

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2019

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Patrick Trust welcomed **Constable Andrew Gallagher (Police Scotland)** and all present. He reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Bob Murray, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, and 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Bobby Beggs, Mike Brown, Councillor Ellen Morton and Barrie Morton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Alasdair MacCuish said that he is the Chairman of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

Patrick Trust said that he is the Secretary of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

There were no other declarations of interest.

POLICE REPORT

Constable Andrew Gallagher gave the report as follows:-

Date	Location	Crime	Person charged / arrested
13/12/18	Cardross	Vandalism	Investigations continue.
04/01/19	Cardross	Vandalism	Investigations continue.
15/01/19	Shop on Main Road	Housebreaking	Investigations continue.
16/01/19	Cardross Beach	Animal Welfare	Investigations continue.

There were 50 other incidents reported from 20/11/18 to 20/01/19.

Bob said the road through Buchlyvie and Arnprior has 40mph approach zones marked on the surface. He understood that this was a Council matter, but asked if this could be applied on both sides of Cardross on the A814. **Rob** asked if there had ever been a suggestion that the speed limit on the A814 be reduced from **60mph** to **50mph** between Helensburgh and Cardross. **Alasdair MacCuish** said that there are rumble strips on the road approaching the villages that **Bob** referred to. **Mike Crowe** suggested that average speed cameras may reduce speeding. **Constable Gallagher** said that the police will support anything that encourages safety.

Bob said that at the top of Station Road, near the library, there are both zig zags and double yellow lines that are routinely ignored. **Bob** said that it is a big issue because timber lorries turn at that junction.

Archie West said that as a cyclist, it is the timber lorries that scare him. Fully loaded lorries approach the Geilston

House bend at speed, putting anyone on the footway at risk. **Mike Crowe** said that delivery vehicles double park at the Post office. **Constable Gallagher** said there are exemptions for such vehicles. The traffic wardens who “police” parking in Cardross, are employed by Argyll and Bute Council. As there were no further questions, **Patrick** thanked **Constable Gallagher**, who then left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 19 NOVEMBER 2018

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Bob Murray** and seconded by **Julie Lang**.

MATTERS ARISING

- Parking on Carman Road:** **Rob** said that he had a conversation with a resident of that immediate area who expressed very considerable concern about the parking arrangements there and the danger caused by such parking. **Patrick** said that he understood it is not illegal to park on the pavement. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said it is an offence if it causes an obstruction.
- Noise from Sawmill:** **Rob** said he understands that the Sawmill has not given an indication of intention to appeal. In the meantime, the noise nuisance continues.
- Cycle Track:** **Patrick** said that he had attended a very lengthy Council Area Committee Meeting in December. He was encouraged when he heard that one of the officers had applied for funding for the cycle path. **Councillor Ellen Morton** congratulated the officer on obtaining this funding. **Patrick** asked the Councillors present if that was correct. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he thought the funding related to the section of the path in the park in Cardross. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will check the relevant Committee papers and find out what funding is in place. **Patrick** said that work started in the park today. Metal plates are being placed to protect the grass. He asked if the work related to the cycle track or the railway bridge near the park. Network Rail had lettered local residents to say that repair work will be carried out on the bridge. **Patrick** said that he was unhappy to see that the programme for the cycle track went on until 2023 and 2024. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he understood that such a time scale would only apply, if Compulsory Purchase of any of the land proved necessary. **Bob** asked why a CPO would be necessary when it seemed to him that some of the land owners are prepared to sell their land. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that offers have now been made to the landowners and the Council are now awaiting responses. **Patrick** said that it seems that cyclist going to Helensburgh will be using the footway for the foreseeable future. **Archie West** said that the footways are very rough. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he has been told on a number of occasions that there is no point in improving the footways if a cycle track is to be constructed. He is also extremely frustrated by the situation. **Archie West** said that this situation has existed for 18 years. **Jo** said that cycling on the footway is extremely dangerous for deaf people sharing the footway. **Archie** said that he had encountered a pedestrian on the footway who was wearing earphones. She was unable to hear his bell.
- Train Stop Skipping:** **Patrick** said that he thought that things had improved. However, trains were not functioning last Saturday afternoon. **Bob** said there had been a fatality on the railway on Saturday. **Rob** said that trains were cancelled last Tuesday.
- Train Horns:** **Bob** said that he had a reply from **Jackie Bailie**. **Network Rail** had written to her and said that alterations to the whistle board layout at Cardross should now result in a small improvement on the number of times the train horn is sounded. In relation to the wider scheme, which will give the greater benefits, their signalling team have now issued a remit to Infrastructure Projects who are currently reviewing the scope. Once complete, initial design work will commence. The project will make it unnecessary to sound train horns.
- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the hole is still there. **Julie Lang** said that lorries going to Cairniedrourth are using the road at the rate of about one every hour. The lorries carry a sign saying “Non Industrial Hazard”.

- Lamp Post at Old Cemetery:** **Patrick** said that the lamp post has not yet been replaced. It has been missing for about 1 year. He said that he will send another email reporting the matter.
- Community Council Web Site:** **Patrick** said that keeping a web site up to date is a difficult task. **Brian** said that being on Facebook or Twitter may keep more people informed. **Duncan** said that if anyone “Googles” Cardross Community Council, the Minutes of the meetings are instantly available. It was decided to leave things as they are for the present.
- Beach Litter:** **Bob** said that a beach clean will be organised to take place in April.
- Red Road:** **Rob** said that he and his wife had moved the fallen trees form the “passing place” during a walk round the Red Road. **Patrick** thanked **Rob** for his “civic” action.
- Crematorium Sign:** **Patrick** said that a number of signs around the village have been cleared of greenery. **Archie West** said that the face of the many of the signs are covered in dirt and are hard to read. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter. **Alasdair MacCuish** asked if there is a squad that cleans signs. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that a reduction in both budget and staff means that this work is no longer carried out routinely.

CORRESPONDENCE

Patrick said that he had two piles of letters from **Claire McCune** who is the chair of the CPSA. The correspondence relates to the use of Barrs Road as an access to the proposed new housing. There were 59 letters relating to the use of the road by children. 36 of the families use Barrs Road, when walking to school. 18 children use the road to cycle to school. 11 families did not use Barrs Road to get to school. The CPSA were concerned about the increase risk to children if Barrs Road is used as an access to the proposed new housing.

PLANNING

Rob said that there was 1 item. A planning application was received on 17 December 2018 with regard to flat 1 at the Muirholm Hotel. It is a proposal to use the upper floor as a residential flat. The decision was “Application Approved”. It seems that this is a change of use from commercial premises to domestic premises.

HEALTH

Patrick said that there are concerns with the failure of the GP service in the early evening and some weekends. The GP out of hours service provided by Nick Dunn and his cohorts to keep the Vale open at night, has been working well. Helensburgh and Lomond have , by law, a Communication and Engagement Group. This is how they inform the public of any plans for the development of local health services. **Patrick** said that he sits on the group as a lay person. The Group has failed in its’ remit. Most meetings are cancelled. **Patrick** said that he has complained to NHS Highland that the group is ineffective. There is no proper communication with the public. The new Chief Executive might improve the situation. **The Lomond Patients**, which is a voluntary group, regularly writes to government ministers and the Chief executives of NHS Highland and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to remind them that services are being watched.

AOCB

Cairniedrourth: **Patrick** said that Cairniedrourth has been sold. He has been told that there is a plan to make it into a re-cycling area. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter.

