

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2023
AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Patrick Trust (Convener) welcomed Police Sergeant Tracy Melvin (Police Scotland), Moray Stewart and Barrie Cuning (CALA HOMES) and all present. He reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. After approval of the minutes, the recording is destroyed.

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Lindsey Young (Vice Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Alice Cook, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Simone McLeod, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Angela O'Neil, Councillor Paul Kennedy, Police Sergeant Melvin, Moray Stewart, Barrie Cuning and 35 members of the public. (Due to technical difficulties, there was no access on ZOOM)

APOLOGIES

Brian Craven (Treasurer), Shuna Gillies, Caroline McNair, Christine Nevin, Dame Jackie Bailie MSP, Kelly Girling, Barrie Morton and the MacDonalds.

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.**

POLICE REPORT

PS Melvin said that between 15 June and 16 August, there were 38 incidents. They included Road Traffic Matters, Vandalism, Public Nuisance, Neighbour Issues and Disturbances. There were 3 incidents of note.

15 June - One male arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

24 June - Vandalism of a motor vehicle at Cardross Station. Police will give more attention to the area.

20 July – Shopkeeper in PO was assaulted. There was shoplifting and swearing at the Police. Two males were arrested.

Patrick asked if the incidents of vandalism around the school were being dealt with. **PS Melvin** said that that there are three local community police officers who will be dealing with these matters. **Susan Marshall** asked if there had been a follow up to the report of a male trying to get two girls into his car. **PS Melvin** said she has not been made aware of the matter, but will look into it. **Lindsey** said that a resident in Barrs Road is having problems with youngsters throwing her bins around the road on bin collection day. **PS Melvin** said that an officer has spoken to the woman concerned. **Patrick** thanked **PS Melvin** for her attendance and since there were no more questions, she left the meeting.

CALA HOMES

Moray Stewart said that CALA recognises that there are challenges with the site at Darleith Road. Safety is CALA's number 1 priority. **Moray** said that there are two main issues. The first is flooding. He hopes to answer

that tonight. The second is Darleith Road, and that cannot be answered tonight. In terms of the flooding, **Moray** said that the surface water from the houses in Kilmahew Avenue drains into a combined sewer. This ultimately causes flooding at the tennis courts in Church Avenue. **CALA** can solve this problem by taking the surface water from these houses to the proposed development, then on to the **Geilston Burn**. **CALA** have agreements with **Scottish Water**, the **Local Flooding Officer** and the **Council's Independent Flooding Adviser**, that this is a viable solution. **Moray** asked if there were any questions. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he had been at a meeting with the **Cardross Trust** regarding flooding at the tennis courts. He asked if a tank will be built to store excess water. **Moray** replied the **CALA** had no plans to supply a tank. **Patrick** said that a huge reservoir tank system already exists below the park and the football field in Church Avenue. However, it was unable to cope with the flooding last December. **Patrick** said that when the tide is in, the **Geilston Burn** is unable to cope and floods. The Community Council submission on flooding, expressed concern that the addition of water from Kilmahew and the new development, will only make the situation worse. **Moray** said that the Flooding Officer indicated that the additional water from Kilmahew and the new development would have little, to no effect, on flooding of the Geilston Burn.

Morag Elliot said that the burn floods at present without additional water being put into it. She suggested that the Flood Officer may be unaware of the volume of water carried by the burn. **Morag** said that there is an ongoing problem with water running off the hill north of Kilmahew Avenue. It is not coming from Kilmahew. Parts of Barrs Road are in a poor state because of this water flow. Adding more water can only make the situation worse.

Jackie McNally asked where the water pipe would be routed. **Moray** said it would go through the land owned by the National Trust for Scotland. He said it was Scottish Water's problem to solve. **Moray** asked for **Jackie's** contact details and said that CALA will be in touch to discuss problems.

Gordon Hendry said he appreciated that there were still ongoing discussions regarding Darleith Road. The existing principal of condition 42 says "road improvements will be as identified on the plan, TIAVCAR2_SK002" **Gordon** asked if it was CALA's intention to comply with that drawing or were CALA going to go back to the Council with amended proposals. **Moray** said it is CALA's intention to comply with that drawing. **Gordon** said that subsequent to that, the Head of Roads had said that, as things currently stand, it appears to the Roads Authority, that improvements to Darleith Road are undeliverable, without the acquisition of third party land, as previously highlighted by the Authority. **Gordon** asked if CALA were in the process of land acquisition. **Moray** said that according to their measurements, they believe that the improvements are deliverable within the adopted road limits.

Frank McGrath said the proposal to take water across Darleith Road is rather ambitious. The first obstacle is the pond west of the road. **Moray** said that Scottish Water would use their statutory powers to buy the necessary land. Because of the genuine concern, **Moray** agreed to look at the flooding issue again.

