ZOOM CONFRENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 18 JANUARY 2021

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Patrick Trust welcomed all present. He reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed. Patrick offered the Meetings congratulations to Councillor David Kinniburgh on his election to the role of Provost for Argyll and Bute.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Jo Cameron, Bobby Beggs, Mike Brown 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 Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. There were no other declarations of interest.

SCHOOL REPORT

Kelly Girling (Head Teacher) gave the report as follows:-

The school is open as a school hub for Cardross Primary and ELC pupils who are classed as key worker or vulnerable children. We have 30% of our school role registered for a place in the school hub and have on average 35 children in a day and they are in four bubble groups. In the ELC we have 4 registered for a place. The school hub is being staffed by Cardross Primary staff both teaching and support staff on a rota.

We have loaned out 7 Chromebooks to ensure children are able to access remote learning and that no child is disadvantaged. We have also arranged routers for families who need increased data.

Registration for the 2021/2022 P1 intake begins on Monday 18th January and due to CoVid 19 this year is being carried out online by the Argyll and Bute Early Years Team. There is information on the school website, Argyll and Bute website as well as in local media.

Registration for 2021/2022 ELC places begins on Monday 25th January and again will take place online by the Argyll and Bute Early Years Team.

This time of year in school we are normally busy with our preparations for our Burns competitions and Scottish celebration week. All pupils P1 – P7 have been given a poem and song to learn and we will be holding our competition as normal as well as pupils doing a piece of Scottish themed art work. The children in the ELC will have the opportunity to learn some Scottish nursery rhymes and songs.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 16 NOVEMBER 2020

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Rob Irving and seconded by Mike Crowe.

POLICE REPORT

Patrick read out the report from **Inspector Roderick MacNeill.** It covered the period from 18 November 2020 to 16 January 2021:-

Total Incidents – 46

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Total crime reports raised – 10

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1 x assault – family members involved – enquiry ongoing
Vehicle stopped near Cardross, various drugs and weapons charges and drug driving offence
Shoplifting at the Co-Op
Dangerous driving x 1 stopped near Cardross
Drug driving x 1 stopped in Cardross
Vandalism at Kilmahew
Local male causing a disturbance, police assault, resist arrest

Covit 19

Inspector Roderick MacNeill said that as far as issuing fines are concerned, the police will be adhering to the four E's. These are "Engagement, Education, Encouragement and Enforcement". Enforcement will be a last resort.

MATTERS ARISING

Lamp post at Ardoch:	Councillor Kinniburgh said that additional work is to be carried out in the area and it has still to be completed.
Hole in Darleith Road:	Julie Lang said that the situation is getting worse and the hole continues to be a danger on the running surface of the road. Rob asked who would be responsible for any resulting accidents. Councillor Kinniburgh said whoever excavated the hole would be responsible.
Cycle Path:	Councillor Kinniburgh said that officers are looking into the possibility of extending the Cycle Path as far as Murray's Crossing in the short term.
Ardoch A814 Road Safety:	Councillor Kinniburgh said that vehicle counting and speed monitoring equipment is in place, on the A814 carriageway.
Parking Bay for Disabled:	Patrick said that he has contacted a council officer, who will look into the matter further
Geilston Gardens:	Patrick said that he has yet to reply to the unsatisfactory letter from Philip Long (The Chief Executive) of the National Trust.
Church Ave. Blocked Drain:	Councillor Kinniburgh has been told that officers will investigate further.
Red Road Drainage:	Julie Lang said that, after heavy rain, a large puddle always forms on the carriageway. It becomes lethal during icy spells. Councillor Kinniburgh said that piles of salt have been placed near the area, for use by the public. The piles will be replenished as necessary.
Red Road Litter:	Julie said littering is still a problem.
Cardross Library:	Patrick said that Leslie Griffiths (Retired Librarian) has promosed to email him when opening dates become available.

50mph speed Patrick said that he will ask the police if this is possible.

20mph limit Patrick said that he will ask the police if this is possible.. **in Cardross:**

Footway from Councillor Kinniburgh said that he has asked for the footway to be cleaned and cleared of Cardross to the weeds. Crematorium:

ChristmasPatrick said said that the company called "Fusebox" connected the lights and did not charge forTree Lights:their services. They will disconnect the lights tomorrow. Patrick said that the tree has grown
around the lights in places. The lights require to be "cut out" of the tree. Patrick said he will
discuss the matter with the "Fusebox" operative tomorrow.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received nothing of note. **Patrick** received a letter from **Argyll and Bute** saying that the "Supporting The Communities Fund" is now available to small local organisations. It offers small grants.

PLANNING

Rob said that a couple of applications have been lodged since the last meeting. The first is for the erection of a single story side extension at Meryl Head Cottage Red Road. The second is for the alteration and extensions to Charnwood at Church Avenue. There were no adverse comments made to these proposals.

<u>HEALTH</u>

Patrick said that Dr. Nick Dunn, a GP from Helensburgh, has been successful in negotiating with Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board. They have agreed that Dr. Dunn can manage the Out of Hours GP Service. This is extremely significant but will require funding from GG&CHB. There should now be a proper 24/7 Minor Injuries and medical assessment unit at the Vale of Leven Hospital.

CARDROSS CAN	Heather Munro said the December survey has now been completed. 139 forms were
GROUP	completed. There was a healthy spread of opinion on Climate Change. 68 per cent were
	prepared to make changes to their life styles, if it benefited climate change. The greatest
	benefit to Cardoss was felt to be the Cycle Path. Heather felt that the results gave a good strong
	mandate to improve climate change efforts in Cardross.
	The petition for construction of a Cycle Path has reached almost 1500 signatures.
	It will be sent to Argyll and Bute Council in advance of the next funding bid.
	There has been a lot of interest in enhancing the green spaces within the village.
	Bob suggested that reducing the number of people who transport their children to the village
	school in the morning, would reduce emissions, and help Climate Change.
	Heather said that group members are concerned about that and will approach parents with
	alternatives.

AOCB

Finances: Brian said that there is **£1570** in the Community Council Account. At the start of the year, the sum was **£989.** It was decided to ask community groups for some spending proposals.

Dog Fouling:-	Kelly Girling (Head Teacher) said that dog fouling is a major problem at the entrance to the School. She asked that the community be made aware of this problem. Bob asked to whom you would complain, if you witnesses dog fouling in the area. Councillor Kinniburgh said it should be reported to the Council.
Newsletter:	Patrick asked if the Community Council should produce a newsletter this year. Bob said that he is happy to do so, if content can be provided.
Washing Machine:	Mike Crowe said that there has been a washing machine lying on the pavement across from the Pharmacy. It has been there for weeks. Councillor Kinniburgh said that he will pursue the matter.
Parking on Pavement:	Ken Readman asked if car parking on the footway can be stopped. Patrick said that he will ask Inspector Roddy MacNeill (Police Scotland) if anything can be done.
Dog Poo Bin:	Patrick said the bin on the path from the 30mph sign on A814, to Murray's Crossing, has not been emptied. Councillor Kinniburgh said that he will pursue the matter.
Cycling on Pavement:	Alasdair MacCuish asked if anything can be done to stop anyone cycling on the footway. Patrick said that he will ask Inspector Roddy MacNeill for his opinion.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Zoom at 8.00pm on Monday 15 February 2021. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.

ZOOM CONFRENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2021

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

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

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Mike Brown, Mike Crowe, Rob Irving, Bob Murray, Alasdair MacCuish, Provost David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail and 9 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Jo Cameron, Bobby Beggs, Barrie Morton and Kelly Girling (Head Teacher, Cardross Primary School)

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 Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. Mike Crowe declared that he is standing as a candidate in the local elections on 18 March 2021. There were no other declarations of interest.