Litter: **Bob** said that on his walk each day to the paper shop, he always encounters litter on the road and footways. He said there is no litter warden anymore. He asked if there is anything that can be done. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will raise the matter with council officers. **Jo** said that outside the paper shop today there was litter around the overflowing waste bin. **Patrick** said that the bin is usually emptied on a Friday and a Sunday. It has not been emptied this week. **Alasdair MacCuish** said that during the last really windy day, domestic blue bins were being blown over and waste. **Alasdair** thought this may have contributed to the litter problem. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter.

Dog Fouling: **Bob** said that in Drymen, signs were stencilled onto the footway. He suggested that this could be done at hot spots in Cardross. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that irresponsible dog owners should be reported to the Council. **Archie West** said that he had heard of a scheme in England where there were “on the spot” fines for any dog walker NOT carrying poo bags. **Jo** suggested that poo bags should be pink instead of black. If they are hanging on trees and bushes, they would be slightly more attractive.

Burns Supper: **Alasdair MacCuish** said the Burns Supper is in this hall on 1 February 2019.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Geilston Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 18 February 2019.
The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2019

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Patrick Trust welcomed **Constable David Grant (Police Scotland)** and all present. He reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Bobby Beggs, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Bob Murray, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, and 14 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Mike Brown, Councillor Ellen Morton and Barrie Morton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Alasdair MacCuish said that he is the Chairman of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

Patrick Trust said that he is the Secretary of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

There were no other declarations of interest.

POLICE REPORT

Constable David Grant gave the report as follows:-

Date	Location	Crime	Person charged / arrested
14/02/19	Kirkton Road	Assault and Possession of Cannabis	1 male arrested.

There were 17 other incidents reported from 21/01/19 to 15/02/19. There were no questions. **Patrick** thanked **Constable Grant**, who then left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 21 JANUARY 2019

References to **Archie West** in the Minutes should be amended to **Archie Westwood**.

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Brian Craven** and seconded by **Rob Irving**.

MATTERS ARISING

Cycle Track: **Patrick** said that he noticed work being carried out in the park. The work relates to repairs to the Railway culvert and NOT to the cycle track. **Councillor Kinniburgh** pointed out that the work relating to the railway is preventing work being carried out on the cycle track.

Train Stop Skipping: **Patrick** said that he used the trains last week and there were no problems.

- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Patrick** said that the road is getting worse. The flooding is getting bad and the kerbs are bad. There are large tankers using the road and dumping material in Cairniedrouth. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that there is no evidence that any regulations have been infringed.
- Lamp Post at Old Cemetery:** **Brian** said that work was being carried out around the site of the lamp post today. The “stump” of the damaged lamp standard has been removed.
- Beach Litter:** **Bob** said the high tide mark is now over the track at the shore. There is a bundle of litter wrapped up in organic matter. Lifting all of the litter by hand is not possible. It will probably need a machine of some sort to lift the “bundles”. It was suggested that since **Willie Laird** has helped in the past, he may be prepared to help again.
- Cairniedrouth:** **Michael Wilson** said that he was told that only concrete was being dumped. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that there have been no planning applications made in relation to the material being dumped and repeated that there is no evidence that any regulations are being infringed.
- Dog Fouling:** **Patrick** said that dog fouling is a perennial problem.
- Burns Supper:** **Patrick** said the Burns Supper was very successful. **Councillor Kinniburgh** did one of the best versions of Tam O’Shanter that he had heard for some time. **Alasdair MacCuish** said that the next Burns Supper is on 7 February 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said that had been a request from the Information Commissioner’s Office to renew the Registration for Cardross Community Council. **Brain** said that he will organise payment by cheque for the registration fee of £40.00.

PLANNING

Rob said that objectors to Avant Homes planning application, to use Barrs Road as an access to their proposed housing development, had received a letter telling them that Avant are appealing to Scottish Ministers in respect of various decisions made by Argyll and Bute Council. In **Rob’s** view, it appears that Avant are trying to bypass the decisions made by the local Planning Authority. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will check with planning officers to determine the current situation and the basis of Avant’s appeal. **Julie Lang** said that anyone wishing to submit an objection within the next 14 days, will need to know the situation sooner rather than later. **Julie** asked if it could be minuted that The Cardross Development Safe Access Group require some time to find the basis of Avant’s appeal. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will give the information to **Patrick** hopefully, within the next few days. He said that any additional objections, should be sent to the Reporter before the closing date of 28 February 19. **Patrick** said that the Community Council will send a letter of objection and include the results of the survey carried out by the Primary School PTA.

Bob said that he had emailed **Jackie Bailie MSP** to say that local democracy appears to be being ignored in this instance and he asked that the matter be raised in the Scottish Parliament, if at all possible.

Rob said there are two planning applications The first is for alterations and erections of extensions and formation of footbridge at Nether Lyleston. The second is for the erection of two dwelling houses in Peel Street. This last application has been withdrawn.

HEALTH

Patrick said there is nothing new to be said about Health.

AOCB

Road Signs: **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the current programme of street sign replacement in Cardross was completed last Friday.

St. Peter's Seminary: **Bob** said that the seminary has hit the news again. He asked for an assurance from **Argyll and Bute Council** that no more Council money will be put into the project. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that a previous grant promised by the **Council to NVA**, is in the Council's coffers.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Geilston Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 18 March 2019.
The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 18 MARCH 2018

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Mike Crowe welcomed **Sergeant Alan Heron (Police Scotland)** and all present. He reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

Mike Crowe (Acting Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Bobby Beggs, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Bob Murray, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, and 12 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Convener), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Mike Brown, Jo Cameron, Councillor Ellen Morton, and Barrie Morton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Alasdair MacCuish said that he is the Chairman of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**. There were no other declarations of interest.

POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Andrew Barron gave the report as follows:-

Date	Location	Crime	Person charged / arrested
22/02/19	Cardross	House breaking	Investigations continue.
10/03/19	Cardross	Assault	Investigations continue.

There were 20 other incidents from 16/02/19 until 18/03/19.

Mike said that speeding on the A814 is an ongoing problem. He produced a newspaper item indicating that the residents of a village on Loch Awe are going to buy and use hand held speed monitors to register the speed of vehicles driving through the village. Information gathered, will then be passed onto the police. The article said that the local police inspector was interested in the scheme. **Sergeant Barron** said that he would ask if the local police can shed any light on the matter. There were no further questions. **Mike** thanked **Sergeant Barron**, who then left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 18 FEBRUARY 2019

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Bob Murray** and seconded by **Rob Irving**.

