

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 18 JANUARY 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.

Patrick offered the Meetings congratulations to **Councillor David Kinniburgh** on his election to the role of **Provost for Argyll and Bute**.

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Mike Crowe, Rob Irving, Bob Murray, Alasdair MacCuish, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, Kelly Girling (Head Teacher, Cardross Primary School) and 10 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Jo Cameron, Bobby Beggs, Mike Brown 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.

SCHOOL REPORT

Kelly Girling (Head Teacher) gave the report as follows:-

The school is open as a school hub for Cardross Primary and ELC pupils who are classed as key worker or vulnerable children. We have 30% of our school role registered for a place in the school hub and have on average 35 children in a day and they are in four bubble groups. In the ELC we have 4 registered for a place. The school hub is being staffed by Cardross Primary staff both teaching and support staff on a rota.

We have loaned out 7 Chromebooks to ensure children are able to access remote learning and that no child is disadvantaged. We have also arranged routers for families who need increased data.

Registration for the 2021/2022 P1 intake begins on Monday 18th January and due to CoVid 19 this year is being carried out online by the Argyll and Bute Early Years Team. There is information on the school website, Argyll and Bute website as well as in local media.

Registration for 2021/2022 ELC places begins on Monday 25th January and again will take place online by the Argyll and Bute Early Years Team.

This time of year in school we are normally busy with our preparations for our Burns competitions and Scottish celebration week. All pupils P1 – P7 have been given a poem and song to learn and we will be holding our competition as normal as well as pupils doing a piece of Scottish themed art work. The children in the ELC will have the opportunity to learn some Scottish nursery rhymes and songs.

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

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Rob Irving** and seconded by **Mike Crowe**.

POLICE REPORT

Patrick read out the report from **Inspector Roderick MacNeill**. It covered the period from 18 November 2020 to 16 January 2021:-

Total Incidents – 46

19 of the 46 calls related to silent / dropped 999 calls in succession which was a technical issue with a phone. No real pattern at all throughout the 2 month period.
Vandalism up at Kilmahew Castle, graffiti on the walls.

Total crime reports raised – 10

2 x drug possession offences
1 x possession of drugs with intent to supply, car stopped in Cardross
1 x assault – family members involved – enquiry ongoing
Vehicle stopped near Cardross, various drugs and weapons charges and drug driving offence
Shoplifting at the Co-Op
Dangerous driving x 1 stopped near Cardross
Drug driving x 1 stopped in Cardross
Vandalism at Kilmahew
Local male causing a disturbance, police assault, resist arrest

Covit 19

Inspector Roderick MacNeill said that as far as issuing fines are concerned, the police will be adhering to the four E's. These are "Engagement, Education, Encouragement and Enforcement". Enforcement will be a last resort.

MATTERS ARISING

- Lamp post at Ardoch:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that additional work is to be carried out in the area and it has still to be completed.
- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Julie Lang** said that the situation is getting worse and the hole continues to be a danger on the running surface of the road. **Rob** asked who would be responsible for any resulting accidents. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said whoever excavated the hole would be responsible.
- Cycle Path:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that officers are looking into the possibility of extending the Cycle Path as far as Murray's Crossing in the short term.
- Ardoch A814 Road Safety:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that vehicle counting and speed monitoring equipment is in place, on the A814 carriageway.
- Parking Bay for Disabled:** **Patrick** said that he has contacted a council officer, who will look into the matter further
- Geilston Gardens:** **Patrick** said that he has yet to reply to the unsatisfactory letter from **Philip Long (The Chief Executive)** of the **National Trust**.
- Church Ave. Blocked Drain:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** has been told that officers will investigate further.
- Red Road Drainage:** **Julie Lang** said that, after heavy rain, a large puddle always forms on the carriageway. It becomes lethal during icy spells. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that piles of salt have been placed near the area, for use by the public. The piles will be replenished as necessary.
- Red Road Litter:** **Julie** said littering is still a problem.
- Cardross Library:** **Patrick** said that **Leslie Griffiths (Retired Librarian)** has promised to email him when opening dates become available.

- 50mph speed** Patrick said that he will ask the police if this is possible.
- 20mph limit in Cardross:** Patrick said that he will ask the police if this is possible..
- Footway from Cardross to the Crematorium:** Councillor Kinniburgh said that he has asked for the footway to be cleaned and cleared of weeds.
- Christmas Tree Lights:** Patrick said said that the company called “Fusebox” connected the lights and did not charge for their services. They will disconnect the lights tomorrow. Patrick said that the tree has grown around the lights in places. The lights require to be “cut out” of the tree. Patrick said he will discuss the matter with the “Fusebox” operative tomorrow.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received nothing of note. Patrick received a letter from Argyll and Bute saying that the “Supporting The Communities Fund” is now available to small local organisations. It offers small grants.

PLANNING

Rob said that a couple of applications have been lodged since the last meeting. The first is for the erection of a single story side extension at Meryl Head Cottage Red Road. The second is for the alteration and extensions to Charnwood at Church Avenue. There were no adverse comments made to these proposals.

HEALTH

Patrick said that Dr. Nick Dunn, a GP from Helensburgh, has been successful in negotiating with Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board. They have agreed that Dr. Dunn can manage the Out of Hours GP Service. This is extremely significant but will require funding from GG&CHB. There should now be a proper 24/7 Minor Injuries and medical assessment unit at the Vale of Leven Hospital.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Heather Munro said the December survey has now been completed. 139 forms were completed. There was a healthy spread of opinion on Climate Change. 68 per cent were prepared to make changes to their life styles, if it benefited climate change. The greatest benefit to Cardross was felt to be the Cycle Path. Heather felt that the results gave a good strong mandate to improve climate change efforts in Cardross. The petition for construction of a Cycle Path has reached almost 1500 signatures. It will be sent to Argyll and Bute Council in advance of the next funding bid. There has been a lot of interest in enhancing the green spaces within the village. Bob suggested that reducing the number of people who transport their children to the village school in the morning, would reduce emissions, and help Climate Change. Heather said that group members are concerned about that and will approach parents with alternatives.

AOCB

Finances: Brian said that there is £1570 in the Community Council Account. At the start of the year, the sum was £989. It was decided to ask community groups for some spending proposals.

Dog Fouling:- **Kelly Girling (Head Teacher)** said that dog fouling is a major problem at the entrance to the School. She asked that the community be made aware of this problem. **Bob** asked to whom you would complain, if you witnesses dog fouling in the area. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said it should be reported to the Council.

Newsletter: **Patrick** asked if the Community Council should produce a newsletter this year. **Bob** said that he is happy to do so, if content can be provided.

Washing Machine: **Mike Crowe** said that there has been a washing machine lying on the pavement across from the **Pharmacy**. It has been there for weeks. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter.

Parking on Pavement: **Ken Readman** asked if car parking on the footway can be stopped. **Patrick** said that he will ask **Inspector Roddy MacNeill (Police Scotland)** if anything can be done.

Dog Poo Bin: **Patrick** said the bin on the path from the 30mph sign on A814, to Murray's Crossing, has not been emptied. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter.

Cycling on Pavement: **Alasdair MacCuish** asked if anything can be done to stop anyone cycling on the footway. **Patrick** said that he will ask **Inspector Roddy MacNeill** for his opinion.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Zoom at 8.00pm on Monday 15 February 2021.
The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.