

**CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**  
**ON MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 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, Rob Irving, Simone McLeod, Heather Munr, Bob Murray, Angela O'Neil, Councillor Paul Kennedy.

**APOLOGIES**

Shuna Gillies, Caroline McNair, Alasdair MacCuish, Christine Nevin, Kelly Girling, Gordon Hendry 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.**

**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:-  
22 September – Theft by finding. Near to Cardross Crematorium, a large amount of cash was found and not handed in to the police. Enquiries are ongoing.

There were 8 incidents including, concern for persons, Road Traffic collisions and assisting members of the public.

**Patrick** said that the traffic camera is still not functioning. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will pursue the issue.

**SCHOOL REPORT**

**Patrick** said there is no school report since the schools are on holiday.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Bob Murray** and seconded by **Brian Craven.**

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Cairniedruth Farm:** **Patrick** said he has not had a reply from **ACRE** about spreading waste material in contravention of current requirements. **Patrick** is also concerned that **ACRE** has changed management.

- Cycle Track:** **Lindsey** said that a “cycle track group” had been set up and met on 4 October 2023. Those attending were Lindsey Young, Eric Archer, Mathew Bryce, David Grinley, Kirsteen Hutcheson, Kenny Lockhart, Christine Nevin, Duncan Stirling and Richard Trail. There were apologies from, Sue Aikman, Angela Anderson and Jonathan Young. The group has three main purposes. Firstly, to scrutinise progress of the cycle track that will go from Helensburgh to Dumbarton. Secondly, to provide advice on behalf of the local community, along with updates to the community. Thirdly, to undertake appropriate action to expedite implementation of the route. The next meeting will be on 5 December, ahead of the Council Committee meeting on 7 December.
- Drain at High Strip:** **Councillor Kennedy** said that officers have not replied to his request for information on the drain. He will ask again. **Julie Lang** said that today, the road was flooded and the drain was completely blocked.
- Planning at The Paddock:** **Brian Watts** said that the access road sight line has not been maintained, and is dangerous. There is no further progress on the planning application.
- Footpath from Cardross to the Cemetery:** **Patrick** said that work is ongoing on the footpath. **Councillor Kennedy** said that the programme of work shows that more work will be carried out on the footway.
- Newsletter:-** **Patrick** said that the last newsletter was issued in August 2022. He asked if it should be an annual feature. It was suggested that it may be better to issue the Newsletter through social media.
- Beach Clean:-** It was agreed that the beach clean will be held at 10am on Saturday 21 October 2023.
- Dog Fouling:-** **Julie Lang** asked why there was a problem putting a bin on Darleith Road, further north than Mill Road. **Bob** suggested that there had been a proposal to put a bin in the car park at St. Mahew’s. This is no longer an option since the car park is now locked.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Duncan** said he had received an email from Community Development at Argyll and Bute Council. A Housing Emergency has been declared and the team are carrying out a survey of residents to help inform how the emergency should be tackled. Anyone wishing to take part should go to their website – <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D8ZHTW7>. The closing date is 31 October.

**Patrick** said that he has written a letter of condolence to Mrs. Susan Muir on the death of her husband, Norman Muir. He had been Convener of Helensburgh Community Council for 8 years.

## PLANNING

**Rob** commented as follows:-

**CALA** - The developer is keen to use Barrs Road as an access to the 9 houses on the East of the development, allowing cars to reverse from the houses onto an extended Barrs Road. The Roads Authority are insisting that these proposals are not acceptable and an alternative, allowing safe sightlines and cars to drive forwards onto Barrs Road, should be proposed.

**Rob** read from a letter on the website from the Roads Department to the Developer. It reminded the Developer that the Council would be responsible were any road accidents to occur through a lowering of design standards.

**Councillor Kennedy** said that **Taylor Wimpey** are now involved in the **CALA** development at Darleith Road.

**Scottish Water** have a planning application for “re-profiling of ground for the installation of a combined sewer overflow chamber. Formation of drop kerb. Widening of existing access track. New grasscrete hammerhead. Installation of outflow headwall with scour protection and ancillary development.”

**Patrick** agreed to write to the planning department, expressing the Community Council’s concerns at the proposals to put sewage into the Geilston Burn. It is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a trout spawning burn.

**Brian Watts** asked what rules are in place from the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency.

**Rob** said that there were a few routine planning applications involving alterations to houses. There was also an application to crown thin a number of large trees along the main road, at the CALA flats. It was received by the Council on 9 October 2023 and was approved today.

**Patrick** said that he will write, expressing our concern at the short time scale for approval.

## HEALTH

**Patrick** said that there is plenty of Covid around. The vaccination programme seems to be working well in our area. The social care problem mentioned last month, has now been dealt with.

## CARDROSS CAN GROUP

**Heather** said that **Warmer Homes** event will held on 20 January 2024, in the church hall.

## ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

**CCC Accounts:-** **Brian Craven** said that the account is in the black to the tune of **£1023.11**. So far this year, we have paid out **£404.83**. Income from Argyll and Bute Council is **£706.50**.

**Zoom Account:-** The continuation or otherwise will be discussed at the November meeting.

**Community Engagement Group:-** **Lindsey** said that she is forming a small working group to consider how social media can be best used by the Community Council. Any volunteers are welcome.

**Trains not Stopping at Cardross:-** **Rob** said that he had a meeting in Helensburgh last Friday and went for the 10.06 train. He discovered that the 10.06 no longer stops at Cardross. It seems that three trains no longer stop at Cardross. **Chris Moore** said that he knew of this and had written to Scotrail asking why this had happened. The reply said that changes were made after the results of an analysis of train punctuality on the line. **Dame Jackie Bailey MSP** has taken the matter up with Scotrail.

**Train Horn Noise:** **Patrick** said that **Network Rail** are installing a green and red light system at **Murray’s Crossing** and the **Geilston Farm Crossing**. This will remove the need for trains to sound horns at these crossings. This cannot be done at the **Bainfield Crossing** because of the curve on the line and the necessary stopping distances.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 November 2023 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall and on Zoom. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.