MATTERS ARISING

- Cycle Track:** **Mike** said that cycle track work in the park has been put back until Railtrack finish work on the railway culvert close to the park. **Councillor Kinniburgh** confirmed that the budget for the construction of the cycle track in the park has been “ring fenced” for this work. **Rob** asked if there is a completion date for the Railtrack work. **Mike** said that the work was scheduled to last for 6 weeks although no completion date had been given.
- Train Stop Skipping:** **Bob** said that he has not been using the train much recently. However, he understood that skipping has not been a problem.
- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the hole is getting worse. He will pursue the matter with the roads officers responsible. **Bob** said that the verges on the road are being damaged. He asked if it is possible to have signs warning of soft verges. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will ask roads officers if anything can be done.
- Lamp Post at Old Cemetery:** **Mike** said that bollards have been erected on the footway near the site of the damaged lamp post. **Alasdair** asked why the bollards were so far apart. **Councillor Kinniburgh** he will ask roads officers for an answer.
- Beach Clean:** **Bob** suggested **13 April** for the beach clean. **Willie Laird** agreed to have a look at the tangle of weed and litter near the shingle bank and see if there is an easy way of clearing the material.
- Cairniedrouth:** **Mike** said the material being transported up Darleith Road is food waste, which is being spread on the fields. The CEO of ACRE, the company spreading the material, has asked if the community would like him to attend one of their meetings, in order that he can explain what is going on. It was agreed that the Community Council will write to ACRE and accept the CEO’s offer to come to a meeting. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that Council Officers are monitoring the operation and there is no evidence of any regulations being infringed.
- Avant Homes:** **Mike** said that although Avant had cancelled the on site hearing relating to the use of Barrs Road as an access to the proposed housing, the company has appealed to the Scottish Government on the basis of “Non Determination”. **Rob** asked if **Councillor Kinniburgh** could explain how the company is able to appeal when it was the company that requested a three month postponement of the hearing. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he does not know why this has happened. He has asked this question of the Planning Officers, and is awaiting a reply. **Morag Elliot** expressed her concern that not all of the information relating to objections, has been passed on to the Reporter. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said it is his understanding that Argyll and Bute Council will pass all of the objections they receive, onto the Reporter. **Rob** said that he had received a letter this morning saying that a site inspection of the appeal area would be held at 12 noon on 1 April 2019, meeting in the car park of the Geilston Hall. **Morag** said that she had not received a copy of the letter. **Mike** said that it is possible that further letters will be received in the next few days. **Rob** said that the Reporter must have accepted **Avant’s** submission as valid, if a meeting has been arranged. **Mike** suggested that everyone who received a letter has the right to attend the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said there are two pieces of correspondence. The first, from RBS, said that the Community Council Account was in credit to the sum of £906.14 on 25 February 2019. The second was from **Colin Young, Strategic Transportation Delivery Officer for Argyll and Bute**. He asked for the dates of our next two meetings. It is hoped that **WSP**, the designers of the cycle track from Cardross to Dumbarton, will attend one of the meetings and use the opportunity for community engagement.

PLANNING

Rob said that there were 4 applications. The first is a non material amendment to the permission given for the erection of a stable block and conversion of existing barns and two dwelling houses at Asker Farm. The second is for removal of existing sun room and erection of an extension to a dwelling house at 42 Hillside Road. The third is the erection of an agricultural building at Lyleston Farm. The fourth is for the erection of two dwelling houses of Peel Street in the garden of the house called "lanmyo". There are a significant number of objections from local residents and from SEPA on the grounds of inadequate flood risk assessment. The residents raised the issue that Peel Street is a private road. **Rob** asked if the Council has the right to give planning consent under these conditions. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the Council DOES have that right. Mike said that community councillors should consider the plans before a letter of concern is sent.

HEALTH

Mike said that **Patrick** had been at a meeting relating to out of hours additional positions for unscheduled care. Greater Glasgow seemed positive about the idea whereas, NHS Highland have been non committal. A further meeting has been arranged.

AOCB

Xmas Tree Lights:

Mike said that The Council will not be putting up xmas tree lights in Cardross this year. Local communities will be responsible for funding lights if they see fit. **Morag** said that the children enjoy the lights. Members of the community council agreed to discuss the matter further.

Scams:

Bobby said that he had received a number of scams during the last week. One claimed to be from HMRC asking for payment of a tv licence. **Bobby** warned that the community and particularly vulnerable members of our community should be on their guard.

Your Radio:

Bobby said that the radio station had mentioned the problem of speeding in Cardross, on air. They have also mentioned a council meeting relating to the cycletrack.

Dog Walkers:

Bobby said that deadly hemlock had been found in Levensgrove Park. He said that there may be some in Cardross. This can be fatal if ingested by a dog.

Noise from Sawmill:

Rob said the Sawmill claimed that they have put some noise reduction measures in place. Environmental Health will carry out further noise measurements. Local residents have said that there has been some reduction in the noise caused by vehicles reversing and by falling logs. There has been absolutely no change in the noise from the dust extracting equipment or the noise caused by bark stripping. We will await the Environmental Health results.

Signs:

Bob said that the Council were going to carry out a signage review in 2016 to combat the use of unauthorised signage on street furniture etc. **Bob** asked **Councillor Trail** if there was an outcome from the review. **Councillor Trail** said that guidelines had been produced and he will try to find out what happened to them. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he will bring the matter to the attention of officers, however, lack of resources are a problem.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Geilston Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 15 April 2019. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Acting Convener.

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 15 APRIL 2019

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Patrick Trust welcomed **PCs D Armstrong** and **J Jardine (Police Scotland)**, our Councillors and all present. He reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Mike Crowe, Jo Cameron, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, and 17 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Bobby Beggs, Mike Brown and Bob Murray.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Alasdair MacCuish said that he is the Chairman of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

Patrick Trust said that he is the Secretary of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

There were no other declarations of interest.

POLICE REPORT

PC Armstrong said the report covered the period from 16 March until 15 April this year. The total number of incidents was 41. Six have resulted in crime reports being submitted to the procurator fiscal. One of these was for an assault, two for vandalism, two for theft and one for a road traffic offence. The 35 remaining were made up of incidents such as disputes between neighbours and youth disorder at the beach. Local officers have been briefed on the youth disorder problem. As and when officers are available, they will be carrying out local patrols in the area. The police have spoken to youths who came to the beach from Dumbarton and Helensburgh.

A member of the public asked why **Scotrail** were allowing these youngsters onto the trains. **PC Armstrong** said that policing would require officers to be on the train and there is a limited number of Transport Police Officers. Ticket collectors are rightly wary of gangs of youths on the train. However, they will report any incidents occurring on the train. **PC Armstrong** said the police have a youth engagement officer and an intelligence officer who are carrying out further enquiries. Work is ongoing in an attempt to identify the youths involved.

PC Armstrong said that **Inspector Roddy MacNeill** has been seeking assistance from their Camera Partnership with a view to better police the main road through the village. The road meets the Partnership's "minimum collision criteria". The partnership manager is trying to set up a meeting with Argyll and Bute to discuss this and a number of other locations. **Patrick** said that this sounds positive. **Patrick** said that he had been sent a list of "speeding equipment" for the community to buy. The cost of a laser gun item exceeded the amount of money in the Cardross Community Council's bank account. **Rob** asked what use the community could make of such equipment and it was agreed that such use, would have no legal standing. **Patrick** said that **Ken Chapman**, an ex community councillor, had been extremely vocal about the speeding problem. He said that 10 Councils in England got a camera and made £350 million in 3 years. He wanted our Councillors made aware of this fact.

In the meantime, a number of officers are being trained in the use of the new hand held laser speed detection devices. These laser devices are used in place of radar devices and are more effective.

A member of the public said that a friend in Borrowfield had expressed concern that the path from the station to

Borrowfield was being used at 3 o'clock in the morning. **PC Armstrong** said that any concerns should be reported to the police. There were no further questions. **Patrick** thanked the officers, who then left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 18 MARCH 2019

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Alasdair MacCuish** and seconded by **Rob Irving**.

