report the matter to her superiors.

Gail Steven asked if there had been a report about a pack of dogs attacking a dog being walked in the grounds of St. Peters College. **PC Brown** said that she was unaware of the matter but that did not mean that it had not been reported. She said she would try to get more information on the incident and follow it up.

There were no more questions. **Tony** thanked **PC Brown** for attending and she left the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THREE HOUSES EAST OF SHIRA LODGE

Peter Minshall said that the charity he represents operates as a small charitable landlord. It is NOT a housing association. Although it is a small charity, it provides the greatest number of houses for disabled veterans in the UK. They have 614 houses in 74 locations around Scotland. The Charity is managed by 37 volunteer District Committees made up of about 168 people. The Head Office in Edinburgh consists of 2.5 people, of which **Peter** is one. They are self-funding and their income comes from rent paid by tenants. In 2007, after detailed research, an urgent need for another 60 houses was identified. To date, 22 houses have been built and money has been raised to build another 28. These are in 6 locations around Scotland. The Charity was approached by the Crystal Trust who said they were looking for a charity that houses ex-servicemen to commemorate an ancestor of theirs. He was killed in the second battle of Ypres in 1915. Peter met a trustee of the Crystal Trust on proposed site.

The idea was that the Houses for Heroes Charity would apply for planning permission for the construction of 5 houses. The Charity would pay for the construction of an access through the wall on the A814. When the Charity were told of this arrangement, they said that they could not accept. It would be inappropriate for the Charity to use its' funds for the creation of a commercial development. There has now been a change in the offer.

The Crystal Trust said that they would make the land available for Houses for Heroes and open up the rest of the land near Broomhill as a park for the Community. It is the Crystal Trust who are now funding the whole of the process. On that basis, **Peter** said that it would be wrong for a charity not to pursue the offer.

Peter said he is aware, that for the last 20 years, there has been concern in the community about the Crystal Trusts' presence and their objectives. **Peter** said that he hoped that he had dispelled some of these concerns. It is his understanding that this is a solution to the problem of the area being a "no mans land".

Paul Houghton (a planning consultant) had a number of drawings on display, showing the layout of the proposed houses. Paul said that it is a site with a number of constraints. We are in a Conservation Area, it is Green Belt, the existing boundary wall is listed and the site contains a considerable number of mature trees.

The adjoining church and church yard is a scheduled ancient monument, as well as being listed.

Paul said that his proposed layout needed to take all of these factors into consideration.

The only part of the "frontage" owned by the Crystal Trust, is onto Main Road. **Paul** is hopeful that his access proposals will prove to be adequate. The proposal should have as little visual impact on the street view as possible, should take account of the effect on **Shira Lodge** and avoid the existing mature trees. Apart from the break in the wall, the effect of the proposals on the view from the street, should be minimal.

Gail Steven asked where the proposed houses are going to be situated in the field. **Paul** said that the houses would be sited at the front of the site, near the Main Road. This is the lowest point on the site and is the least visible part of the field. **Peter** said that the original proposal had been for 5 houses. After his discussions with the owners of **Shira Lodge**, this had been reduced to 3 houses. **Gail** said that **Paul's** introduction had listed many of the reasons why the community is concerned about constructing houses on this site. **Paul** said that when developing such a sensitive site, you have to prove that your proposals either preserve or enhance the character of the site.

Tony asked that if other areas were available, would Peter consider the offer. **Peter** said that the charity would look at all offers.

Anne-Marie Monaghan said that she had recently moved into the house across the road from the proposed development access. On the day she moved in, she was presented with a proposal to remove part of the wall across from her new home and construct 3 houses. **Anne-Marie** said it strange that the land is being gifted as a living memory to "Uncle Bertie" who was killed in the First World War. There is an element of emotional blackmail in the proposal. **Anne-Marie** thought that it was not possible to build on green belt. She said that the proposal isolated the disabled occupiers from the community, instead of integrating them into the community.

Peter said that the point was well made, but that was the piece of ground his charity had been offered.

Anne-Marie said that access from her house onto Main Road is compromised by poor visibility to the right.

In her view, an additional access will add to an already dangerous situation. She said this is likely to be the start of a development of more houses on the site.