SCHOOL REPORT

Patrick read the report from Kelly Girling (Head Teacher) as follows:-

"I don't really have anything to update the community council with except to say as long as there are no changes from the Scottish Government we are looking forward to welcoming all children from the ELC and P1 - P3 back to full time school from the 22nd February. Along with our P4-P7 keyworker and vulnerable children this will mean we will have 63% of our school roll back in school."

POLICE REPORT

Patrick read the report as follows:-

Cardross Police Report **09.02.2021** Total incidents in last month = 13 Report of a house party – No trace of any party. Damage caused to Kilmahew Castle. Road accident. Civil matter re payment for building works (2 calls). Dropped 999 call x 2. Call in response to media article about bogus callers. Concern re a male. Youths gathering at Barrs Road. Lost dog. Suspected illegal traps on farmland. Theft from the Co-Op.

Total crime reports raised = 4. Damage to the castle – enquiry ongoing. Males in possession of cannabis – 2 reported and also given fines for breach of covid travel legislation as not from the area. Theft by shoplifting. Car bumped by second vehicle and driver failed to report same.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 18 JANUARY 2021

On page 3 under "PLANNING", amend "Meryl Head Cottage" to "Knowehead Cottage." Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Brian Craven** and seconded by **Bob Murray**.

MATTERS ARISING

Lamp post at Ardoch:	Provost Kinniburgh said that additional work is to be carried out in the area and it has still to be completed.
50mph limit In Cardross:	Patrick said that he has not yet had a reply from the police on the matter.
20mph limit in Cardross:	Patrick said that he has not yet had a reply from the police on the matter.
Christmas Tree Lights:	Patrick said that the company called "Fusebox" will inspect the lights if they are removed from the tree. Patrick said this is a difficult operation, since the tree has grown around the light wires.
Dog Fouling:	The school has anti fouling notices on the school railings.
Newsletter:	Patrick said it is 2 years since the last Newsletter was produced and we should produce one this year.
Washing Machine:	Patrick thanked Provost Kinniburgh for arranging to have the washing machine removed from the pavement across the road from the Pharmacy.
Dog Poo Bin:	Patrick said the bin on the path from the 30mph sign on A814, to Murray's Crossing, has now been emptied.
Parking on Pavement:	Patrick said that he has not yet had a reply from Inspector Roddy MacNeill (Police Scotland) on the matter.
Cycling on Pavement:	Patrick said that he has not yet had a reply from Inspector Roddy MacNeill (Police Scotland) on the matter.
Footway from Cardross to the Crematorium:	Provost Kinniburgh said that cleaning and clearing of the footway should begin on the week starting on the 22 February, 2021.
Geilston Gardens:	Patrick said that the Gardens will open 1 April 2021.
Ardoch A814 Road Safety:	Brian Watts asked for the results of the vehicle counting and speed monitoring carried out recently. Provost Kinniburgh said that he will ask Roads for these results.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received nothing of note.

PLANNING

Rob said that there have not been any planning applications this month. **Rob** said that he has been told of the construction of "mountain bike trails" within the College grounds. **Rob** asked if this would be a planning issue. **Mike Crowe** said that trees were being cut down in the area. **Provost Kinniburgh** said he will ask if Planning have any information on the matter.

<u>HEALTH</u>

Patrick said that **Dr. Nick Dunn** has organised a rota for out of hours GPs from 6pm until 10pm, Monday to Thursday, at the Vale of Leven Hospital. **The Glasgow and Clyde Health Board** has been unable to achieve this so far. The **Lomond Patients Group** have been unable to convince the **G&CHB** to put this information on their web site.

CARDROSS CANLinsey Young said the Group has started a Facebook Page and a Youtube Channel.GROUPThe Group has received more than 1700 signatures relating to the petition for construction of a
Cycle Path. It is hoped that the Council will be able to use these results when justifying any
funding applications. The design of the cycle path is continuing as will further community
consultation. Alasdair MacCuish asked if the route of the cycle path had originally followed the
railway, then been moved to follow the A814, then been moved back to follow the railway.
Provost Kinniburgh said that is what had happened.

Linsey said that the Cardross Trust has accepted CAN's proposal to plant 3 trees in the village park. Cardross Trust had suggested that, more established, silver birch trees should be supplied. **Duncan** said that since the existing trees in the park grow to a height of around 10 metres, planting silver birch trees which grow to a height of around 30 metres seems inappropriate. **Linsey** said that the **Cardross Trust** had specified the use of silver birch trees.

AOCB

Finances:	Brian said that there is £2102 in the Community Council Account. This includes a "one of" amount of £587 , which has been provided by Argyll and Bute Council and is "ring fenced" for Christmas related activities. There have been requests for funding from Cardross CAN and the Geilston Hall. It was agreed to pay for the 3 trees requested by Cardross CAN. It was also agreed to make a payment towards the running of the Geilston Hall which is community owned.
Beach Clean:	Bob said that a Beach Clean should be carried out as soon as Covid Rules allow. They area is in desperate need of litter removal.
Roadworks at D/ton Argyll Boundary:	Brian Watts said that the Contractor used the footways for parking vehicles. The area has been left in a muddy condition. Provost Kinniburgh said he will ask Roads to look into the matter.
Hedges:	Alasdair MacCuish said that a large number of property owners have allowed their hedges to grow over the footway and narrow the effective width of the footway. Provost Kinniburgh said it is the responsibility of the property owner to control their hedges.
Local Election 18 March 2021:	Henry Bothwell was introduced as the candidate for the Liberal Democrat Party in the local election. Gemma Penfold was introduced as the candidate for the Scottish Conservative and Unionist
	Party in the local election. Both Henry and Gemma offered to address any points that voters may wish to raise with them.
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ZOOM CONFRENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 15 MARCH 2021

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

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

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Mike Brown, Mike Crowe (Green Party Candidate in the local election), Rob Irving, Bob Murray, Alasdair MacCuish, Provost David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, Henry Boswell (Scottish Liberal Democrat Candidate in the local election), Gemma Penfold (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Candidate in the local election) and 8 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Jo Cameron, Bobby Beggs 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 Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. Mike Crowe declared that he is standing as a candidate in the local election on 18 March 2021. There were no other declarations of interest.

SCHOOL REPORT

Patrick said the children have now returned to the primary school.

POLICE REPORT

Patrick read the report for 09.03.2021 as follows:-

Total month calls = 14

Roads, weather, traffic matters = 3 Covid issues = 2 Stranded youths (missed train) = 2 Vulnerable persons = 2

Others included an insecure property and a lost dog

Total crime reports raised = 1

Theft by shoplifting at the Co-op.

3 x Covid breach fixed penalties issued

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 15 FEBRUARY 2021

On page 2, amend **"50mph limit in Cardross"** to **"50 mph limit between Cardoss and Helensburgh"** Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Brian Craven** and seconded by **Bob Murray.**

MATTERS ARISING

Hedges:	Patrick said there were no further issues.
Lamp post at Ardoch:	Provost Kinniburgh said that additional work is to be carried out in the area and it has still to be completed.
Christmas Tree Lights:	Patrick said that he is still looking for volunteers to help remove the lights from the tree in Scott Gardens.
Cycling on Pavement:	Patrick said the reply from Police Scotland was as follows:- "Cycling on pavements, if dangerous it could be reported as dangerous cycling but not common to do so. "
Parking on Pavement:	Patrick said the reply from Police Scotland was as follows:- "Parking on pavements, A&B council have de-criminalised parking restrictions, as such it is a local authority issue unless the vehicle in question is causing an obstruction or is dangerous, if so police can deal with it. "
Dog Poo Bin:	Sharon asked if a bin could be provided at the Church Car Park on Darleith Road. Provost Kinniburgh said that a bin had been requested and provided at the junction of Darleith Road and Mill Road. Henry Boswell asked who should be contacted with a request to provide a bin at the car park. Provost Kinniburgh suggested that it may be possible to move the bin from Mill Road to the car park. This bin is well used at present. Provost Kinniburgh said that the Council will be running a campaign to encourage irresponsible dog walkers to clean up after their dogs.
Newsletter:	Bob said he should be able to complete the work once he has confirmation on the "Geilston Hall" section. Patrick said that the Newsletter should be delivered to each house in the village. Bob said that there are just over 900 houses in the village and suggested a print run of 1200. This suggestion was approved by the council members present.
50mph limit between Cardross and Helensburgh:	Patrick said that he has not yet had a reply from the police on the matter.
20mph limit in Cardross:	Patrick said that he has not yet had a reply from the police on the matter.
Footway from Cardross to the Crematorium:	Provost Kinniburgh said that the footway is to be cleaned between Cardross and Dumbarton Operatives were working on the path today.
Ardoch A814 Road Safety:	Provost Kinniburgh said that the Council were not carrying out speed monitoring and had no record of any external organisation doing so. The Council will carry out speed checks when vehicular volumes reach "normal" levels. The pandemic has affected traffic flow.
Mountain Bike Trails:	Patrick said that he has heard nothing further on these "trails" within the Kilmahew Estate. Provost Kinniburgh said that Planning are aware of the situation and will "Enforce" the situation if necessary.