MATTERS ARISING

- Cycle Track:** **Councillor Morton** said that no agreement has yet been reached regarding land purchase between Cardross and Colgrain. The Area Committee recently agreed to consultation on the route for the section from Cardross to Dumbarton. The intention was that officers would then come with recommendations for a Compulsory Purchase Order. More recently, Sustrans, who are part funding the project, have asked for another consultation to be carried out on the route from Cardross to Colgrain. Residents will receive a letter detailing the options for consideration. There will be a meeting in Geilston Hall on Thursday 16 May from 12 noon until 8pm, as part of this consultation. It is hoped that the consultation will be carried out quickly and the matter can be brought to the Council in June for a decision. **Jo** said that she was walking along the cycle path at the station recently when a cyclist passed her at some speed. Due to **Jo's** deafness, she did not hear him approach and got a fright. It was confirmed that the path will be for the use of cyclists, walkers and horses. **Jo** said that she hoped that signs would be erected, indicating those sharing the path. **George Murphy** said that arranging the meeting at such short notice, had not taken account of those who had arranged holidays and who may be excluded from the consultation. **Councillor Ellen Morton** said that the anyone who feels that the consultation dates do not suit, should send their comments to any of the three councillors. They should also give permission for these comments to be passed onto officers.
- Train Stop Skipping:** **Patrick** said that trains seem to have been on time over the last month. He understood that skipping has not been a problem.
- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the hole is getting worse. There is no change. He will pursue the matter with the officers responsible. **Barrie Morton** said that he understood that the hole is in the verge and is therefore in an area that has not been adopted by the Council.
- Beach Clean:** **Patrick** said that the beach clean had been very successful. He thanked **Bob** for organising the posters and the beach clean. There were at least 40 people attending. **Rob** said that it was the best turnout he had seen over a number of years attending these events. **Patrick** said that it was distressing to see the amount of broken glass up by the willow tree, west of the sawmill.
- Cairniedrouth:** **Patrick** said that nothing has been raised recently. He said that he will ask the **CEO of ACRE** if he can attend the Meeting in August and explain to the community what waste is being spread.
- Avant Homes:** **Patrick** asked how the **Reporter's** visit had gone. **Duncan** said that he and **Bob** had accompanied the **Reporter** on his walk around the streets affected by **AVANT's** proposals. **Duncan** said that the **Reporter** claimed to have acquired a copy of all of the objections and information from **Argyll and Bute Council**. He followed a route that took in all of the streets affected by all of the options proposed by AVANT. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the determination date is 9 May. **John Major** said that one of the residents of Barrs Road had written to the Reporter saying that a large number of the cars parked in Barrs Road at the time of his site inspection, were not those of residents of Barrs Road.
- Xmas Tree Lights:** **Patrick** said we have got to decide if we wish to pay someone to plug in the lights. **Councillor Morton** said that the Council have allocated a sum of money to help communities who have historically had a tree with lights. This money will not be available after this year. The community will be responsible for all of the costs involved. This will include connecting and disconnecting the lights. Maintaining them. Replacing them when necessary and

paying for public indemnity insurance on an annual basis. **Councillor Morton** said that many people underestimate what is involved in providing xmas lights.

Dog Walkers: **Patrick** said that he walked his dog in Levensgrove Park today and had no problems with hemlock.

Noise from Sawmill: **Councillor Morton** said that she spoke to the Environmental Health Officer today. The Saw Mill has taken a number of actions to deal with noise. Some residents have said that there things have improved, other still have significant issues. Officers intend to carry out further noise appraisals. They will then advise residents of what the Council will then do.
Rob said that he had been in contact with the Environmental Officer to say that the sawmill has been operating well below capacity in recent weeks. The bark stripper has not been in action in the last ten days. The sawmill has been closing down well before 6.00 pm. **Rob** said that this may be related to the Easter break. It is to be hoped that any noise monitoring will be carried out when normal sawmill activities are being carried out.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said that **Jo** had written to **Jackie Bailie MSP** about the speeding in Cardross. **Jackie** had written to **Argyll and Bute** on the matter. She replied to **Jo** and included a copy of the letter from **Argyll and Bute** saying that the Council are unable to progress the request for a speed survey on Main Road, Cardross, due to the loss of staff. Once a new officer is in place, a programme will be developed, to work through the backlog of requests. **Jackie** said that she will contact the Council in a few months, to see if they are any further forward with the survey.

PLANNING

Rob said that there were 2 applications. The first is from Home Farm at Ardmore for alterations and extension of existing outbuildings to form a residential annexe. The second is from Cardross Parish Church Hall to lop two lime trees and one oak tree which are overhanging a property in Borrowfield. They will be reduced by 25%.

HEALTH

Patrick said there have been two meetings organised by **Jackie Bailie MSP** and **Hospital Watch**. One was in Dumbarton last Tuesday and the other in Helensburgh on Thursday. A few hundred attendees at Dumbarton were upset that there was no one from the Health Board, at the meeting. Representatives from **Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board**, did turn up at the Helensburgh meeting. It was quite a useful meeting. At the moment, there seems to be little risk of more services being taken from the Vale. It was made very clear to the Board that the lack of GPs out of hours services between 6pm and 11pm is unacceptable. Various suggestions were put forward for consideration by the Board. **Patrick** said that he is concerned about **Highland Health Board**. They have offered a course in Inverness in a couple of weeks. It is to help lay people know when individuals may be suffering from mental health problems.

AOCB

Brian Watts said that the footway at Craighend Road is impassable for someone with a buggy or a wheelchair. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said the matter is on a "to do" list but a lack of resources means that it is taking longer to deal with such issues. He said that he will raise the matter again.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held in the Geilston Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 20 May 2019. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 20 May 2019

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Mike Crowe welcomed **Constable David Armstrong (Police Scotland)**, **Paul Marley (WSP)** and all present. He reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

Mike Crowe (Acting Convener), Jo Cameron, Bobby Beggs, Alasdair MacCuish, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail and 13 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Mike Brown, Rob Irving, Bob Murray, Councillor Ellen Morton, and Barrie Morton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Alasdair MacCuish said that he is the Chairman of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**. There were no other declarations of interest.

POLICE REPORT

Constable Armstrong said there have been a number of attempted break-ins in the area and people should be on their guard. If anyone sees anything suspicious they should phone the police on 101 or in an emergency, 999. In relation to the recent youth disorder, British Transport Police have been made aware of the problem.

They will carry out extra patrols, manpower permitting. **Ann Cairn** said that some youths were on the beach on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. She suggested that if the police waited at the train station they would encounter youths leaving the train drunk. They could then send the youths back to where they came from.

Constable Marley said that he will pass these comments onto his Inspector. **Liz Markey** said that there are people partying at the Ferry Road end of the beach. Bottles have been broken on the adjacent road.

Morag Armstrong said vehicles are continuing to speed through the village. **Constable Armstrong** said that there has been some equipment monitoring vehicle speeds within the village.

Archie Carmichael asked what is the criteria for having speed cameras within the village. **Constable Armstrong** said that the decision to erect permanent speed cameras in the village must be made by **Argyll and Bute Council**.

Alasdair MacCuish asked who decides where hand held speed devices are deployed. **Constable Armstrong** said positioning is based on local knowledge. Positioning requires clear line of site and to be safe.

Mike thanked **Constable Armstrong** for his report and the constable left the meeting.

CYCLE TRACK

Paul Marley from **WSP**, the design engineers for the Cardross to Dumbarton section, said that they had distributed 1140 leaflets locally. So far, they have had 120 responses, together with 77 online replies.

The consultation phase closes on 27 May. 109 people attended the display held in the hall last Thursday. This showed plans of the alternative route proposals for the cycle track.

The next step will be the selection of a preferred route. The preferred route for the Cardross to Helensburgh

section will also be selected. Both routes will then be submitted to a Council Committee, about the end of June. **Lawrie Wilson** said that his property is adjacent to one of the proposed routes. He had asked **Mr. Marley** how you would get a wheelchair up a twenty foot cliff. **Mr. Marley** said that he was unaware that wheelchair users would be using the track. **Lawrie** said that he understood that the track could be used by anyone and was concerned that **Mr. Marley** is unaware of this. **Lawrie** said that one of the proposed routes comes within 7m of his house yet there are no details of any protection that may be offered. He is concerned that the rampaging youths on the shore are being provided with an excellent route to walk from Dumbarton.