Jim Taylor backed up much of what Anne-Marie said. **Jim** has been in his house (across from the proposed development) for 28 years and has not heard mention of "Uncle Bertie" in all of that time. **Jim** is also concerned that this proposal is the basis for further commercial development.

Peter said that he had been given assurance by the Crystal Trust that they have no plans for further development.

Ian Cameron from **Shira Lodge** said that **Peter** had gone some way to address the effects of the proposal on **Shira Lodge**, however, it is still on Green Belt. **Ian** said that he had dealings with the Crystal Trust when the Cala Homes were under consideration. At no time had "Uncle Bertie" been mentioned. **Ian** said that after taking advice, the Crystal Trust's promise to cease further development on the site, has no legal bearing if the land is sold on.

George Murphy said that once an application has been granted for the construction of 3 house, there is nothing to prevent further development. While sympathising with the charity, he is dubious about the project.

Gail reminded the meeting that the residents should be able to live in a "home" and not a "monument" to the dead.

Tony asked **Peter** to tell his Board that Cardross welcomes Houses for Heroes, but not on this site.

Tony thanked **Peter** and **Paul** for their presentation and these two gentlemen left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 16JUNE2014

In **POLICE REPORT** "he" should be removed from the firstline.

Acceptance was proposed by **Eric Duncan** and seconded by **Duncan Stirling**.

MATTERS ARISING

- Recycling Bins:** **Tony** said that he had a meeting with **Charles McIver** and had requested that a bin be put at the bus stop near the Muirholm. This has now been done. **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that the matter is ongoing.
- Setts at Bottom of Darleith Rd.:** **Tony** said that the loose setts have been placed onto adjacent soil but have not yet been concreted into place. **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter.
- Boundary Wall at Cala Flats:** **Tony** said to **Gail** that another letter has been sent to the factor. The previously cut vegetation is growing back and is over the wall again.
- Dog Fouling** **Tony** said that **Dominic** has posted a number of new signs in the park.
- Carman Road:** **Tony** said that he had discussed the matter with **Inspector Miller**. The Police are monitoring the situation. The road has a 60mph speed limit. The police are having difficulty finding a suitable location on the road to measure speeding. **Andrea** asked why there was no sign preventing the use of the road by heavy vehicles. **Duncan** said that the matter had arisen on previous occasions. Carman Road is an adopted road and the responsibility of the local authority. As such, any member of the public is free to use it. Farms along the road need heavy vehicles to access their properties and emergency vehicles access the road.
- Flooding at Cedarwood Court:** **Tony** said that after heavy rain some time ago, he had gone along to have a look. There was no flooding. The existing drainage appears to be working.
- Saw Mill:** **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that it seems that the Planning Department have opened an enforcement action relating to the construction of the new parking facilities. No planning permission was sought for the works. **Gail** asked if the land used for the works belonged to the Sawmill. No one at the meeting knew the ownership position.
- Percy Pilcher:** **Tony** said that he had not yet received a reply from the Cardross Trust or the Geilston Hall Committee. **Tony** said that the Aeronautical Society which raised the issue, is in a state of flux due to various resignations. The matter continues.
- First World War:** **Tony** said that the service was successful.
- Weeds on Footways:** **Tony** said that a weed killing programme is being carried out on the roads around Caedross. **Bob** said that while this is true, there are still a number of streets needing attention.
- Installation of Gas Pipes In Main Road:** **Tony** said that as far as he is aware, there are no major disturbances planned. **Tony** said that he will raise the matter with **Gerry O'Hare**.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tony said that the AGM for the Geilston Hall is on Wednesday 27 August. at 8.00 pm in the hall.

PLANNING

Eric said there had been 9 applications.

1. BT installation of cabinet at 1 Ritchie Avenue.
2. Lopping of trees at Seafield, Peel Street.
3. Partial demolition of wall east of Shira Lodge, to facilitate vehicular access.
4. Alterations to 3 Dorma windows at Tighna Mara, Peel Street.
5. Removal of vegetation from listed wall at Kilmahew College.
6. Erection of a wood pellet silo and associated screen fencing at Drumhead.
7. Alteration of extension at Kirkton Farm Cottage on Darleith Road.
8. Culverting of burn and installation of equipment at Sawmill.
9. Erection of 3 dwelling houses and formation of access east of Shira Lodge.