Lindsey said that CALA site is a field at present and absorbs much of the water falling on it. By "hard surfacing" this area, the run-off will increase massively in comparison. **Lindsey** asked how this would be dealt with. **Moray** said planting and drainage proposals should deal with the problem. **Lindsey** asked if solar panels and heat pumps would be provided in the properties. **Moray** said that the electricity supply to the area requires upgrading if this is to be done.

Ian Fleming asked about the access route to the site. He asked if the farm track from Barrs Road would be used. **Moray** said that it would. **Ian** said that **the Reporter to the Scottish Government**, indicated that there should be no access from the track. **Moray** said that **the Reporter** allowed access to 20 houses from the track. CALA intend accessing 9 houses from the track. The proposals are for a single lane carriageway with traffic calming and a verge. Road safety audits will be carried out to assess the safety of these proposals. **Moray** said that CALA are working on proposals for **Darleith Road**. CALA will bring their proposals to a Community Council meeting. Since there were no further questions, **Moray and Barrie** from **CALA**, left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 19 JUNE 2023

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Heather Munro** and seconded by **Alice Cook**.

MATTERS ARISING

Cycle Track: **Lindsey** said that she had no further information. Diary permitting, **Colin Young** (Strategic Transportation Delivery Officer - Argyll and Bute Council) will attend the community council meeting on 18 September 2023.

- Drain at High Strip:** **Councillor Kennedy** said that although he was told the work would be done by the end of May, it has not yet been done.
- Wall at Station Rd.:** **Patrick** said that the wall has been repaired. The work was done by Andy Miller. Members agreed that a donation be made to Andy, in recognition of the amount of work carried out.
- Planning at The Paddock:** **Brian Watts** said that the access road sight line has not been maintained, and is dangerous. Bushes require to be cut back or removed, in order to provide safe egress onto the A814.
- Ardoch Beach Clean:** **Craig Callahan** from the Council, has offered to provide equipment to volunteers wishing to clean the beach. **Brian** said there are a number of small boats washed up on the beach.
- Footpath from Cardross to the Cemetery:** **Councillor Kennedy** said that footpath has not been completed. He was told that completion work has been budgeted for this year.
- Japanese Knotweed:** **Patrick** said that the knotweed is still a problem. **Willie Laird** has sprayed the plants in the field to the west of the sawmill. There are many thick areas of knotweed on the shore between Ardmore Point and Brooks Road.
- Brownies and Beavers:** **Patrick** said that both organisations had received a cheque for £100.00.
- Council Play Park Survey:** **Councillor Kennedy** said that **The Cardross Trust** and **Argyll and Bute Council** are in discussion about possible grants for the park next to the football pitch.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received nothing of note.

PLANNING

Rob said that he refers to the Council website for information on planning. The main issues at the moment relates to access to the nine properties, from the track at Barrs Road.

Rob said that the **CALA** representatives were quite correct when they said that **the Reporter's** condition specified that up to 20 properties could be accessed from Barrs Road. Their proposal is that 9 properties be accessed from Barrs Road. **The Council** have not yet agreed access details with **CALA**.

There is nothing relating to the **Darleith Road** access.

There is nothing new regarding **The Paddock** at **Ardoch**.

There have been a number of routine applications in the last couple of months.

Patrick said that none of the routine applications are contentious.

HEALTH

Patrick said that the **Helensburgh and Lomond Locality Planning Group** have started to listen to what the public are saying about health issues. **Patrick** said that anyone who has had a letter offering pneumococcal and shingles vaccines should seriously consider taking up the offer.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Lindsey said that on 2 September at 2pm, there will be a vegetable and plant sale at the station run by Cardross Organic Gardens. The shore project is on Sunday 10 September. There will be a follow up to the **Warmer Homes** event held last year. Dates and times have yet to be decided.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Seagull Nuisance: A member of the public said that the seagulls are a problem. She asked if there is anything that the Council can do. **Chris Moore** said that the problem seems to be worse this year. **Chris** said that it is a wide spread problem, being reported around the country. It is worse during the breeding season. **Chris** said that since the gulls are a protected species, there is little that a Council can do. Individuals may help by not putting food out and discouraging nesting sites near houses.

Speeding Barrs Rd.: A member of the public said that cars are speeding on Barrs Road. It's a busy road where children play. It was suggested that this is a police matter.

Cairniedrouth Farm: A member of the public said that the farm has been sold to ACER. **Patrick** said that the owner had been spreading waste material during periods of rain, against Council recommendations. The Geilston Burn had been poisoned by the material. The member of the public said that the waste material is being spread again. **Patrick** said that he will email the owner about the situation. **Councillor Kennedy** said he will report the matter to the appropriate officer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18 September 2023 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall and on Zoom. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.