Paul said that the consultation aims to provide a route selection and a profile of users. Details such as fencing, screening or dealing with gradients will take place after the route has been selected. **Lawrie** said that WSP staff claimed that they had not been shown the original Argyll and Bute proposals and he is rather suspicious of this. **Paul** said that his company was given a "clean slate" because things have changed since these proposals were first drawn up.

Judie Wilson said that the plans put out by WSP are to allow people to make a choice but there is no detailed planning relating to costs. **Paul** said that the purpose of the consultation is to find the route preferred by the majority of users. Engineering problems will be identified and included in the submissions to the Council Committee. **Ken Leishman** said that the gradient of the proposed route passing his house, is not shown on the drawings. **Paul** said he would arrange for any necessary amendments to be made. **Julian Gibson** said the Information contained in the survey is fundamentally flawed. It does not show that the route passes through private land. **George Murphy** said that he is concerned that the preferred route chosen by anonymous people, will be given priority over private ownership. **Paul** explained that **WSP's** brief is to identify a preferred route. Land acquisition is a Council responsibility. **Alasdair MacCuish** asked if there is an existing cycle path going down Ferry Road. **Councillor David Kinniburgh** said that there is. **Alasdair MacCuish** asked if Ferry Road has been adopted by the Council. He was told that the road has been adopted. **Judy Wilson** asked if the Community Council will express a view on the cycle path.

Mike said that he will discuss the matter with community council members and come back to the community with an answer. **George Murphy** said that the last time this came up was 2001. He said that the reason the Council chose to have the track on roads was because no planning permission was required. He said this remains a determining factor for the route of the cycle track.

Mike thanked **Paul** for attending the meeting and **Paul** then left.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 15 April 2019

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Alasdair MacCuish** and seconded by **Jo Cameron**.

MATTERS ARISING

Cycle Track: **George Murphy** said that in the minutes of 15 April 2019, the first paragraph and third sentence indicated that the process is going to be marched through. **Mike** said that he will discuss the matter with community council members and come back to the community with an answer.

Hole in Darleith Road: **Councillor Kinniburgh** said officers are going through a backlog of repairs. He said he will keep us informed.

Avant Homes: The date of the Reporters decision has been moved to the end of May. However, that could change.

Noise from Sawmill: No update was available.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was a copy of the Clyde Regional Marine Plan. Feedback was requested from the Community Council.

PLANNING

There were 5 applications. The first is from the Manor House at Ardoch for alterations to reduce the height of a boundary wall. The second is from 63 Barrs Road for erection of an extension to a dwelling house. The third is from Asker Farm for non material amendment to the planning permission, erection of a livery stable block, conversion of existing barns to form 3 dwelling houses, installation of a sewage plant and associated works, addition of a storm porch and patio and addition of two recessed conservation style roofing lights. The fourth is for Ardardan Farm for non material amendment to the planning permission, formation of vehicle access and extension of existing facilities to create a family farm park. The fifth is as the fourth with addition of “ revised design with indoor play building.”

HEALTH

There was no report on health.

AOCB**Pedestrian Crossing near P.O.:**

A **member of the public** said that one of the lamps is out. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will report the matter to Roads.

Speeding:

Julian Gibson asked if any consideration has been given to putting speed bumps on the road carriageway within the village. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that rumble strips had been tried. They were removed because people did not like them. A new roads officer has been appointed by the Council and this could be something he could look at.

Cardross By-pass:

Alasdair said that a by-pass would solve the speeding problem in the village. He asked why it was cancelled. No one present knew.

Wall at Cala Houses:

Marian Adams said that there is a hole in the wall and loose stones on the footway. A **member of the public** said that someone had run into the wall in their car. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the person causing the damage is responsible for paying for the repair.

Footway Repairs:

Marian said that the repairs to the footway in Barrs Road have been done to a very poor standard. She has tripped on the footway a couple of times. She asked if the work is inspected after completion. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he will raise the issue with Roads.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held in the Geilston Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 17 June 2019. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Acting Convener.

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2019

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Patrick Trust welcomed **Police Constables Bidulph and O'Donnel (Police Scotland)** and all present. **Patrick** said that, very sadly, **Grace George** had died this weekend. **Grace** was a regular attendee at the Community Council meetings and always sat at the back of the hall. **Grace** interjected when required and was always very interested on the activities of the community. Her support for the Community Council was very clear and very welcome. **Patrick** reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Jo Cameron, Alasdair MacCuish, Bob Murray, Rob Irving, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail and 14 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Mike Crowe, Bobby Beggs, Mike Brown, Councillor Ellen Morton, and Barrie Morton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Alasdair MacCuish said that he is the Chairman of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**. **Patrick** said that he is a community member of the the **Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership**. There were no other declarations of interest.

POLICE REPORT

Constable O'Donnel said that from 18 July until 19 August there had been 30 incidents reported. These related to public nuisance calls, mainly youths, noise complaints, house alarms and assisting members of the public. There were 2 crime reports raised. One was for a breach of the peace at Cardross Railway station. This related to a stand up fight. Enquiries are still ongoing. The second was for careless driving near the Crematorium. One male was charged. **Patrick** said that he has certainly noticed a lot of police presence in the village. He had the Impression that speeding into the village from Helensburgh, has been reduced. **Constable O'Donnel** said that drivers had been stopped and warned in the village, but no tickets had been issued. **Julie Lang** said that cars have been "racing" on Darlieth Road. They have been going round the Red Road at high speed. **Constable O'Donnel** said that if it could be reported when it is happening, it may be possible for any nearby officers to attend. **Marion Adams** said that cars are speeding on Muirend Road. **Marion** said that she and her husband were driving through the village last week, at 30mph. A car overtook them on Main road. **Marion** said the pedestrian lights near the P.O. are not working. **Councillor David Kinniburgh** said he will take the matter up with the "Roads" officers. He said that he was recently overtaken in the village by a British Gas van. **Alasdair MacCuish** asked if all officers had been trained in the use of the new laser "speed guns". **Constable O'Donnel** said that all of the shifts of which he is aware, have been trained. **Jo Cameron** asked who is responsible for installing equipment on the road, in order to physically slow vehicles down. **Constable O'Donnel** said that this would be a matter for the Council. **Patrick** thanked **Constables Bidulph and O'Donnel** for the police report and the constables left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 20 MAY 2019

“Liz Markey” was amended to “Liz Murphy”

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Alasdair MacCuish** and seconded by **Bob Murray**.

MATTERS ARISING

Cycle Track: **Patrick** said that he was alarmed to find that there are now six possible routes for the cycle track between Cardross and Dumbarton and we still do not have the route to Helensburgh sorted. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the **most recent** community consultation, had resulted in a Cardross to Helensburgh route which follows the line of the railway. **Councillor Trail** said that the section of track from the railway station in Cardross to the Geilston Burn, stopping at the burn, is programmed to be constructed in this financial year. The track will stop at the burn. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the Council will now have to prepare new plans and acquire land for the new route, following the line of the railway. **Bob Murray** said that most people were mystified that a route, previously agreed after community consultation, has now been abandoned. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that **Sustrans**, who are contributing some of the funding, had asked for another public consultation. **Bob** said that the expense of these consultations, has produced little, so far. **Patrick** said that while there is much disappointment with the situation, we are hopeful of a result this time.