HEALTH

There were no comments on Health.

AOCB

- Cyclepath:** **Gail** asked if horses were allowed to use the cycletrack **Bob** said that horses ARE allowed to use the cycletrack. **Bob** said that he has used the cycletrack and it is first class. He would like to see more of it. **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that there are still land issues. It is his understanding that as and when land becomes available construction will continue. Construction may be intermittent, but it will continue.
- Barrs Terrace And Barrs Road Corner:** **Jim Hollywood** said the footway near the large tree is in a dangerous condition. **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter. **Bob** said that a previous meeting had been told that as from April, pavements would be looked at on the Main Road and Church Avenue. **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that the condition of pavements will be looked at. He will try to obtain an update of the programme, for the next meeting.
- Parking on Footway:** **Bob** said that the problem has not yet been addressed. Money is being spent all over the country to improve access and yet footway parking continues.
- Allocation of Houses by Acha:** **Andrea** asked if anything could be done to assess the suitability of prospective tenants for houses in the village. **Tony** said that he has written to ACHA and asked for a meeting to discuss the matter.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Cyclepath to Dumbarton:** **Alastair McCuish** asked if the path will be constructed to Dumbarton. **Tony** said that the plan is to complete the Helensburgh to Cardross section, then push for the next leg to Dumbarton.
- Noise from Scotrail:** **Ian Fleming** said he has written to **Alan Reid MP** about the noise pollution coming from Scotrail on a daily basis. He is awaiting a reply.
- Local Plan:** **Cllr. Kinniburgh** said that the Reporter is delaying his comments on the Local Development Plan until April 2015.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15 September 2014 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTONHALL

ON MONDAY 15 September 2014

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the committee, the Councillors and members of the public. He reminded all present that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

PRESENT

Tony Davey (Convener), Patrick Trust (Vice Convener), Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Eric Duncan, Jim Hollywood, Bob Murray, Andrea Steele McLean, and 12 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Gail Steven (Treasurer), Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor Richard Trail and Michael Wilson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

POLICE REPORT

Tony said that he had received a report from the police covering the time to Saturday 13 September 2014.

15 -19 August – Theft from the Balfour Beattie site for pylon work.

22-23 August – Attempted house breaking at Seabank Cottage.

28-29 August – Vandalism to a vehicle parked on Main Road.

6 September – Theft from house in Dick Quadrant.

7 September – A house at Park Grove was broken into while the house holder slept during the day.

9 September – Vandalism at Seabank Cottage. Two children have been reported to the police.

Tony said that he would pass any questions onto Inspector Miller.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 18 AUGUST 2014

Acceptance was proposed by **Jim Hollywood** and seconded by **Andrea Steele McLean**.

MATTERS ARISING

Cycling on Footway: **Tony** said that **Inspector Miller** has noted the problem regarding the lady, the child and the dog.

Houses for Heroes: The matter of new housing near Shira Lodge is now being considered by the Council. Objections have been noted.

- Setts at Bottom of Darleith Rd.:** **Tony** said that the Council is looking at a more permanent solution. **Mike** suggested that a kerb in front of the setts may help solve the problem. **Tony** said he would pass the suggestion onto the amenities manager.
- Saw Mill:** **Tony** said that retrospective permission for the surfaced area east of the Saw Mill, has been received by the Council for their consideration.
- Percy Pilcher:** **Tony** said that he had not yet received a reply from the Geilston Hall Committee. **Tony** said that the Cardross Trust cannot assume responsibility for insuring any monument erected to Percy.. The matter continues.
- Weeds:** **Tony** said that a weed killing programme is continuing on the roads around Cardross
- Cyclepath:** **Tony** said we are hoping for a response from **Councillor Kinniburgh** at the next meeting. **SPT** are in discussion with the Council regarding funding. Funding can only be made available when the Council have purchased the necessary land.
- Barrs Terrace And Barrs Road:** **Tony** said we are hoping for a response from **Councillor Kinniburgh** at the next meeting.
- Allocation of Houses by Acha:** **Tony** said that he had received a reply from ACHA and the response is available for anyone who wishes to see it. The Scottish Federation of Housing Associations has a meeting next month. The problem of housing unsuitable tenants, will be discussed at the meeting.
- Dog Attack At Kilmahew Estate:** **Mike** asked if there was an update on the matter. **Tony** said that an individual has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tony said that he had received an email from the Council regarding a bye-election.