Finances:	Brian said that there is £1743 in the Community Council Account. This is made up of £553 in the
	Festive Fund and £1190 in the General Fund. £250 is committed to providing trees for Cardross
	(CAN) and £295 to replace the LED lights in the Geilston Hall. That will leave £1198.

Beach Clean: Bob said that a Beach Clean will be organised as soon as Covid Rules allow.

Local Election Patrick said that polling will take place in the Geilston Hall. The old wooden polling booths have18 March 2021: been replaced with white plastic booths that can be sanitised after each use.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received nothing of note. **Rob** said that a letter had been sent from **Mr. Alan Runcie**, saying that he had submitted a formal complaint to Argyll and Bute Council regarding the **Noise from the Sawmill. Alan** asked if the Community Council were involved in the matter.

PLANNING

Rob said that there were two non contentious applications this month. **The first** is at Rosebank Cottage, Murrays Road for the demolition of a porch and an extension. The erection of replacement extensions and formation of garden area. **The second** is at 21 Barrs Terrace for the erection of a single story extension.

<u>HEALTH</u>

Patrick said that Dr. Nick Dunn and his colleagues have managed to staff the Vale for evenings and weekends out of hours care. The Minor Injuries Unit is now open 24/7. The hospital ward is open 24/7 as so is the General Practitioner Service. Patrick has written to The Glasgow and Clyde Health Board, congratulating them on providing these services at the Vale. He pointed out that, in the press, it says that the arrangements are being reviewed to make sure that they are satisfactory. Patrick has asked that the NHS Inform Web Site is amended to state that the Minor Injuries Unit is open 24/7.

Patrick said that he is extremely impressed by how well the local covid vaccination progamme is being managed.

Patrick said that **The Lomond Patients Group** is looking at improving the mental health services in NHS Highland, Helensburgh and Lomond.

CARDROSS CANHeather said that Cardross Trust have offered to take on the responsibility of supplying and
planting three trees on behalf of Cardross CAN. Heather thanked the Community Council
for the offer to pay for the trees, but said this is no longer necessary. Members agreed to "ring
fence" some money for trees at a future date. Heather said they are arranging a short Q & A a
week from tomorrow, on recycling. Cardross Can are looking at ways to make some books on
climate change, available in the village. The Primary School Eco Committee has been talking with
Cardross CAN about doing a temporary art installation in the Red Phone Box for the run up to
COP 26.

<u>AOCB</u>

Noise fromRob contacted Alan Runcie and brought him up to speed on the Community CouncilsSawmill:involvement in the issue. Rob said that quite a number of residents have renewed their
complaints to the Council. The general view is that the noise reduction methods previously
taken by the Sawmill Owners, have not been effective. If anything, the noise levels are worse
than they were previously. It is an ongoing saga.
Provost Kinniburgh said that Environmental Health will pursue the matter.

	Alasdair MacCuish asked if there were any restrictions on operating times. Provost Kinniburgh said there were restrictions when the new equipment was being installed He will check if there are restrictions on operating times.
Estate Agent Signs:	Bob said there is a further spate of Estate Agent Signs springing up around Cardross. Two appeared recently, at the top of Bainfield Road. Provost Kinniburgh said that he will raise the matter again, with Planning.
A814 Cadross to Dumbarton:	Alasdair MacCuish said he recently walked on the footway to the Garden Centre and it was a terrifying experience due to the close proximity of high speed vehicles.
Defibulator:	Mike Brown said that he was told of someone trying to use the defibulator recently, and it was not working. Patrick said that the defibulator was in good working order. It was used recently and was not effective. Sadly, the lady involved, died. Patrick said that the defibulator was working and has been checked. It is in full working order again.

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APOLOGIES

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 15 MARCH 2021

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MATTERS ARISING

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Christmas Tree Lights:	Patrick said that he was inundated with volunteers to help remove the lights from the tree in Scott Gardens. The lights have all been removed and await inspection.
Dog Poo Bin:	Patrick said that has no further information on a bin on Darleith Road. Provost Kinniburgh said the car park is privately owned and the Council will not be putting a bin there. However, the Council will monitor the situation.
Newsletter:	Patrick thanked Bob Murray for the work he did in producing the Newsletter. It has now been distributed around the village.
Footway from Cardross to the Crematorium:	Provost Kinniburgh said that the footway is to be cleaned between Cardross and Dumbarton in conjunction with the proposed resurfacing works. The works will be carried out in June.
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Finances:	Patrick said that the full accounts will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Community Council on 17 May 2021.
Local Election 18 March 2021:	Patrick congratulated Gemma Penfold on being elected as our new councillor.
Geilston Hall:	The afternoon club has now started and the dancing will commence shortly.
Noise from Sawmill:	Patrick said that Alan Runcie has not yet had a reply to his letter of complaint to the Council regarding the noise from the sawmill. Rob said that the sawmill is now starting up earlier than before.
Estate Agent Signs:	Bob said the problem of signs being put on public street furniture, is Scotland wide.
Beach Clean:	Bob said that a Beach Clean will be on Saturday, 1 May. Volunteers should just turn up on the south side of the railway crossing at 10am. Bags and gloves will be supplied.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received an email from **Sheila Gilles** relating to the poor light quality from the lighting standards on Station Road. Using Station Road at night is intimidating. **Sheila** asked if better lighting could be provided. **Patrick** said that he will have a look at the lighting. **Patrick** said that he has written to **the National Trust for Scotland** again, reminding the Trust that **Geilston Gardens** was bequeathed to the NTS by Miss EC Hendry in 1989, with a generous endownment. The **NTS 2001 Guide** made reference to these facts. A reply is awaited.

PLANNING

Rob said that there was one application this month. It is for the erection of a drying hut and detached garage on land west of Balmenach in Borrowfield. There were no adverse comments made at the meeting. **Bob** asked if there was any indication of what is happening at the **McAndlish** property on Darleith Road. **Bob** had seen demolition work being carried out on the site. **Rob** said that he Is unaware of any related planning applications. **Sharon** said that a wall was demolished to make the site safe. **Provost Kinniburgh** he will pass the question on to the appropriate officer.

<u>HEALTH</u>

Patrick said that **Dr. Nick Dunn** who runs the Out of Hours Service at the Vale of Leven, was knocked off his bike on Sinclair Street on Saturday. He was very seriously injured. The Out of Hours Service will be run by his brother.

The Lomond Patients Group is meeting with the senior management group at the Vale, together with the senior manager for Acute Services in **The Glasgow and Clyde Health Board.** The Group will go over their concerns that the information on their web site is incomplete. Patients are still travelling unnecessarily to Paisley, instead of going to the Vale. **Patrick** said that the local covid vaccination programme is going very well.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Lindsey Young said that the group continues to meet regularly. They had a successful Zoom Meeting on the subject of Recycling, at the end of March. There is now a selection of books on the subject of "Climate Change". They are available at the train station "library". All of the group attended the "Time for Change" Argyll Hustings event. A "shore team" has been formed with the notion of conducting a citizen science project, in the form of a community led marine bio-diversity survey.

