

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE 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

Avant Homes: **Julie Lang** said that she is unaware of any work being carried out on Darleith Road, this 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 the Post 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 Glasgow 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.