PLANNING

Eric said there has been 1 application. A proposal for the installation of telecommunications apparatus at land SE of Lower Geilston Farm on Murrays Road.

HEALTH

Patrick said that he was asked to talk to the **Helensburgh and Lomond Patients Association**. He told them about the meeting he had with the Health Minister in December 2013. They are taking up the concept of what is happening at the Vale, with the Minister.

AOCB

- Bye-election:** Any Community Council with an incomplete complement is given the opportunity to hold a bye-election in order to reach maximum numbers. Cardross is allowed 16 members. At the moment there are 10. It was agreed that a bye election should be held, in order that the wider community is made aware of the situation. **Tony** said that he will inform Argyll and Bute Council of this decision.
- Notice Board at Car Park:** **Jo** said that a notice board should be erected in the village on a site accessible to everyone. **Tony** said that plans have been submitted to the Planning Department for the erection of a noticeboard near the Car Park. As yet, there has not been a reply.

- 125 Year Anniversary Dance:** **Patrick** said that a dance will be held in the hall on 4 October to celebrate the opening of the hall 125 years ago. He said that NVA are keen to have the hall included in a local Heritage trail and may help with some funding.
- Cardross Crematorium:** **Jim** said that rail users arriving in Cardross Station, cannot find the Crematorium. He asked if a sign could be erected at the station. **Tony** said that he will take the matter up with the Amenities Manager.
- Beach Clean:** **Bob** said that the beach clean will be on Saturday 25 October. All are welcome.
- Remembrance:** It was agreed that **Tony** should submit a Parades Application for Remembrance Sunday
- Parish Church:** **Tony** said that the Church is considering having a Xmas Tree Festival. It has asked if the Community Council will sponsor a tree. It was agreed that the Community Council should sponsor a tree.
- Parking and Speeding:** **Tony** said that the Police will be monitoring parking on footways and speeding at the Lea Brae. **Andrea** said that she thinks that speeding within the village is more of a problem and resources should be concentrated there. **Tony** said that there have been recent convictions for speeding through the village.
- Japanese Knotweed:** **Patrick** said that the knotweed in Mr. Laird's field, between the Sawmill and the footpath, has died off. He asked what weed killer had been used. Since no one knew, **Tony** suggested asking Mr. Laird. **Patrick** said that the problem is still bad around Ardmore. **Tony** asked that the matter be brought up at the next meeting, where it is hoped there will be councillors present.
- Broadband:** **Patrick** said that broadband is now available in the Geilston Hall.
- Local Area Planning Group:** **Tony** said that he attended the meeting last Tuesday. **Tony** said that a return will be made to the Group stating our position on the uniqueness of Cardross Community Council as a "semi" rural Community Council.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Pedestrian Crossing:** **Bobby Beggs** said that the traffic lights had changed to green while an elderly lady was still on the crossing. **Tony** said that the problem has arisen intermittently over the years. It seems that the timing unit needs recalibrated. He said he will take the matter up with the Roads Department.
- Noise from Scotrail:** **Ian Fleming** said he has received a non-descript reply from Scotrail. He has arranged to meet a representative on site. **Ian** said that he is looking for community support and will keep the Community Council informed.
- Graffiti Vandalism:** **Shena MacDonald** said that some of the walls at Cedar wood Court had painted graffiti on them. A number of other walls around the village have graffiti on them. **Tony** said that the matter has been reported to the police. **Tony** said that he had emailed the local councillors to ask if the graffiti can be removed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 October 2014 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 20 October 2014

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the committee, the Councillor and members of the public. He reminded all present that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

PRESENT

Tony Davey (Convener), Patrick Trust (Vice Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Gail Steven (Treasurer), Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Eric Duncan, Jim Hollywood, Bob Murray, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor Richard Trail, Constable Andy Crawford and 17 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Andrea Steele McLean, and Michael Wilson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

POLICE REPORT

Constable Andy Crawford presented the report covering the time from 1 September until now.