This month's Zoom will be at 8pm on 27 April. It is on the plant life project, "No Mow May".

KILMAHEW EDUCATION TRUST

Stuart Cotton said that **Ally Cotton** and he come from Educational and Tax backgrounds. In the last 15 years, they have worked on a number of projects and collaborated with different people. **Stuart** said there is a wealth of culture on Kilmahew Estate. **Stuart** went on to say that the business model that works is **The Royal Botanical Gardens** at Kew. This UNESCO site model is a very healthy model, both from an educational viewpoint and in terms of attracting people to learn.

Using the extensive cultural heritage, all the research that was done in Victorian times, the fungi that are on the estate, ecology and more importantly, the big thing that we have there is **John Fleming.** He is one of the best Victorian gardeners. He totally disappears in 1866. So, a huge part of what we are trying to deliver is something we have worked on with the Soil Association for many years. It is teaching children how to cook, how to grow food, the four seasons, scientific equipment to measure weather systems. All of these kinds of things we have had plenty of practise on. We want to deliver a Film Studio, a Cookery Studio and all manner of things within the walled garden and cantilevered over the walled garden, so that we are not disturbing any thing that is already there. We want to completely restore that garden as one of our first projects. The castle has quite a good history. When we spoke to Strathclyde University about our conservation methodology, the staff felt we were right up there with the Notre Dame Cathedral Restoration. We have a good idea of what we are doing, we've got a background in all of these sort of plans. We are both used to doing very complex things. **Ally** with her background in special needs education and me with my background in counter terrorism and fighting organised

crime. So for us, this is not a complex project. This is relatively straight forward when you consider our background. We are looking at the buildings as to how they can be repurposed and what does the community want. Of 167 people asked within the Cardross community, 68 per cent want the buildings to be repurposed. We are working on the basis that we have a decent mandate from the community to do something. With my background in rescuing high network investors from fraud, we have a really good strong base from which to work, to pay for all of this. Anywhere between £30 million and £110million pounds is the expenditure needed. We are very confident that we can raise that.

Henry Boswell asked what is the development process the trust is running and how far along is the process. **Stuart** said they have access to 20 years worth of planning applications. In some way, they are probably at stage 4 on RIBA. These reports cover how safe the buildings are and what damage they have sustained. **Stuart** said that we have all these notions of what we would like to do with the place. Regardless of Kilmahew, we have tried to do this in other locations. We have spent the last two years researching Kilmahew. We have all of these uses for the seminary, the castle and the walled gardens. For example, the seminary could be an animation studio. There are 108 priest cells in there, animators like to be in a single cell and like the privacy of that. The cells are the perfect size for animation. The chapel would be perfect as a recording studio. **Stuart** said they can be a zero emissions animation studio.

Stuart said they are just approaching the planning stage.

Mike Crowe said the public have access to the estate, how will this be maintained. **Stuart** said that he fully appreciated that locals have been accessing the site for the last 40 years. There needs to be an annual membership charge for people out with the local area.

Bob Murray said that Cardross is quite a small community. The scale of this proposed development is much greater than that of its' original use. A proposal which allows access to thousands of people will swamp the existing community.

Stuart said that the run down is basically 108 animators, 20 to 30 support staff, potentially some music studio people, 10 people teaching in the education block and between 6 and 20 administration staff. The castle does not need any staff as presently proposed and the rest of the staff would be volunteers showing people round the gardens.

Patrick said that the proposals are exceedingly ambitious. If they work, it will be absolutely splendid.

Lindsey asked **Stuart** to elaborate on the fact that it is to be a "net zero" site. **Stuart** said there is a Victorian pond on the site. Some Belgian renewable energy experts are coming to the UK with their schemes. There would be micro hydro power on site. Renewable energy sources could be situated at each of the 12 bridges on site. There is also access to a geothermal source from a fault line which passes through the site.

Patrick thanked Stuart for the overview of his proposals.

AOCB

EasterKen Readman said that someone had organised an event over the Easter weekend, which had
involved cards and yellow ribbons tied to various branches and bushes in the woods above his
house. They are still there. Ken asked if the organisers of the event will remove them or are they
expecting someone else to do it. Lindsey said that the school CPSA had organised the event and
that she would ask for them to be removed.

A814 Cardross Ken asked if there was any chance of getting any white lines between Cardross and towards **To Helensburgh:** Helensburgh. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that he will pass the request onto roads officers.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held in the Geilston Hall and on Zoom at 8.00pm on Monday 17 May 2021. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.

AGM HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL AND ON ZOOM

ON MONDAY 17 May 2021

AT 8 P.M.

WELCOME

The Convener welcomed all present. This is the 45th AGM of the Cardross Community Council. The Convener reminded all present that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convever), Mike Crowe (Vice Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Bob Murray, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Gemma Penfold, Councillor Richard Trail, Rev. Maggie McArthur, and 8 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Bobby Beggs, Jo Cameron, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish and Barrie Morton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

POLICE REPORT

Patrick said that he had received a report from Inspector Roddy MacNeill. Incidents are listed as follows;-

<u>Cardross CC Meeting Monday 17.05.21</u> Total call for previous month = 16

Person with torch – false alarm 2 theft shoplifting Youths gathering Report of drugs Animals on the road Person on rail track House alarm call Planned shoot Report of fraudulent access to bank account 2 x insecure premises Report of a house party Concern for person call

Total Crime Reports in last month = 4 2 x theft by shoplifting 1 x 20yo male from Helensburgh charged. No insurance 1 x fraud - £390 hacked via email.

MINUTES OF AGM HELD 17 June 2019

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

MATTERS ARISING

Patrick said that speeding continued to of concern to the villagers. Between 31 May and 4 June 2019 the Roads Authority monitored vehicle speeds. The average number of vehicles passing through the village was around 8700 and the average speed was 31mph.

The Transport Police were patrolling the beach area after complaints about youths travelling to Cardross by train and drinking on the beach. Underage drinking on the shore is still a problem.

CONVENER'S REPORT

Newsletter:	Patrick said that the Cardross Community Council Newsletter is now available. This gives details of some matters affecting the community over the last year.
Planning Applications:	Patrick said there has been no further news regarding the Avant Homes plan to build 158 houses on the land north of Cardross Primary School. The partly demolished wall near the church, on the A814 road, continues to be an eyesore. A section of the wall was demolished to allow for the construction of two houses.
Health:	 Patrick said that health delivery from the Vale of Leven Hospital has improved. The Out of Hours Service is now running weekends and evenings. It is being managed by the local GPs. Patrick said that he is slightly concerned about the provision of Mental Health Care in our area. The care provided by Highland Health Board does not yet meet the standard of that provided by Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board. The Lomond Health Group are meeting next Tuesday and are hoping to find out how the service will operate in Highland.
Roads and Transport:	Cycle Track: Patrick said that Cardross CAN had organised a petition supporting the need for a cycle track and had sent it to Argyll and Bute Council. Lindsey Young from Cardross CAN group said that 1800 people had signed the petition. Councillor Kinniburgh said that work will start up again, from the week commencing 24 May. Installation of the bridge at the Geilston Burn will begin on 6 June. The Works should be completed by 6 July. Darleith Road: There has been a large hole on the west side of the road adjacent to the carriageway, for about 1 year. Councillor Kinniburgh said he queried this matter and is awaiting a reply from the Council.
Sawmill Noise:	Patrick said that several people have complained about the level of noise from the sawmill. It is a very busy place. Patrick said he is awaiting an update on the matter.
Beach Clean:	A huge thanks to more than 60 supporters who turned out on Saturday. Bob said that with a record number of people attending, there was a record amount of rubbish collected. Bob thanked Cardross CAN for drumming up so much support and Craig Callahan of Argyll and Bute Council for providing bags, gloves and pickers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brian gave a report on income and expenditure and said that the accounts maintain a surplus of **£1,581.39**. The accounts were examined by **Margaret Calder** and the bank balance was verified as stated. **Mike Crowe** proposed that the accounts be accepted. The proposal was seconded by **Bob Murray**.