Hole in Darleith Road: **Julie Lang** said that the hole is now filling up with water. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the farmer is dealing with the drainage of the adjacent field. Once this has been sorted, the Council will then be in a position to repair the hole.

Avant Homes: **Patrick** said that he understood the Reporter’s decision upheld the view of **Argyll and Bute Council**. **Councillor Kinniburgh** confirmed that this is the case. Limits have been put in place on the use of Barrs Road. Darleith Road has to be brought up to current access road standards. Planning permission for housing in the field remains in place for three years from the time of the Reporter’s decision.

CORRESPONDENCE

Patrick said that he had one email from **Kirsty Moyes** on behalf of the **Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership** asking the community to take part in a survey for an Action Plan for this area.

PLANNING

Rob said there were only 3 applications over the summer. One relates to the trimming and crowning of various trees in Braid Avenue. The second relates to the siting of the new water treatment plant at Asker Farm and the third is for the installation of an external modular access ramp at Kirkton Crescent. None were contentious.

HEALTH

Patrick said that, this morning, he attended a meeting of the **Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Locality Planning Group**. The group is looking for the health and social care requirements in this area. **Patrick** said that **Jean’s Bothy**, near the Helensburgh Fire Station on South Kings Street, is a useful addition to our area. It is an excellent discussion venue for those suffering from mental health issues. **Patrick** told the meeting that our area requires social work and health services that can respond to crises. **Patrick** asked that anyone with suggestions on improving these services, should contact him. These suggestions will be put forward at the next **Partnership** meeting. **Patrick** told the Partnership meeting that Health and Social Work can only be improved, if the required amount of funding is in place.

AOCB

CCC Finances: **Brian** said that the application for the community council's annual grant has been submitted to **Argyll and Bute Council**. The items of expenditure were:-

Beach Cleaning Posters - £19.95
 AGM Expenses - £32.83
 Poppy Wreath - £35.00
 500 Newsletters - £118.50

Brian said that there is approximately £675.00 remaining in the Community Council bank account. **Brian** also thanked **Nancy Gray** for all of work she has done in previous years, by organising the poppy wreaths for the remembrance day services.

AGM Geilston Hall: **Patrick** said that the Annual General Meeting of this hall, which is owned by the people of Cardross, is this coming Wednesday at 8.00 pm.

Telephone Box: **BT** have asked what the community wants done with the telephone box at Scott Gardens. **BT** will remove the box if there are no alternative proposals from the community,

Beach Clean: **Bob** suggested a beach clean should be undertaken in October. No date has yet been fixed.

Darlieth Rd. Gas Main: **Bob** asked if the gas main in Darlieth Road is being renewed. **Julie Lang** said that she understood that the existing main is being re-lined.

Drumhead: **Bob** said that there is a proposal to upgrade the "right of way" footpath round the perimeter of the field.

Local Plan: **Julie Lang** asked when the new plan will be available for public consultation. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the time line has slipped, but the plan will be available after approval by the Council. It is hoped the plan will be available by the end of this year.

Cycle way: **Liz Murphy** said that the cycle way between Bainfield and the level crossing is overgrown. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he will take the matter up with Council Officers.

Cala Footway: **Patrick** said that part of the wall bounding the Cala houses at the A814, is overgrown with ivy. The ivy is covering parts of the pavement.

Footway: **Patrick** said that trees are overhanging the footway between Shira Lodge and the old church. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he will take the matter up with Council Officers.

Homes for Heroes: **Jo** said that she understood that the "Homes for Heroes" charity have abandoned the idea of building house in the land for which the Chrystal Trust have now obtained planning permission to build two houses.

Hedges: **Alasdair MacCuish** asked who is responsible for maintaining hedges overhanging public roads. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the land owner is responsible. In extreme cases, the Council can trim a tree or hedge and reclaim the cost from the landowner. However, this is an expensive process for the Council to pursue.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held in the Geilston Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 16 September 2019. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Patrick Trust welcomed **Police Constable Amy McGill (Police Scotland)**, **Mrs. Kelly Girling (Head Teacher of Cardross Primary School)** and all present. **Patrick** reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Bobby Beggs, Jo Cameron, Alasdair MacCuish, Bob Murray, Rob Irving, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail and 5 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Mike Crowe, Mike Brown, Councillor Ellen Morton, and Michael Wilson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Alasdair MacCuish said that he is the Chairman of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**. **Patrick** said that he is a community member of the the **Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership**. There were no other declarations of interest.

POLICE REPORT

Constable McGill said that from 20 August until 15 September there had been 39 incidents reported. These related to public nuisance, traffic accidents and assisting members of the public. On 24 August there was a report of vandalism at Cardross Golf Club. Enquiries are still ongoing. On 28 August there was a "theft by shop lifting" on Main Road. A female has been charged. On 30 August there was a report of vandalism of a motor vehicle. Enquiries are still ongoing. On 30 September there was an attempted theft from a motor vehicle on Kirkton Crescent. Enquiries are still ongoing. On 30 September there was a "theft by shop lifting" on Main Road. Two people have been charged. **Patrick** said that the police continue to monitor speeding in the village. **Barrie** asked if the 40 mph limit signs at Ardoch are legal. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the question has been asked before. On checking with roads officers, he was told that the signs ARE legal. As there were no further questions, **Patrick** thanked **Constable McGill** for the police report and she left the meeting.

SCHOOL REPORT

Mrs. Girling said that she has worked at the school as a class teacher for 13 years. She was appointed Head Teacher last year, which was the 60th anniversary of the school. It was a busy and successful year for the school. The school teams came second in the Christian Aid Netball and Football competitions. There were three firsts at the local schools Community Athletic Competition. There were children representing the school at the recent Glasgow Cross Country Competition. Four children were nominated as coaches in the recent Live Argyll Sports Awards. The school received a grant from Argyll and Bute for a new football pitch. Cardross School put on the first girls intersport football competition, which proved to be very successful.

The School achieved its' fourth "eco green flag award" for carrying out litter picking, looking after the bio diversity in the local area and recycling. There is a bin in the school for recycling textiles which can be used by the community during school time. The school did well in the local Rotary Competition, the Burns Competition, the Young Writers Competition and a Photography Competition.

Academically, the school is achieving above National Average.

Argyll and Bute has opened a new early learning centre in the school. 32 children are registered here.

The school role is 163 in Primaries 1 to 7. The school can accommodate 267 pupils.

Mrs. Girling said that there are placement requests to attend the school from Dumbarton, Craighendran and Helensburgh. **Patrick** asked if music is being taught. **Mrs. Girling** said the school has a peripatetic brass tutor, violin tutor and flute tutor. Class teachers still teach music within class.

Bob asked if the children could be encouraged to join the beach clean which is carried out twice a year.

Mrs. Girling agreed with the suggestion and gave **Bob** a contact address for the school.

Patrick said that the telephone box is up for grabs and asked if the school would be interested. **Mrs. Girling** asked if the box could be used as a book hub where books are left to be swapped. **Patrick** agreed that this could be done. **Jo** asked if the children could be warned about cycling on the pavement and showing consideration to the hard of hearing and the elderly. **Mrs. Girling** said that the school does cycle training and she will raise these concerns.

As there were no further questions, **Patrick** thanked **Mrs. Girling** for her report and she left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 20 MAY 2019

Page 1, Line 2, change "George" to "McGeorge".

Page 3, Line 22, change "Bainfield and the level crossing" to "East of Bainfield".

