

**CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE 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 accessible than they were. The stretch from **Ardoch to Dumbarton** will probably need some winter clearing.
- Speed Camera:** **Patrick** said he had an email from **Roddy MacNeill** of **Police Scotland**. It had been 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.
- 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:** **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.
- Kilmahew Education Trust:** No one has heard from the **Trust**. **Mike** said that the college and the grounds are open to pedestrians and vehicular traffic at present. There is a lot of “coming and going”. **Patrick** said that he has offered a place at the Community Council Meeting. He awaits a reply.
- Avant Homes:** **Bob** said that a surveyor was working on Darleith Road recently. **Provost Kinniburgh** 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 **CPOs** had not yet been agreed by councillors. **Mike** 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.
- Geilston Gardens:** **Ken Readman** said that the Trustees for the **National Trust for Scotland** were to decide 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.

## **HEALTH**

**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 [cardrossCAN@gmail.com](mailto:cardrossCAN@gmail.com) to join the mailing list.

Cardross CAN understands that there is a motion being proposed at the meeting of Argyll + Bute Council on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 Late Mrs. Mary Daly:**

**Rev. Maggie McArthur** said that the family of Mrs Daly of 9 Kirkton Road, had asked if her death could be notified on the Community Council page. It was agreed by the 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.