ELECTION

Patrick said there will be no elections this year. Due to ongoing covid restrictions, Argyll and Bute Council have agreed the following:-

"2021 AGMs can take place on a remote basis or can otherwise be held by 31st December 2021, with an automatic approval for office bearers to retain positions held for 8 years or more without seeking approval from the Executive Director."

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

Dates forThe dates for the forthcoming Cardross Community Council Meetings are as follows:-Forthcoming2021 – 21 June, 16 Aug., 20 Sept., 18 Oct., 15 Nov.Meetings:2022 – 17 Jan., 21 Feb., 2`1 March, 25 April (AGM).All meetings will be held in the Geilston Hall and/or on Zoom, at 8:00pm, including the AGM. Bob
proposed acceptance of these dates and Mike seconded the proposal.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- **Cardross CAN:** Linsey Young said the group has come up with a "Keep Cardross Clean" weekend of 5 and 6 June. Anyone who is interested should meet at the car park next to the paper shop at 10am on both days.
- Flower TubsTony Davey said that Network Rail are looking to replace him with someone who will continue to
maintain the four flower tubs on the East bound line and the "train tubs" outside the booking
office. This will be done under the "Adopt a Station" scheme.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the public.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21 June 2021 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with thanks to the Convener.

ZOOM CONFRENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 21 JUNE 2021

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

The meeting was jointly convened by **Alasdair MacCuish** and **Duncan Stirling. Duncan** welcomed all present. He reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Mike Brown, Rob Irving, Bob Murray, Alasdair MacCuish, Provost David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, Rev. McArthur and 9 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Convener), Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Bobby Beggs, Councillor Gemma Penfold 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

No Police Report had been received.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 19 APRIL 2021

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

MATTERS ARISING

Lamp post at Ardoch:	Brian Watts confirmed that the lights are working.
Christmas Tree Lights:	The lights that were removed from the tree in Scott Gardens are still awaiting inspection.
Dog Poo Bin:	Provost Kinniburgh said that the car park near St Mahews is privately owned and the Council will not be putting a bin there. However, the Council will monitor the situation.
Footway from Cardross to the Crematorium:	Provost Kinniburgh said that part of the footway between Cardross and Dumbarton has been cleaned. He has asked when the remaining cleaning will be carried out and awaits an answer. Judy Wilson said the section from Leabank to the road end to Ardoch Farm, has still to be cleaned. Provost Kinniburgh said he has contacted officers about cleaning this section of the footway and is awaiting a reply.

Ardoch A814 Road Safety:	Provost Kinniburgh said that the Council were not carrying out speed monitoring and had no record of any external organisation doing so. The Council will carry out speed checks when vehicular volumes reach "normal" levels. The pandemic has affected traffic flow.
Mountain Bike Trails:	Patrick said that he has heard nothing further on these "trails" within the Kilmahew Estate. Provost Kinniburgh said that Planning are aware of the situation and will "Enforce" the situation
Noise from Sawmill:	Rob said there have been correspondence with the Council, the Sawmill and our MSP. The matter is still ongoing. Bob said that he has heard the noise from the Sawmill starting at 6.55 am.
Estate Agent Signs:	Bob said the problem of signs being put on public street furniture, is Scotland wide. He suggested that as well as doing a beach clean, we could "clean up" the rogue estate agent signs.
Beach Clean:	Bob said that the Beach Clean, held on Saturday 1 May, was very successful. There were around 60 volunteers
KIlmahew Education Trust:	Rob asked if anyone had heard anything from the individuals concerned with the Trust. Duncan said that none of the individuals have contacted Patrick or himself. Provost Kinniburgh said that this is likely to be a slow moving process.
Easter Weekend:	Ken Readman said that the yellow ribbons that had been tied to various branches and bushes in the woods, over the Easter weekend, have now been removed.
A814 Cardross To Helensburgh	Provost Kinniburgh said that he has informed roads officers about the lack of white lining on . the road between Helensburgh and Cardross.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received two pieces of correspondence. One from **Veronica Davies**, congratulating the Council on the the flower planting around the village, particularly the flower bed at the junction of Darleith Road and the A814. The second piece of correspondence was from **Kelly Girling**, the Head Teacher of Cardross Primary School. She is concerned about children entering the school grounds when the school is closed. Various acts of vandalism have been carried out. Kelly asked that anyone witnessing these activities contact the police.

PLANNING

Rob said that there were a couple of domestic planning applications. One was at a bungalow on Station Road and one at Tregarthen on the Main Road. Neither were of concern to the Community Council. There was also an application for alterations to the Communications Tower on Murrays Road. This is permitted development and has been approved by the Council.
Rob said that the construction of the two houses at development next to Shira Lodge, has begun. The completion date has been given as October 2021.

HEALTH

No report on Health has been received.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Lindsey Young said that CAN is a network of people in the village who share knowledge and

experience of ways to improve our care for the planet, for the sake of future generations, by cutting out CO2 emissions and reducing biodiversity loss. Since the last update, there have been three public Zoom meetings. In April, **Linsey** spoke about the biodiversity of our gardens. In May, **Duncan Smallman**, a marine biologist who lives in the village, spoke about biodiversity on our beach. In June, **Cameron Bryce** spoke about home energy efficiency. Recordings of these meetings are available in the Cardross CAN YouTube Channel.

A number of project groups have been established. A science project has been set up that is trying to workout what the biodiversity of our coastline is. A survey will be carried out quarterly, for five years. The objective is to assess the biodiversity of the beach, to see if it gets better or worse over time and what can be done to highlight to the public, the aspects that could help. **Lindsey** suggested that an "all weather" notice board be erected, to show the public how the study is progressing. **Provost Kinniburgh** suggested that **Lindsey** contact Howard Young from **Planning**, with a view to agreeing a notice board site near the beach. **Lindsey** said that the Community Garden Group is exploring the possibility of establishing a project in the ground behind the Church Hall. The CAN Group communicates on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and email.

TREASURER'S
REPORTDuncan said that the Community Council Grant from Argyll and Bute Council, was normally
given after the Annual General Meeting was held. During the year of Covid, the Grant was given
without the need for an AGM. However, the accounts must still be presented at a Community
Council Meeting, and this will be done tonight. The accounts cover the period from April 2019
until March 2020.

Brian gave a report on income and expenditure and said that the accounts maintain a surplus of **£969.00**. The accounts were examined by **Margaret Calder** and the bank balance was verified as stated. **Duncan Stirling** proposed that the accounts be accepted. The proposal was seconded by **Alasdair MacCuish.**

CO-OPTEDPatrick Trust had asked Duncan to propose that Lindsey Young and Heather Munro beMEMBERSco-opted onto Cardross Community Council. The proposal was approved by Bob Murray.