6 September – Theft from house in Dick Quadrant. **Andy** reminded all present to lock their doors.

7 September – A house at Park Grove was broken into while the house holder slept during the day.

9 September – Vandalism at Seabank Cottage. Two local children have been referred to the Reporter to the Childrens Panel.

Andy asked that anyone in the village with security concerns, contact him. **Andy** also warned about a number of “Lottery Scams” being perpetrated. No personal banking information should be given to callers on the phone. No money should be given to “cold” callers. **Hugh Allan** asked if these phone calls can be stopped. **Andy** said that you can register with the Telephone Preference Service. This should reduce the number of nuisance calls. **Andy** asked if there were any questions at this point in the meeting.

Mike Crowe asked about parking on the footway at Kirkton Crescent. **Gail Steven** asked about the graffiti around the village. **Jo Cameron** said that traffic speeding in the village continues to be a problem. **Andy** said that he will look into these matters. **Tony** said that graffiti has been removed from some of the affected walls. Graffiti on the road surface is very difficult to remove and will remain until it is worn away.

Andy said that he has been running a **Rural Watch** in the Police Landward Area. (the area north of Helensburgh). The purpose is to improve information that is given out to members of the public and to make them more aware of what is going on. It is a computerised mapping system. If those in the village with internet access sign up, **Andy** can give these individuals up to date “local crime” information. Weather proof signs can be purchased at £6.00 each. These can be displayed around the village to show that it is part of the **Rural Watch** scheme. **Andy** said that he is happy to set the system up for the community. There were no further questions and **Constable Crawford** left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2014

Acceptance was proposed by **Mike Crowe** and seconded by **Patrick Trust**.

MATTERS ARISING

- Setts at Bottom of Darleith Rd.:** **Tony** said that he had a meeting with the Amenities Technical Officer who agreed that a more permanent solution will be considered.
- Saw Mill:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that no planning application has been received for the surfacing work carried out near the access to the Saw Mill.
- Allocation of Houses by Acha:** **Tony** said that there has not been any more correspondence on the matter.
- Bye-election:** **Tony** said that there are 7 vacant positions on the Community Council. The application period ends on Monday 27 October. Election day is the 27 November.
- Cardross Crematorium:** **Tony** said that the Amenities Officer had been unaware of the problem, but will discuss the matter with the Roads Officers.
- Japanese Knotweed:** **Patrick** said that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Laird, who had successfully sprayed the area near the Saw Mill. He had also seen someone spraying on Ardmore. The gentleman came from the Peninsula. **Councillor Trail** said that there is a group of volunteers operating on the Peninsula. **Councillor Trail** said that **George Freeman** may be of help in contacting the group. **Patrick** said that the weed will become a major problem, if it is not dealt with by next Spring.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said that he had received two items of correspondence. The first was from the **Post Office** saying that the local office will be open from Monday to Saturday, between 7.30 and 19.00, and on Sunday from 7.30 until 17.00.

The second was from the Licensing Authority stating that there was an application for a licence for Cardross Post Office and Stores.

Tony said that he now has the details relating to sponsoring a Christmas tree in the Church Hall.

PLANNING

Eric said there were 2 applications. An extension to external steps in Muirend Road. An erection of a rear garden fence at 20 Graham Crescent.

HEALTH

Patrick said that he had met with the Lomond Patients Group. They had written to the Health Minister, asked for and received numbers of people treated at the Vale of Leven Hospital, transfers and the numbers transferred out as emergencies. The figures are difficult to interpret. We need to show that the Vale is reducing pressure on Paisley and is providing a good safe sustainable service locally. Particularly for elderly people, who don't require Intensive Care Services. **Patrick** said that he hopes to have a reply from the Minister by the next meeting. **Jo** asked if the Vale would ever have an A and E Department. **Patrick** said "absolutely not". The Vale has a 24 hour minor injuries service run by local GPs. You can be properly assessed and transferred to an appropriate hospital. **Patrick** is trying to persuade the Minister that this is the way for **Rural Hospitals** to proceed in Scotland. This would immensely reduce travel in rural areas. This can reduce the need for a large number of A and E units.

