

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY 17 JUNE 2024
AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Patrick Trust (Convener) 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), Lindsey Young (Vice Convener), Alice Cook, Alasdair MacCuish, Simone McLeod, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, and 15 members of the public. (15 in the hall and 0 on Zoom)

APOLOGIES

Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Shuna Gillies, Rob Irving, Caroline McNair, Christine Nevin, Angela O'Neil, Councillor Gemma Penfold and Councillor Paul Kennedy.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Patrick said that he is a **Community Member of the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership** and **Secretary of the Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

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

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

Lindsey Young said that she is a member of **Cardross CAN** and the community engagement officer for **Argyll and Bute Climate Action Network** for the **Helensburgh and Lomond Area and Cardross**.

Barrie Morton said that he is a member of **the Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 20 MAY 2024

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

POLICE REPORT

Patrick said that there is no police report this month.

SCHOOL REPORT

Patrick said that there is no school report this month.

CYCLE TRACK

Lyndsey said that she had attended the **Area Committee Meeting** last Tuesday. She asked the meeting when would the necessary Ecological Studies, be completed. No budget has been allocated to the work and so no answer is available.

MATTERS ARISING

- Beach Clean:** **Bob** said that the next beach clean will be in October.
- Road Drains:** **Patrick** said the blocked road drains on the A814 and Church Avenue, have not yet been cleared.
- Street Sweeper:** **Patrick** said that, as yet, no street sweeper has been made available to Cardross. Sweepers have been seen in Rhu and around Helensburgh.
- ACER Lorries:** **Patrick** said that he has not yet had a reply from ACER about the lorries on Darleith Road.
- Estate Agent Signs:** **Patrick** said that there are still signs cluttering up the village.

PREDETERMINATION MEETING ON CALA HOUSING

Patrick read out an email from our **Councillor Gemma Penfold** as follows:-

“Hi all. After today’s Cala Homes hearing, I thought it important to confirm that I will not be in attendance at the Cardross Community Councils monthly meetings. My lack of attendance was raised a few times today by some members of the community council so I presume I have not made my position clear in the past. My absence is not because I don’t want to be there, as insinuated, but actually due to the fact that I have another job and the evening meeting clashes with my teaching hours. I am not in a position to change my work schedule which sadly leaves me unable to attend the meetings.

Please accept my apologies. Regards **Gemma Penfold**”

Patrick said that this is the first time in two years that our Councillor has sent an apology for not attending the Community Council meetings.

Patrick said that he would like to thank the large number of people who attended the predetermination meeting in Helensburgh this morning. The presentation from the Community Council was very good. **Patrick** thanked **Lindsay and Norman** for their very professional presentation. **Patrick** also thanked **Councillor Paul Kennedy**, who was instrumental in getting the opinions of the villagers of Cardross to be taken seriously by the members of the Planning Committee. Those members were extremely impressed by the lived experience of people in Cardross.

Patrick asked if a vote was taken at the end of the meeting. **Norman** said that there was a great deal of confusion among the Councillors. **4** voted to accept the proposal and **7** voted to reject. It was agreed that the **Community Council** will furnish Argyll and Bute Councillors with further information.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bob said that **Duncan** had not received any correspondence of note.

PLANNING

Alice said there were no contentious planning applications in the past month.

HEALTH

Patrick said that there are no new developments in health matters.

**CARDROSS CAN
GROUP**

Lyndsey said the AGM was held last week. The shore survey had to be cancelled due to bad weather. It will now be held on the 16 July 2024. **Patrick** said that the planting work that has been carried out at the station has been commented on very positively, by visitors and locals alike.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

**Overhanging
Trees on
Darleith Road:** **Alice** said that she had received complaints from members of the community about the trees overhanging parts of Darleith Road.

**Hedges on
Church
Avenue:** **Patrick** said that he has received complaints about hedges on Church Avenue that is growing over the footway. **Patrick** said that the hedge owners are responsible for their hedges.

**Infestation of
Rats:** **Lyndsey** said there is an infestation of rats at the junction of **Kilmahew Avenue** and **Barrs Road**. It is likely to be caused by the rubbish in the bin area near the junction.

**Speeding on
Darleith Road:** **Lindsay** said that on 29 January 2024, she was almost hit by a speeding car, driven by two youngsters who were under the influence. She asked that any antisocial driving be reported to the police. **Patrick** said that if a registration number can be given, it will help the police deal with the matter.

CALA HOMES: **Brian Watts** said that **CALA** are selling their proposed housing site to a third party.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19 August 2024 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. It will be connected via Zoom for those not wishing to come to the hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.