Page 3, Line 29, omit "now obtained".

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Rob Irving** and seconded by **Brian Craven**.

MATTERS ARISING

Cycle Track: **Patrick** said that the subject is coming up at the Council Meeting on Thursday. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the Council are to apply to **Sustrans** for funding. This is to allow design work to be carried out on the new alignment of the Cardross to Helensburgh section. **Councillor Trail** said that the track is programmed for completion by 2023.

Avant Homes: **Patrick** said that there is no further information on Avant's proposals. **Councillor Kinniburgh** confirmed that planning permission is for a period of 3 years from date of the Reporter's decision.

Hole in Darleith Road: **Patrick** said that work continues on the gas main in Darleith Road. The farmer is dealing with the drainage of the adjacent field. Once this has been completed, the Council will then be in a position to repair the hole.

CCC Finances: **Brian** said that the annual grant of **£702.40** was received in August.

Telephone Box: The box will need to be taken over by the Community Council on behalf of the school. The school will maintain the inside of the box and look after the books. If after a year it is found that the enterprise is not working, **BT** will remove the box. It was unanimously agreed that the Community Council should take over the responsibility of the phone box.

Beach Clean: It was agreed that the beach clean should be undertaken on 19 October 2019.

Hedges and Walls: **Jo** said that the owners of walls adjacent to public roads, should clean the walls of weeds. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that legally, owners are responsible for any such work.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said there no correspondence of importance this month.

PLANNING

Rob said there were no applications this month.

HEALTH

Patrick said that the **Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Locality Planning Group** is starting its' public discussions. The next meeting is on Wednesday.

Patrick said that there has been a positive meeting of consultants, some GPs and Health Service Staff on how "Out Of Hours" might be run in the future. **Patrick** has been pushing the Health Board to look at what is happening at the Vale. The GPs, mainly from Helensburgh, but also from Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven, are supporting the "Out Of Hours" service. It has never shut overnight at the Vale. It is quite often shut in the evenings. It is interesting that the Health Board have started to discuss how it might run the "Out Of Hours".

Patrick said that he is slightly optimistic that there might be a better service in the future, thanks mainly to the Helensburgh GPs.

AOCB

Speed Checks: **Patrick** said that people should be aware that the police are conducting many more speed checks on Main Road.

Remembrance Day Service: **Patrick** said that arrangements have been made for wreaths. **Tony Davey** is organising the event in Cardross.

Weeds on Public Roads: **Jo** said that many public footways and roads are untidy due to the presence of weeds. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that staff will carry out weeding when resources allow.

Travelling People: **Duncan** said that he was asked by a member of the community to bring up the matter of the travelling people who have taken up residence near the station. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the people have been contacted by Council Officers who are keeping an eye on the situation. It is understood that the group intend to leave within a fortnight.

House at Lea Brae: **Alasdair** asked if the wall of the house at the bottom of the brae on the railway side, had been reduced in height to improve sightlines at the access with the road. It was generally agreed that this was in fact, the case.

Ardmore Point: **Rosemary Wilson** asked if anyone had thought of putting a seat on the path, giving a view over the water. **Patrick** said that there was a table and bench at the point. Unfortunately, it was used by campers to keep their fires alight.

Darlieth Road: **Rosemary Wilson** asked if a large ash tree log at the side of the road, can be removed, because it is dangerous. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he will look into the matter.

Removal of Trees: **Marion Adams** said that a tree had been cut down at the access to the Cala Houses. **Marion** asked if permission was necessary. **Patrick** said that planning permission is necessary.

Geilston Hall Roof: **Marion** asked if there were any sources of finance, from within Cardross, to fund repairs to the Geilston Hall roof. **Patrick** said that he had contacted the **Cardross Trust** and been told that no money was available.

Cardross Park Bench: **Patrick** said that Ronnie Kinloch's memorial bench is in need of refurbishment. He asked if Community Council members would agree to halving refurbishment costs with the **Cardross Trust**. It was agreed by members present that **Patrick** should contact the **Trust** with this proposal.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Geilston Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 18 November 2019. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2019

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Patrick Trust welcomed all present. **Patrick** reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Mike Crowe, Alasdair MacCuish, Bob Murray, Rob Irving, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail and 10 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Bobby Beggs, Jo Cameron, Mike Brown, Councillor Ellen Morton, and Michael Wilson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Alasdair MacCuish said that he is the Chairman of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**. **Patrick** said that he is a community member of the the **Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership**. There were no other declarations of interest.

POLICE REPORT

There were no police officers present and so **Patrick** gave the report as follows:-

Date	Location	Crime	Person charged / arrested
16/09/19	Cardross Co-op	Shop lifting	1 male cautioned and charged.
12/10/19	Cardross A814	Failure to provide sample	1 male reported to Fiscal.

There were 36 incidents reported from 16/09/19 until 20/10/19.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 20 MAY 2019

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Rob Irving** and seconded by **Brian Craven**.

MATTERS ARISING

Primary School: **Patrick** said that the school children are recycling empty crisp packets. The children are making litter one of their specialities this year. They would appreciate any crisp packets being taken to the school. **Patrick** was asked by a primary 6 pupil, if it would be possible to have recycling facilities next to the litter bins. **Patrick** asked if recycling bins could be put in the park at Church Avenue and the park next to the school. **Councillor Trail** said that collection of these bins might be a bit tricky. **Patrick** said that it might be possible to get volunteers to take the bins to the

roadside. **Councillor Trail** agreed to look into the possibility of this proposal.

Telephone Box: **Patrick** said that the school are very keen to use the box as a “reading hut” for the village. The box will remain in its present location and will be run by the school. The box must be “taken over” by the Community Council, to then be used by the school. **Patrick** agreed to contact Argyll and Bute Council to confirm who would be responsible for providing Public Liability Insurance. **Ken Redman** said that he hoped this proposal will not affect the library.

Cycle Track: **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the matter was discussed at the last Area committee meeting.

Avant Homes: **Patrick** said that there is no further information on Avant’s proposals.

Hole in Darleith Road: **Patrick** said that work continues on lining the gas main in Darleith Road.

Beach Clean: **Bob** said that about 30 people turned up for the beach clean last Saturday morning. A large amount of debris was collected. **Bob** said one of the disappointing aspects is the state of the access road to Seabank Cottage. He said that the area around the house is a midden. The material being used to form the road contains scrap metal and other unsuitable material. He asked if planning conditions permitted this. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will bring the problem to the attention of planning officers. **Rob** said that people had spent some time clearing broken glass and debris from the area around the willow tree. This afternoon, he noticed that the area is again covered in broken glass and debris. Whoever is using the area as a drinking den, seems to have a policy of smashing empty bottles around the willow tree. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will ask if there is any action that can be taken by council officers. **Patrick** said that he will ask **Inspector Roddy McNeil** of Police Scotland if he can offer any assistance.

Weeds on Public Roads: **Barrie Morton** said that he had seen a man spraying weeds on the kerbline on Kirkton Road. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that this will be done, as and when resources become available.

Remembrance Day Service: **Tony Davey** said that matters are in hand and notices have been posted round the village. The act of commemoration will be carried out by the Rev. Maggie McArthur. Incorporated within this act are all civilians who have died due to acts of terrorism.

Darlieith Road: The large fallen tree at the side of the road has been moved to a safe position.

