

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2023
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), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Alice Cook, Alasdair MacCuish, Simone McLeod, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, Angela O'Neil, Councillor Paul Kennedy. (Due to technical difficulties, there was no access on ZOOM)

APOLOGIES

Shuna Gillies, Rob Irving, Caroline McNair, Heather Munro, Kelly Girling, Julie Lang and Barrie Morton.

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

Since there were no police representatives present, **Patrick** read from the Police Report as follows:-
29 August – Road traffic accident on A814. Investigations are ongoing. Misuse of drugs Investigations are ongoing. There were 28 incidents. Road traffic matters, assisting members of the public, attempted fraud, public nuisance and a missing person.

Patrick said that the traffic camera is still not functioning. The camera has to be actioned in Edinburgh. It cannot be controlled locally.

SCHOOL REPORT

Patrick said there have been no more reports of youths on the roof since the school re-opened. The CCTV has yet to be installed.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 21 AUGUST 2023

On page 4, line 1 of **Cairniedrouth Farm** paragraph, amend **ACER** to **ACRE.**

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Bob Murray** and seconded by **Lindsey Young.**

CALA HOMES

Patrick said that he was very disappointed by the “Non Presentation” provided at the August meeting. **Barry Cunning (CALA)** messaged **Patrick** to say that a drop-in session will be organised, when **CALA** have prepared proposals for **Darleith Road**. **Patrick** replied to **Barry**, that it is only worth meeting again when there is a definite plan of action available for discussion. **Patrick** read from a letter to **Julie Lang** from **Dame Jackie Bailie MSP** saying that **CALA** are in discussions with Council Officers, and cannot offer details on proposals for **Darleith Road**. Currently, no list of questions or written response has been provided by the Community Council. It was agreed at the meeting, that comments should be made directly to the Planning Authority and **not** to the applicant. However, in this case, **Patrick** said he will send a copy of the CCC Minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2023 and attended by representatives from **CALA**, directly to the company. The Minutes contained concerns about drainage from, and access to, the development.

Gordon Hendry said that he had written to **Raymond Kane**, a **Traffic and Development Officer** in the Council. In his reply, **Raymond** had written “I can confirm that Argyll and Bute Council **will seek to obtain** the Reporter defined conditions as a minimum roads standard.” By not **insisting** on these conditions, the Council may be paving the way to accepting lower standards. **Patrick** said that since **CALA** have not yet submitted proposals for up-grading **Darleith Road** for access to their development, there is little we can do as a Community Council.

MATTERS ARISING

- Cycle Track:** **Lindsey** said that **Colin Young** (Strategic Transportation Delivery Officer - Argyll and Bute Council) was unable to attend tonight. **Lindsey** read from Colin’s last report to the **Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee** which met on 12 September 2023. The technical design for the route voted for by the public in 2019, was expected to be completed in 2021. Construction of the track from **Dumbarton** to **Helensburgh** was to be completed by 2026. The design is now due to be completed by April 2024 and constructed by 2030. The design work is being carried out by **WSP Engineering Consultants**. **Lindsey** said that time lines for the project have constantly been missed. It has remained on the Council’s programme, because of public support for the project. **Lindsey** proposed setting up a **Cycle Path Action Group**, to collect the facts of the project, and give regular updates to the community. **Patrick** said that this was originally a Millenium project fr 2000. A previous councillor, **David Kinniburgh**, had arranged for the project to be a standing item on the Agenda at the Council’s quarterly meetings. The Council has been updated every quarter and the project has never stopped slipping. **Christine** said that having looked at the report, it raises more questions than it answers. She suggested that the formation of a small group would be useful. **Lindsey** said that she will try and put a group together.
- Drain at High Strip:** **Patrick** has been told by **Barrie Morton**, that the Council installed a pipe across and under the road at High Strip. This simply needs maintained. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he has visited the area after recent wet spells and the road was not flooded.
- Planning at The Paddock:** **Brian Watts** said that the access road sight line has not been maintained, and is dangerous. He said that there has been a car accident there tonight. The outcome is not yet known. There is no further progress on the planning application.
- Footpath from Cardross to the Cemetery:** **Patrick** said that footpath has been improved and the hedges have been cut. **Councillor Kennedy** said that there is a bit of work still to be done. Overhanging trees need to be cut.
- 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. **Patrick** said that **Scottish Water** are undertaking a survey of the park.

Seagull Nuisance: **Patrick** said that seagull nuisance is a problem. Individuals should not feed the seagulls.

Cairniedrouth Farm: **Patrick** said that waste material was being transported to the farm, although not recently. It seems that the farm has been sold to a company called **ACRE**. **Patrick** has emailed the company and had no response.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received nothing of note. **Patrick** said that he had a letter from the Council saying that teams will be visiting some households to confirm the accuracy of the **Electoral Register**.

PLANNING

Alice read from an email from **Rob**. The main points were as follows:-

1. This month, there were four applications relating to various forms of domestic alterations. These involved properties in Station Road, Main Road, Muirend Road and Bainfield Road. There was also an application to install roof mounted solar panels at the Primary School. None of these warrant intervention from the Community Council.
2. There is no new information on the proposed housing development at The Paddock, Ardoch.
3. Amended plans were posted on the Council website for the proposed CALA Development. These relate to refuse collection, build route and phasing and external finishes.

Rob referred to **Gordon Hendry's** comments. (See CALA HOMES above)

HEALTH

Patrick said that there have been problems in administering the Covid and Flu vaccines. Most over 75 year olds, will get the vaccination in November. Shingles and Pneumococcal vaccinations, will also be available. **Patrick** said that Highland Health Board are not providing Care Packages at Home for residents in Cardross. This is provided by two private companies. He will take the matter up with the Health and Care Partnership. **West Dunbarton** are providing a superb in-house service.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Lindsey said that **Friends if Geilston** are having a sustainability event on 1 October in Geilston Gardens. Representatives from CAN will be there. A **Warmer Homes** event is to be held in the Church Hall in October. Dates and times have yet to be decided.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Footpath Exit At Craighend:- **Brian Watts** said that the exit has finally been cleaned. Unfortunately, most of the footpath needs to be replaced. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he had seen Council workers there.

Geilston Hall:- **AGM** is on Wednesday at 8pm.

Newsletter:- **Patrick** said that the last newsletter was issued in August 2022. He asked if it should be an annual feature. It was decided to investigate the use of social media to circulate the Information that appeared in the newsletter.

Beach Clean:- It was agreed that it will be held at 10am on Saturday 21 October 2023.

Dog Fouling:- **Duncan** said that **Julie Lang** had photos of dog poo bags being hung on the hedges. She asked if a bin could be supplied in the vicinity of St Mahew's Car Park. The issue had been raised previously. There is a bin on Darleith Road at Mill Road. **Patrick** said that the main problem is emptying the bins.

CCC Website: **Brian Watts** suggested that the Community Council should have a website. **Lindsey** agreed and said that the matter will be raised at the **Community Engagement Group**.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 October 2023 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall and on Zoom. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.