- Beach Clean:** **Gail** said that it was set for Saturday 25 October from 10.00 until 12.00. **Bob** said that the weather will be fine. All were encouraged to attend. **Bob** said that the **Coach House** have generously offered tea, coffee and a sandwich for the volunteers.
- Kirkton Site Housing:** **Tony** said that Bett Builders will have an open day in the Geilston Hall on 19 November
- NVA:** NVA are having a meeting at 18.00 on Friday 24 October, to update the Community on Kilmahew.
- BT Broadband Ritchie Ave.:** **Eric** said the contractors have abandoned excavation debris, barriers and road signs around their working area. **Councillor Morton** said that she will contact "Roads" and see if they can deal with the matter
- Barrs Road / Barrs Terrace:** **Jim** asked if anything was going to be done to repair the kerbing at this location. He had brought the matter up at the last meeting. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he will pursue the matter.
- Culvert at Saw Mill:** **Jo** asked if there were any further details on the Planning Application. **Tony** said that the Application is being processed.
- Notice Board Car Park:** **Jo** asked if there was any progress on erecting the board. **Tony** said the Application is still being processed.

AOCB

- Cardross Tennis Club:** **Mathew Scott** said that membership has increased to 230. In an attempt to improve the facilities at the club, it is hoped to put lighting into the lower court. **Mathew** has been told by the Planning Department that application costs could be reduced by 50% if the Community Council applied on behalf of the Club. **Tony** said that the Community Council could find itself in a position where it was representing an applicant for planning permission and any objectors. This is not an ideal situation. It appears that any charity could apply on behalf of the Club and as such, would receive the 50% discount. It was suggested that the Club approach its' landlord, the Cardross Trust. As a charity, the Trust would qualify for any discount.
- First World War:** **Tony** said Cardross was one of the few villages that held **two** acts of commemoration. two village youngsters will be participating in the activities.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Leaves on Footways And Roads:** **Hugh Allan** said that he is concerned at the volume of leaves on the footways and roads around the village. Station Road, near the church, is quite dangerous. **Councillor Morton** said that she will take the matter up with "Roads". **George Murphy** said that the bottom of Carman Road is dreadful. **Mike** said that the bottom end of Barrs Road is also very bad. **Tony** said that the absence of our village warden is palpable.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 17 November 2014** at **8.00pm** in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 17 November 2014

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the committee, the Councillors, Constable Andy Crawford and members of the public. He reminded all present that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

PRESENT

Tony Davey (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Gail Steven (Treasurer), Bobbie Beggs, Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Eric Duncan, Jim Hollywood, Lorna Lee, Andrea Steele McLean, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor Richard Trail, Constable Andy Crawford and 16 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Vice Convener), Barrie, Morton, Bob Murray, and Michael Wilson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

POLICE REPORT

Constable Andy Crawford presented the report covering the time from 1 October until now.

There were 25 incidents in the Cardross Area. They consisted of abandoned vehicles, a concern for a male, an ambulance requesting assistance, a road traffic collision, a car struck a cow, a member of the public dialled 999 in error, speed checks, missing persons, information regarding drugs, alarms at the Golf Club and assisting members of the public. Nothing drastic occurred. There were two crimes.

The theft of rubber mats from the golf course between 17 and 20 October and a trailer was vandalised at Westerhill Farm between 21 and 23 October.

The speed of vehicles was discussed at the last meeting. Speed monitoring equipment has been requested. Officers have been doing speed checks in the village.

The Neighbourhood Watch initiative was mentioned last month. Since then, the web site is now up and running. **Constable Crawford** circulated instructions on using the web site. **Constable Crawford** then asked if there were any questions. **Jo Cameron** asked if any evidence of speeding had been found.

Constable Crawford said that no speeding had been detected by officers but that the monitoring equipment would be in place over a period of days. **Andrea** felt that speeding most often took place at night. **Mike** asked about car parking on the footway. **Constable Crawford** said that he has passed the matter on to the local "beat" officer, who will be pursuing the matter. A member of the public asked if the neighbourhood watch scheme could be used for reporting crime. **Constable Crawford** said that the purpose of the scheme is to keep the public informed and not to deal with matters that require immediate attention. Such matters should be reported through the normal channels.

There were no further questions. **Tony** thanked **Constable Crawford**, who then left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 20 OCTOBER 2014

Acceptance was proposed by **Mike Crowe** and seconded by **Jim Hollywood**.