Cardross Park Bench: **Patrick** said that he has contacted the **Cardross Trust**. The Trust have accepted complete responsibility for refurbishing the bench.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said there two pieces of correspondence. The first came from the Scottish Parliament offering grants from £50 to £250 to volunteer groups involved in environmental activities in Scotland’s green spaces. The second was from the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust offering to act as lenders of last resort in relation to self build finance. **Duncan** said that anyone interested should see him at the end of the meeting, to obtain contact details.

PLANNING

Rob said there were a number of applications this month.

1. Felling of an oak tree at Fernie Gardens.
2. Felling of 3 holly trees and hedge and the lopping of a Canadian Maple tree at an address in Borrowfield.
3. Lopping of 2 sycamore trees at an address on Main Road.
4. Demolition of a conservatory and alterations to a dwelling house in Barrs Road.
5. Alterations and formation of a deck area in Darlieith Road.

6. Erection of a garage at an address in Main Road.
7. Erection of decking at an address on Main Road.

The Community Council made no comment on any of the applications.

HEALTH

Patrick said that the **Dumbarton Health and Social Care Partnership** had a public meeting recently. **Helensburgh and Lomond Health and Social Care Partnership** have not yet organised a public meeting. They have agreed to take part in a meeting on 11 January 2020 at a health and well being event in the parish church in Helensburgh. **Jonathan Best** is coming to speak to the **Lomond Patients Group** at the Vale Hospital, at the beginning of November. It is hoped that he will discuss the overnight service being offered at the Vale.

AOCB

- Co-op:** **Mike** said there were two boys sitting on the Co-op wall drinking, two weeks ago. A police van pulled up and an officer took the bottles of beer from the youngsters. The beer was then poured down the road drain. When the van left, the youngsters went into their bags, took out two bottles and continued drinking. **Patrick** said that he will pass this on to **Inspector Roddy McNeil** of Police Scotland.
- Co-op Car Park:** **Julie Lang** said that the car park is being used as a through road to Barrs Road. **Patrick** said that, as far as he knows, nothing can be done to prevent this. **Rob** said that he saw two cars coming out onto A814 from the car park.
- War Memorial Bench:** **Tony Davey** said that the bench at the memorial is in need of refurbishment. The **Cardoss Trust** sponsored this bench. **Tony** said that he will contact the Trust with a view to refurbishment.
- Hole in the Wall at Shira Lodge:** **Bob** expressed his concern that a considerable length of the wall adjacent to A814 has been demolished and there is no activity on the site. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that work must begin within three years of a successful planning application. Otherwise, a new application must be submitted. It seems that the applicant has started work near the end of the three year period. **Eric Duncan** asked if the work must be completed within a certain time. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that there is no requirement to complete work by a certain time. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that work must be carried out in accordance with the planning application. He said that he will raise the matter with council officers.
- Murray's Crossing:** **Rob** said that **Network Rail** have left the area around the crossing in an untidy state after recently carrying out work there. The adjacent area has been used as a coup. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will raise the matter with council officers.
- Urban Creep:** **Marion Adams** said that where gardens adjacent to roads are converted to hard standing, this contributes to Urban Creep. By reducing the area available to absorb rain water, flooding is increased. **Marion** pointed out that any new housing being built at the top of Barrs Road will increase flooding problems. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that any new build projects SHOULD take flood risks into account. **Bob** said that excessive monoblocking should be restricted through the planning laws. **Julie Lang** suggested that more environmentally friendly material could be used when forming parking surfaces.
- Flood Risk Management Plan:** **Duncan** asked if Argyll and Bute had a Flood Risk Management Plan for Cardross. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will raise the matter with council officers.
- Blocked Gullies:** **Patrick** asked if there is a mechanism for reporting blocked gullies. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that faults should be recorded on the Council web site.

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ON MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2019

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Mike Crowe welcomed **Constables Maddock and McCrae (Police Scotland)** and all present. He reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

Mike Crowe (Acting Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Bobby Beggs, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Councillor Richard Trail and 6 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Convener), Jo Cameron, Mike Brown, Bob Murray, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Ellen Morton, and Barrie Morton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Alasdair MacCuish said that he is the Chairman of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

POLICE REPORT

PC Maddock gave his report as follows:-

Date	Location	Crime	Person charged / arrested
09/11/19	Cardross A814	Dangerous Driving	1 male reported to fiscal.
13/11/19	Aredoch A814	Dangerous Driving	1 male reported to fiscal.

There were 32 incidents reported from 21/10/19 until 13/11/19. The incidents included traffic issues, traffic light issues, noise incidents, concern for persons, domestic incident, sudden death, alarms and fire.

Mike said that speeding within Cardross is still a problem. **Constable Maddock** said that unfortunately, speeding is an ongoing problem in surrounding towns and villages. **Duncan** asked if Cardross is a "hotspot" for fatalities or serious accidents. **Constable Maddock** said that, to his knowledge, Cardross is no worse nor better than the surrounding towns and villages. **Rob** said that when driving from Cardross to Crief recently, he drove through a number of villages that had employed different methods, in an attempt to deal with speeding. Some used 40mph signs before the 30mph signs. Others used chicanes to slow down traffic within the village. **Rob** said that while these local authorities had attempted to deal with speeding, Argyll and Bute has done nothing to deal with the problem in Cardross.

As there were no further questions, **Mike** thanked the constables for the police report and they left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 21 OCTOBER 2019

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Rob Irving** and seconded by **Brian Craven**.

MATTERS ARISING

Primary School: **Councillor Trail** said that if a blue bin is taken from the school to the roadside on the appropriate collection day, it will be picked up.

Hole in Darleith Road: **Duncan** said that work continues on lining the gas main in Darleith Road.

Remembrance Day Service: **Mike** said there was a good turnout and proposed a vote of thanks to **Tony Davey** for his efforts in organising the event.

Hole in the Wall at Shira Lodge: **Bob** expressed his concern that a considerable length of the wall adjacent to A814 has been at demolished and there is no activity on the site. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that work must begin within three years of a successful planning application. Otherwise, a new application must be submitted. It seems that the applicant has started work near the end of the three year period. **Eric Duncan** asked if the work must be completed within a certain time. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that there is no requirement to complete work by a certain time. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that work must be carried out in accordance with the planning application. He said that he will raise the matter with council officers. **Councillor Kinniburgh tendered apologies for the meeting tonight. The matter will be raised at the meeting on 20 January 2020.**

Murray's Crossing: **Rob** said that **Network Rail** have left the area around the crossing in an untidy state after recently carrying out work there. The adjacent area has been used as a coup. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will raise the matter with council officers. **Councillor Kinniburgh tendered apologies for the meeting tonight. The matter will be raised at the meeting on 20 January 2020.**

Flood Risk Management Plan: **Duncan** asked if Argyll and Bute had a Flood Risk Management Plan for Cardross. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will raise the matter with council officers. **Councillor Kinniburgh tendered apologies for the meeting tonight. The matter will be raised at the meeting on 20 January 2020.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said there was a letter from Happy, Healthy Helensburgh and Lomond. There is an event on 11 January 2020 from Noon until 3pm in Helensburgh Parish Church. All are welcome.

PLANNING

Rob said there were no applications this month.

HEALTH

Mike said that **Patrick** had given him some information on Health. **The Lomond Patients Group** had a good meeting with **Jonathan Best (NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde)** and **Margaret O'Rourke (Head of Services - Vale of Leven Hospital)**. They had a useful discussion on GP out of hours and are hopeful of some improvements. They had a long discussion on services at the front door of the hospital, out of hours.

AOCB

Liz Murphy said that the drain at the bus stop near Burnhill's garage, on the Dumbarton bound carriageway, is often blocked. **Councilor Trail** said that he would raise the matter with council officers.

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