

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020

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 Crow, Rob Irving, Bob Murray, Alasdair MacCuish, Rev. Maggie McArthur, Councillor David Kinniburgh, and 14 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Jo Cameron, Bobby Beggs, Mike Brown, Councillor Richard Trail, 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.

POLICE REPORT

Patrick read out the report. It covered the period from 20 October 2020 to 16 November 2020:-

Total number of incidents – 14
Abandoned / silent 999 calls – 5
Assist members of the public – 2
Insecure property – 1
Domestic violence – 1
Road crash – 2
Licensing issue – 1
Alleged drink driver – 1
Disqualified driver – 1

Crime reports raised – 1
Male charged with driving while disqualified, no insurance and attempting to pervert the course of justice. Report to PF.

The death of the cyclist on A814, last week, was not included in this report.

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

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

MATTERS ARISING

- Lamp post at Ardoch:** **Brian Watts** said that the group of 5 standards have been working. The other two standards were repaired, but one of them has stopped working.
Councillor Kinniburgh said that additional work is to be carried out in the area.
- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Patrick** showed a photograph of the hole in the road, taken by **Julie Lang**. **Julie** said that the situation is not getting any better. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that further extensive Works have been scheduled. He has been promised an update on the situation within 8 weeks.
Councillor Kinniburgh said he will ask that the existing situation is made safe.
- Cycle Path:** **Patrick** said that following the death of a cyclist on the A814 last week, there is a clear need for speeding up the construction of the cycle path. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said our thoughts must be with the family of the cyclist who was killed. He said he will write to the council officers involved to see if the matter can be progressed more speedily.
- Ardoch A814 Road Safety:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that **Jim Smith**, the **Head of Roads** for our area, is having speed checks carried out on that section of road. **Brian Watts** said that the first 3 properties, coming from Cardross to Ardoch, do not meet the current sight lines standards where their accesses meet the A814.
- Dog Walking Facility at Auchensail:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that Council officers have investigated and the matter is progressing.
- Parking Bay for Disabled:** **Patrick** said that he has been asked which disabled bays he would like re-painted. He said he will tell the council officer that the bay at the paper shop is needing done.
Mike Crow asked if there are any disabled bays at the station. **Patrick** said that there are.
- Geilston Gardens:** **Patrick** said that he had a very unsatisfactory reply to his letter to the **National Trust for Scotland**. **Philip Long (The Chief Executive)** replied that, the property makes a very significant loss each year but the **Trust** has not yet made a decision regarding the property.
Patrick said that the reply is offensive and incorrect. The **Trust's** Guide to properties in Scotland in 2001 says that Geilston Gardens was bequeathed to the **Trust** by Miss E.C.. Hendry in 1989 with a generous endowment. **Chris Moore** said that some of the letter's content is questionable. He said that **The Friends of Geilston** are still trying to work with the **Trust**.
Bob said that **Patrick** should respond to the **Trust's** reply and express the general disgust of the community.
- Church Ave. Blocked Drain:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he has been told that the drain has been cleared and there is no puddle forming at the drain. **Councillor Kinniburgh** then received a photo showing the large puddle forming at the drain. He sent it on to the Roads officers and was told that operatives will jet and clean the drain again and make sure it is running at capacity.
- Red Road Drainage:** **Julie Lang** said that there is large puddle on the carriageway on the upper part of Red Road.
Councillor Kinniburgh said he will pass this information onto officers.
- Red Road Litter:** **Julie** said littering is still a problem.
- Remembrance Sunday:** **Tony Davey** said the wreath laying ceremony went very well, considering the limitations created by the coronavirus situation. **Rev. Maggie McArthur** thanked **Tony** and the others who laid the wreaths at the Cenotaph.
- Cardross Library:** **Leslie Griffiths (Retired Librarian)** said that the rumours of closure of the library are untrue. A number of libraries have been closed until April 2021 because of the effects of the coronavirus. **Patrick** thanked **Leslie** for her help in preventing the closure of the library.
Lindsey Young thanked **Leslie** on behalf of the children and the people of Cardross and wished her a happy retirement.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received nothing of interest. **Patrick** received a note from **Kelly Girling (Head Teacher at Cardross School)** who said the school is having staggered starts due to the virus. She said that dogs are fouling, outside the school gates. **Patrick** said we should all remind dog owners to pick up after their dogs. **Stella Kinloch** suggested putting “polite” notices on fence at the school. **Bob** said that **Stirling Council** are using stencils on the footway to remind owners to pick up.