MATTERS ARISING

- Bye-election:** **Tony** said that three new community council members were elected. They are **Robert Beggs, Lorna Lee** and **Barrie Morton**. Their tenure starts on 27 November. Three vacancies remain.
- Saw Mill:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the matter is still being investigated.
- Christmas Tree In Church Hall:** **Tony** said that volunteers are needed to erect and decorate the tree in the Hall. Volunteers should turn up at 10.30 on Thursday 11 December, at the hall.
- Kirkton Site Housing:** **Tony** said that Avant and Beth Homes will have an open day in the Geilston Hall this coming Wednesday between 14.00 and 19.00.
- BT Broadband Ritchie Ave.:** **Councillor Morton** said she understood the matter had been dealt with. **Eric** said that signs had been tidied up around the site but were still there ready for removal. **Councillor Morton** said there is a general problem of contractors leaving signs etc, at "completed" works. The "Roads Dept." are still trying to sort out the problem.
- Notice Board At Car Park:** **Jo** said that she had spoken to **Cameron Grant**. The application is still being processed.
- First World War Service:** There was a record attendance for Remembrance Sunday. All went well.
- Beach Clean:** **Gail** said that it went ahead on Saturday 25 October. There were twenty odd volunteers who collected 32 bags of rubbish. The Coach House kindly provided tea, coffee, sausage rolls and sandwiches for the volunteers. A "thank you" intimation was put into the Helensburgh Advertiser, thanking the Coach House and the volunteers.
- Barrs Road / Barrs Terrace:** **Jim** asked if anything was going to be done to repair the kerbing at this location. He had brought the matter up at the last meeting. **Tony** said the matter would be discussed in a later item.
- Leaves on Footways And Roads:** **Mike** said that he is concerned at the volume of leaves on the footways and roads on Darlieth Road. **Tony** said that he will email **Charlie McIver**.
- Culvert at Saw Mill:** **Jo** asked if there were any further details on the Planning Application. **Jo** also said that there were NO signs around the Saw Mill, advertising these proposals. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the Council is awaiting further information on this application.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said there was a letter from Patrick Trust sending apologies and reminding everyone that there is a Christmas Ceilidh on in the Geilston Hall on Saturday 13 December. Tickets are now available.

HEALTH

Tony said that **Patrick** is hoping to run a "Heart Start" programme in the village, with the long term possibility of getting a defibrillator.

PLANNING

Eric said there were 2 applications. Demolition of an existing porch and outhouse and replacement of an existing back door and two windows with bi-fold doors at Redcliff on Main Road.

Proposed felling of sycamore trees at the church manse on Main Road.

AOCB

- Roads:** **Tony** said that he and **Duncan** had attended a meeting this morning at Blairvadach. **The Woodlands Trust** have asked to remove additional amounts of timber from the site at the top of Darleith Road. Details are being discussed with staff members of Roads.
- There are been complaints about the area between the Pharmacy and the priest' house regarding road safety issues. **Barriers** are to be erected along the footway to prevent vehicles parking on the footway.
- Scottish Gas** intend to carry out work in the village. Details are being discussed with members of the Roads Department.
- Cycle Path:** The Council are continuing to negotiate with three landowners to purchase land for construction of the cycle path. If necessary, a Compulsory Purchase Order will be pursued. Any land which becomes available in the meantime, will be used for construction of the cycle track.
- Footpath Repairs:** **Gerry O'Hare** will meet **Tony** in the village to discuss our "wish list" of repairs.
- Planted Area Near Newsagents:** **Gail** asked there was any chance of the area being brought up to the standard of planting provided at the Darleith Road junction.
- Tony** said that he had addressed the issue with the Amenities Technical Officer. He is hopeful that the area will be brought up to the same standard as Darleith Road.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Re-cycling Bins Near Newsagents:** **Lorna Lee** said that the area was being used as a tip with rubbish being dumped at the bins and not in them.
- Tony** said that he will address the issue with the Amenities Technical Officer.
- Street Lighting:** **Morag Ramsay** said that street lights from the Muirholm to the Golf Club are out at the moment. **Councillor Morton** said that she will contact the lighting engineers tomorrow.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 19 January 2015 at 8.00pm** in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.