AOCB

Bainfield Level Crossing:	Brian said that an article had appeared in the Helensburgh Advertiser, stating that this is the most dangerous crossing in Scotland. He suggested that this may be a cause for concern. Duncan said that the article described the Bainfield crossing and the Station crossing as a single crossing. The report was clearly unreliable.
Avant Homes:	Julie Lang asked if there had been any further developments on the proposed housing on Darleith Road. Duncan said that neither he nor Patrick had received updates on the project. Provost Kinniburgh said that he is unaware of any further developments within Argyll and Bute Council.
Police Report:	Julie asked if there was any reference in the Police Report to the recent vehicle fire. Duncan said that no Police Report had been received this month.
Cycle Path:	Lindsey Young asked if the time line has slipped. Lindsey asked if a privately funded Project Manager would help move the project along. Provost Kinniburgh said that Colin Young is the Project Manager. He seems to be more focused on the project than previous incumbents. Provost Kinniburgh said that the time line for the "new route" has not slipped. Negotiations are proceeding for the piece of land, adjacent to the railway, between the Geilston Burn and Murrays Road.
Speed Camera:	Rob said that there was a press report last September suggesting that a speed camera would be sited on the A814 in Cardross. He asked if there had been any progress on this proposal. Provost Kinniburgh said the initiative is the responsibility of Police Scotland. It had been hoped that the camera would be in place this summer, but Covid has slowed the process.

JapeneseJohn Major said that he had seen a fairly large outbreak of Japanese Knotweed, at the East endKnotweed:of the cycle track, about 100 yards from Ferry Road. It is probably going to undermine the cycle
path. Provost Kinniburgh said that he will pass the information on to the appropriate officer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 September 2021 at 8.00 p.m. on Zoom. We hope that the next meeting will also be in the Geilston Hall and connected via Zoom, for those not wishing to attend a public meeting in the hall.

ZOOM CONFRENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 16 August 2021

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

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

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Provost David Kinniburgh, Councillor Gemma Penfold, Councillor Richard Trail, Rev. McArthur and 9 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Mike Brown, Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Bobby Beggs, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Lindsey Young and Barrie Morton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

POLICE REPORT

No Police Report had been received.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 21 JUNE 2021

Page 3, Treasure's Report, amend £969.00 to £989.00.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Footway from Cardross to the Crematorium:	Provost Kinniburgh said that the road inspector was appalled at the state of the footway. Provost Kinniburgh said he is hoping for an update by mid September, listing the works n ecessary, together with the time scale for the work.
Speed	Provost Kinniburgh said the initiative is the responsibility of Police Scotland. It had been hoped
Camera:	that the camera would be in place this summer, but Covid has slowed the process. Provost Kinniburgh said that he will ask for an update on the situation.
Mountain Bike Trails:	Patrick said that he has heard nothing further on these "trails" within the Kilmahew Estate. Provost Kinniburgh said that Planning are aware of the situation and will "Enforce" the situation.
Beach Clean:	Bob said that the next Beach Clean, will be held on Saturday 25 September 2021.

A814 Cardross Provost Kinniburgh said that the white lining work between Helensburgh and Cardross. To Helensburgh: has been carried out.

Avant Bob said that a surveyor was working on Darleith Road a few weeks ago.

Cycle Path:Patrick said an operative on the works said that there were problems. The excavation for the
abutment foundations had filled with water. Patrick explained that the burn is affected by
the tides. Provost Kinniburgh said that he will ask Colin Young for an update.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received nothing of note.

PLANNING

Homes:

Duncan said that he had a report from **Rob**, saying that there were two applications in the

past

couple of months. The first, was for the erection of raised decking at 11 Hillside Road. The second, was for the demolition of a garage and the erection of a side garage extension. No adverse comments were expressed at the meeting. **Patrick** said that the houses next to Shira Lodge are under construction. **Duncan** said that construction of the house had started before the road into the site has been constructed. It is part of the planning permission for the houses that a site road is constructed.

<u>HEALTH</u>

Patrick said that The Lomond Patients Group had a meeting with Jackie Baillie and concerns were raised about the Minor Injuries Unit at the Vale of Leven, still not listed as a 24/7 and always open to the public. The Group had been assured by Management at the Hospital that nobody would be turned away. It has been noted that A&E attendances and waits were lengthening and this was probably due to the difficulty in getting a GP appointment and the slow response to NHS111 /NHS24 calls. **Patrick** said he will bring this to the attention of the Patient Group and they could consider how to respond, after contacting the two local HSCPs.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Heather gave the CAN report as follows:-

"I'm sure you will all have seen the news coverage last week of the latest IPCC report on climate change, which makes extremely sobering reading. It makes it very clear that the scientific evidence has mounted up and up, to the point that there is no longer any room for reasonable doubt that the climate is changing, and it is caused by our human activities, chiefly releasing greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, from our use of fossil fuels, and destruction of rain forests. And the climate changes are happening faster than was expected. They keep discovering more feedback loops and domino effects. We now are at around 1.1c above the average temp before the industrial revolution. We're expecting that to be 1.5c by 2040, or earlier if we do nothing. We are now at a stage that we absolutely

have to cu our global carbon emissions by half, by 2030, or else we say goodbye to any possibility of keeping warming within 1.5c. And we know that beyond 1.5 can only be described as catastrophic.

So – Cardross CAN exists to help us all to understand what is happening to our planet, why it's happening, and what we can all do about it. The only way to turn this around is if we ALL do what we can, at the level of governments and industries and businesses, as well as local authorities, communities and individuals. It is not too late! But we really do all need to do what we can.

To that end, Cardross CAN would like to share the knowledge and experience we have in the village, and to support and encourage each other to make the changes that are needed. Since our last update, we have started a Home Energy Efficiency team, who are local professionals who are willing to provide advice for any residents considering improving the energy efficiency of their homes.

We have a Recycle Group who are planning a Repair Café, where people can bring items that would otherwise get thrown out, for volunteers to try and repair.

The Community Garden team have been visiting other community gardens to explore how to make this work here, to promote locally-grown food, to look after people and planet together. And lastly there is a big national campaign in September called the Climate Fringe Week, which promotes community action on climate, particularly for the run-up to COP26. Cardross CAN's contribution to this is a short film which we are making, where local residents were asked to describe their hopes for the future in relation to the climate and ecological emergency, and to imagine what Cardross will look like in 2045, if we get this right, and we are a Net Zero community! So the film is well underway and will be revealed in the Climate Fringe festival in Sept.

I'd be really glad to chat further with anyone about what Cardross CAN is doing, if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks"

AOCB

GeilstonKen Readman said that Kilmahew Education Trust's offer to purchase the gardens and
properties, has been turned down by the National Trust for Scotland. Ken said that a
number of events have been planned at the Gardens.
Sunday 5 September and 3 October, 11am to 3pm – Coffee and Cake Stall.
Sunday 5 September from 2pm – the Helensburgh Oratorio Choir.
Sunday 3 October from 2pm – the Dorian Choir will perform a short concert.
Sunday 3 October from 10am to 4.30pm – the Glorious Garden Trail.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 September 2021 at 8.00 p.m. on Zoom. We hope that the next meeting will also be in the Geilston Hall and connected via Zoom, for those not wishing to attend a public meeting in the hall.

GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFRENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 20 September 2021

AT 8.30 P.M.

WELCOME

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

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Mike Crowe, Alasdair MacCuish, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Lindsey Young, Provost David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, Rev. McArthur and 9 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Brian Craven (Treasurer), Mike Brown, Jo Cameron, Bobby Beggs, Kelly Girling, Rob Irving, Barrie Morton and Councillor Gemma Penfold,

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Patrick said that he is a community member of the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. Mike Crowe, Heather Munro and Lindsey Young said that they are members of Cardross CAN.

POLICE REPORT

Patrick read from the report as follows:From 16 August until 20 September there were 16 phone calls relating to Cardross.
8 road traffic matters.
1 damage to property.
2 missing person reports.
1 assisting a partner agency.
3 dropped or abandoned calls.
1 investigating a suspect person.

There were 6 crime reports. Vandalism to an empty property. Failure to report a road accident. Two assaults between family members. A Paypal scam with investigations ongoing. One drink driver.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 16 AUGUST 2021

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Bob Murray and seconded by Duncan Stirling.

MATTERS ARISING

Footway from
Cardross to the
Crematorium:Provost Kinniburgh said that all of the shrubbery has been cut back and pavements are more
accessable than they were. The stretch from Ardoch to Dumbarton will probably need some
winter clearing.