PLANNING

Rob said there were no new planning applications this month. **Rob** referred to a previous application from Cardross Golf Club. It was for the installation of an array of solar panels on the roof of the clubhouse. He said it was interesting that that the application was turned down, in spite of the fact that there were no objectors. The proposals were thought to be out of keeping with the nature of the building.

HEALTH

Patrick said that the problems with the **Vale of Leven** hospital continue. The Minor Injuries Unit is still being listed as closed when it is in fact open. **The Lomond Patient Group** will continue to pursue the matter.

AOCB

50mph speed limit:-

Rob said that in view of recent cyclist death on the A814, is it worth considering applying a 50mph speed limit on the A814 between Helensburgh and Cardross. Walking on the pavement with vehicles passing at 60mph is a frightening experience. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the Council is responsible for imposing speed limits, but must comply with the relevant national guidelines when applying any such speed limits. These guidelines are available to the public. **Alasdair MacCuish** asked if **Councillor Kinniburgh** could find out the number of fatalities on the A814, between Cardross and Helensburgh in the last 30 years. **Patrick** said that he will ask the police if they have that information.

20mph limit in Cardross:

Fiona Collins asked if it would be possible to have a 20mph speed limit through Cardross. **Patrick** said that he was not sure if it is possible to have such a limit in the village and if there was, whether or not it would be obeyed. **Duncan** said that **Borders Council** are applying a **20 mph speed limit** on some roads. In view of the number of complaints of speeding through Cardross, it may be worth trying this out on the road through the village. **Ken Readman** said that the trial is being funded by the **Scottish Government’s “Spaces for People”** programme. It is being applied to trunk and non-trunk roads through **91 towns and villages**. It is for a trial period of 18 months. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that Argyll and Bute’s share of this funding is being used for other projects.

Footway from Cardross to the Crematorium:

Tony Davey said that this footway is in a poor state. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he has asked for the footway to be cleaned and cleared of weeds.

Food Bank:

Rev. Maggie McArthur praised the Cardross community response to the Food Bank contributions.

Estate Agent Signage:

Bob spoke on behalf of **Jo Cameron** about the proliferation of estate agent signs appearing around the village. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said the Council has written to local agents to remind them of their responsibility with regards to signs.

**Christmas
Tree Lights:**

Mike said he has been asked by members of the community if there will be christmas tree lights in the village this year. **Tony Davey** that when the Council decided to stop providing lights about four years ago, communities became responsible. Cardross Community Council decided that the cost of **Public Liability Insurance** was prohibitive and so, no lights were provided. **Julie Lang** said that some lights can be run on batteries instead of being connected to the mains electricity. **Julie** said she will look into the matter.

**Cardross
CAN Group:**

Lindsey Young said that she and two others have formed a group who feel strongly that transitioning to a lower carbon lifestyle is vital for our planet and ourselves as a species. The group has established some aims and objectives. **CAN** stands for **Climate Action Network**. The group aims to support and promote the issues of climate change, biodiversity, sustainable alternatives and carbon reduction within the local community, to enable the UK Government to achieve its objectives of Net Zero by 2050. The **first objective** is, supporting the Cardross Community and relevant stakeholders by sharing information on environmental issues, sustainable alternatives, biodiversity and carbon reduction. **The second objective** is to gather information from the community and relevant stakeholders about the communities vision of what Cardross should look like in 2050 and help identify possible projects to achieve this goal. **The third objective** is the support of organisations, stakeholders and community residents in their individual endeavours to reduce their carbon footprint, environmental impact and improve biodiversity within their own domain. The groups current focus is to recruit interested parties. **Mike Crowe** asked for contact details for those wishing to join the group. **Lindsey** said the email address is **CardrossCAN@gmail.com**. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that "Carbon Targets" will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Zoom and in the Geilston Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 18 January 2021. **Patrick** said it is hoped to have a "real" meeting and a "virtual" meeting at the same time. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.