- SpeedPatrick said he had an email from Roddy MacNeill of Police Scotland. It had beenCamera:hoped that the camera would be in place this summer, but Covid has slowed the process.
A tender for the work in erecting the camera has been accepted. Details will follow.
- MountainPatrick said that he has heard nothing further on these "trails" within the Kilmahew Estate.Bike Trails:Provost Kinniburgh said that Planning are aware of the situation and will "Enforce" the situation.
- Beach Clean:Patrick said that the next Beach Clean will be held on Saturday 25 September 2021.Rev. Maggie McArthur said that after the beach clean, anyone involved, will be welcome in
the Church Hall, where a packed lunch will be provided. Lunch can be carried out or enjoyed
on the premises.

KIlmahewNo one has heard from the Trust. Mike said that the college and the grounds are open toEducationpedestrians and vehicular traffic at present. There is a lot of "coming and going".Trust:Patrick said that he has offered a place at the Community Council Meeting. He awaits a
reply.

AvantBob said that a surveyor was working on Darleith Road recently. Provost KinniburghHomes:said that a roads officer has been on site with a representative from Avant Homes.

Cycle Path: Patrick said that concrete abutments have been poured for the bridge near the football park. Provost Kinniburgh said that the deck will be placed on the abutments after the concrete has reached its 28 day strength.

Provost Kinniburgh said that a report had gone to the Area Committee, saying that the works will be completed by 2028. Provost Kinniburgh said that the public consultation due to commence in March, was delayed until June, then September now, possibly October.
Bob said there has already been a public consultation, then asked, why are we having another? Provost Kinniburgh said that this is a public online consultation on the design of the cycle path. Lindsey asked if an earlier use of Compulsory Purchase Orders had been considered in land negotiations. Provost Kinniburgh said that the cycle track was mooted more than 20 years ago. He said someone needs to get a grip of the process. Lindsey said that Colin Young has a very wide brief covering many projects. She asked if a cycle track project manager could be made available. Provost Kinniburgh said that Colin is the project manager for the Cycle Path.

GeilstonKen Readman said that the Trustees for the National Trust for Scotland were to decideGardens:on the future of the Gardens, this month. However, the decision has been put off until
November.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received an email from Rob Irving regarding planning.
Patrick received details of changes to the library hours.
These are:- Tuesday 13.30 to 19.00 and Thursday 10.00 to 16.30.
Patrick received a complaint about the noise from footballers on the football pitch, which he passed on to the Cardross Trust. The Trust replied that the amenity provides

recreation for all and well used. All users are reminded of the need to be considerate and to act within normal social boundaries. The football club will be asked to monitor the situation. **Patrick** heard from **Tony Davey** that he is meeting the minister to discuss **Remembrance Sunday**.

Patrick had an email from Ken Readman asking about the use of the 111 telephone service.

Patrick replied that the service should NOT be used in an emergency. **Patrick** had an email from **Kelly Girling** saying that the school is still on staggered starts. Normality should return after the October break.

PLANNING

Duncan said that he had a report from **Rob**, saying that there were two applications since the last meeting.. The first, was for Sunnyside, Main Road: Installation of bi-fold doors to the rear elevation. The second, was for Sunnybrae Farm, Barrs Road: Installation of replacement roof tiles (retrospective application). No adverse comments were expressed at the meeting.

<u>HEALTH</u>

Patrick said that The Lomond Patients Group has written to the Minister and has been Invited to put forward some ideas on behalf of patients. **Patrick** said that it is very disappointing that the Community Health Partnerships in West Dunbarton and Lomond are NOT engaging with members of the public.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Heather gave the CAN report as follows:-

"This is the national Climate Fringe Week, and there is a lot going on locally – please see Cardross CAN's Facebook page for details, or email <u>cardrossCAN@gmail.com</u> to join the mailing list.

Cardross CAN understands that there is a motion being proposed at the meeting of Argyll + Bute Council on 30th Sept to say the Council "declares a climate emergency", and asks the community council to consider issuing a public statement in support of this, to urge the councillors to vote for it. Suggested statement:

Cardross Community Council would urge Argyll + Bute Council to Declare a Climate Emergency, in line with the majority of Scottish local authorities and the Scottish and UK governments. A Declaration of a Climate Emergency demonstrates the Council's awareness of the latest science from the IPCC, and shows that they fully grasp the gravity of the situation we are now in. A Declaration tells us they appreciate the scale of the problem that climate change now poses for all our futures, starting with the poorest regions of the planet; and says that they will act with the utmost urgency, as required to keep our Paris Agreement commitments. They will no longer leave the problem for future leaders to address."

The statement was agreed by the Community Council and will be sent to the Cllr Robin Currie, leader, and copied to the Helensburgh Advertiser.

Heather also asked if the CCC could kindly support the Love It Fix It Share It event on Sunday 26th, by giving £50 for hire of Geilston Hall. This was agreed by members of the Community Council.

Also, since the beginning of 2021, there was £250 ring-fenced for trees. This was intended for the park, but Cardross Trust preferred to buy the trees themselves. So it was suggested the CCC might consider this money for the proposed Community Organic Garden (Cardross COG), to buy some fruit trees. It was agreed this could be decided at a future meeting.

AOCB

The LateRev. Maggie McArthur said that the family of Mrs Daly of 9 Kirkton Road, had asked ifMrs. Maryher death could be notified on the Community Council page. It was agreed by theDaly:Community Council members present, that this should be done.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18 October 2021 at 8.00 p.m. If the regulations allow, the next meeting will be in the Geilston Hall and connected via Zoom, for those not wishing to attend a public meeting in the hall.

GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFRENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 18 October 2021

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

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

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Alasdair MacCuish, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Councillor Richard Trail, and 8 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Mike Crowe, Mike Brown, Jo Cameron, Bobby Beggs, Rob Irving, Lindsey Young, Provost David Kinniburgh, Barrie Morton and Councillor Gemma Penfold,

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 Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. Heather Munro said that she is a member of Cardross CAN.

POLICE REPORT

Patrick read from the report as follows:-

Figures from 20 September 2021

Total number of incidents = 19

Road traffic, road condition, animals = 7

Domestic violence = 3 (all linked to same incident)

Concern for person = 2

Neighbour dispute = 1

Assist other agency = 2

Abandoned / dropped 999 calls = 3

House alarm = 1

Total number of crime reports raised = zero

Quiet month, no crimes committed or reported.

I have emailed the Camera Partnership for an update on the date of speed camera installation and also a location, will update you ASAP once I receive a response.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2021

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Heather Munro and seconded by Bob Murray.

MATTERS ARISING

Footway from Cardross Crematorium To D/ton:	Patrick said that footpath clearing has been completed. Brian Watts said that the section from Ardoch to Dumbarton has been cleared.
Beach Clean:	Patrick said that the Beach Clean held on Saturday 25 September 2021, was very successful
KIImahew Education Trust:	No one has heard from the Trust. The Coummunity Council is still awaiting a reply from the Trust, on the offer of a place at our meetings.
Avant Homes:	Julie Lang said that some survey work has been carried out on Darleith Road, in the last month.
Cycle Path:	Patrick said there is a notice in the park which says that the Works and the bridge will be finished by 28 October 2021.
Geilston Gardens:	Ken Readman said that the Trustees next and last event of the year is the Halloween Pumkin Trail. Geilston Gardens Calendars are now available at outlets throughout the village.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received an email from Rob Irving regarding planning. Patrick said that he had received an email from Kelly Girling (Cardross Primary School Head Teacher).

PLANNING

Duncan read out the report from Rob, as follows:-

"Here are the planning applications that have been received in the past month. None are

likely to concern the Community Council, although the wind turbine proposed at Charnwood

is a bit different. (From the plans it looks like it would be integrated into one of the existing

chimney stacks - not a giant structure in the garden!.)

41 Barrs Road: Erection of extension to dwelling house.

Ardenvohr, Main Road: Repair and refurbishment of sash and case windows.

Charnwood, Church Avenue: Alterations to dwelling house to form attic en-suite,

studio/bedroom, and terrace, and installation of wind turbine.

34 Kirkton Road garden ground: Amended house design relative to previous planning

permission for erection of dwelling house and formation of access."

The proposals raised no adverse comments from those present at the meeting.

<u>HEALTH</u>

Patrick said that we are all aware that Covid numbers in the area, are increasing.
It is clear that things are NOT going that well. Most people are happy with the service they are receiving from their local GPs.
Councillor Trail said he understands that booster jags will be administered by Highland
Health Board Staff between 8 November and 17 December and NOT by the Helensburgh

GP Practises Staff. Patrick said he thought that HHB have made a poor decision. **Dumbarton GPs** are offering the booster and the flu jag, on a single visit at least 1 month before **HHB. HHB** are offering flu and booster jags seperately.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Heather gave the CAN report as follows:-

" Last month CCC issued a statement to urge A+BC to declare a climate emergency.

I'm happy to say they did so: at the council meeting on 30th Sept, they voted to declare a

climate emergency.

However, there were 2 versions of the motion on the table, and they voted for the weaker

version.

We'll see, whether or not this declaration leads to a new level of ambition in actions, or

whether it is just empty words.

We'd like to continue to urge our councillors to engage with training on the climate

emergency, and to step up the urgency and scale of their response

On the middle Saturday of COP26, 6th November, there is a big march in Glasgow from

Kelvingrove Park to Glasgow Green. The chair of Bonhill Community Council has emailed to

say he is organizing a cycle, from Bonhill Bridge (9am) to Kelvingrove Park, to join the

march. If anyone would like further information, please contact CardrossCAN@gmail.com "

Heather said that Argyll and Bute Council were not ambitious enough in dealing with global warming. **Councillor Trail** said that the Council is being as ambitious as it can be.

<u>AOCB</u>

School Report: Patrick read out the report from Kelly Girling, as follows:
"A very quick update as I am away on holiday.
When we return we will no longer have staggered starts or finishes - all children can be dropped off for a soft start between 0845 and 0900 and all children will finish school at 3pm. We have been able to restart our extra curricular clubs - though with smaller groups we have 9 groups running and have a club for all ages and all children who wanted to attend have been able to. Currently concerned with the parking around the school at dropping off and picking up time and trying to encourage those parents who have to drive to park and stride." and on return to school pupil council will begin an awareness campaign. On Wednesday 27th

we will have a half hour slot during Argyll and Bute Education Climate summit talking about

our Eco flag journeys and our aspirations for the future. "

- CCC Finances: Brian Craven said that the CCC account is £1,479.60 in credit.
- Leaves on Fiona Collins asked if the leaves could be cleared from the road at the Post Office.
- Road at P.O.: Councillor Trail said he will contact the officer concerned.
- **Covid Testing:** Brian Watts asked if the testing facility that was in the Library on Friday, would be coming on a regular basis. No one knew if the service will be available on a regular basis.
- **Cycle Path at** Brian Watts said that nettles are growing over the edge of the cycle path between Ferry

Ferry Road:- Road and Auchenfroe Burn. Councillor Trail said he will contact the officer concerned.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15 November 2021 at 8.00 p.m. If the regulations allow, the next meeting will be in the Geilston Hall and connected via Zoom, for those not wishing to attend a public meeting in the hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.



GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFRENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2021

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

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

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Provost David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, and 7 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Mike Crowe, Mike Brown, Jo Cameron, Bobby Beggs, Lindsey Young, Kelly Girling (Cardross Primary School Head Teacher), Reverend Maggie McArthur, Barrie Morton and Councillor Gemma Penfold,

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 Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership and Secretary of the Geilston Hall Management Committee. Heather Munro said that she is a member of Cardross CAN.

POLICE REPORT

Patrick said that he had not received a report this month.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 18 OCTOBER NOVEMBER 2021

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

MATTERS ARISING

- AvantJulie Lang said that she is unaware of any work being carried out on Darleith Road, thisHomes:month.
- Cycle Path:Patrick said that a "dangerous structure" sign has been put up on both accesses to the new
bridge. Patrick asked if Councillors had an update on progress. Provost David Kinniburgh
said that Fergus Murray (Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation)
had agreed to attend a meeting with the community, to discuss the Cycle Path. It was agreed
that a special meeting be set up at 7pm on 6 December 2021 or 29 November 2021.
Since Fergus stays in Lochgilphead, it was agreed that the meeting should be online.
David said that he will confirm the meeting date and time.

Geilston Gardens:	Ken Readman said that the NTS are looking at changing Geilston House into a holiday let. It is hoped that the facility will be available by 2024. Geilston Gardens Calendars are now available at outlets throughout the village.
Leaves on Road at P.O.:	Patrick said that the leaves had been cleared at thePost Office in time for the Remembrance Day Parade.
Covid Testing:	Patrick said that testing is still happening occasionally in the library.
Cycle Path at Ferry Road:-	Brian said that weeding appears to have been done and the cycle path between Ferry Road and Auchenfroe Burn is now passable.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received nothing of note.

Patrick said that he had received a four page letter from the owner of the house next to Charnwood in Church Avenue, expressing serious concerns about the work being carried out to the house. The Council has been made aware of these concerns. Details of the application are available on the Council website. **Patrick** said that he will reply, saying that the matter has been discussed at the Community Council Meeting, but can only be processed by Argyll and Bute Council.

Patrick had correspondence from Julie Lang asking about Covid Booster doses.

PLANNING

Rob said there were a couple of domestic applications. One was in Mitchell Drive and the other was in Muirend Road. Neither application is controversial.

HEALTH

Patrick said that the **Lomond Patients Group** has just written to **Mrs. White**, who is the assistant to **Humza Yousaf**, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care in the Scottish Government. The letter says that all of the problems with the Health Service, in all departments, are due to inadequate staffing levels. Reaching appropriate levels will take time.

The Minor Injury Unit at the Vale of Leven Hospital is open 24/7. **NHS Glasgow and Clyde** will not advertise this fact.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Heather said that most of us will have seen something of the outcome of COP26 at the weekend. The outcome was not encouraging. **Brendan O'Hara MP** said that most of the power to take real action on Climate Change lies with Local Authorities. **Heather** said that Argyll and Bute Council's Climate Emergency Declaration, should be followed up with action. Carbon Literacy Training for Councillors and staff, would be a good starting point. **The Climate Change Emergency** should be treated as an **Emergency**.

AOCB

School Report: Patrick read out the report from Kelly Girling, as follows:-"The school recently received the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award. It is hoped to work towards the Gold Award. Primary 7 recently went to Lockerbie for their residential week away and had a great time learning new skills and challenging themselves in outdoor activities. There are still no changes to school guidance on Covid from the Scottish Government, which means we are still unable to have parents in the school or school grounds. Parking is still an issue around the school. We continue to encourage families to walk to school or "Park and Stride"."

CCC Finances: Brian Craven said that the CCC account is £1,441.63 in credit.

- Covid Boosters: Patrick said that because Cardross is served by both NHS Glagow and Clyde and NHS Highland. The two Boards are carrying out the Booster programme in different ways. Julie Lang said that the NHS Highland Booster Programme, is particularly badly organised.
- Darleith Road: Bob said that he had a communication from Gordon Hendry regarding a lighting column across from the access to his house (Greyfriars). Gordon said that he had emailed the Council on 26 October 2021 regarding this headless lighting column. It has been out of commission for more than 6 months. Provost David Kinniburgh said that he will raise the matter with officers.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21 February 2022 at 8.00 p.m. If the regulations allow, the next meeting will be in the Geilston Hall and connected via Zoom, for those not wishing to attend a public meeting in the hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.