

**CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**  
**ON MONDAY 17 JANUARY 2022**  
**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 Brown, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Lindsey Young, Kelly Girling (Cardross Primary School Head Teacher), Provost David Kinniburgh, Councillor Gemma Penfold, Councillor Richard Trail, and 18 members of the public. (5 in the hall and 13 on Zoom)

**APOLOGIES**

Mike Crowe, Jo Cameron, Bobby Beggs, Reverend Maggie McArthur, 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** and **Secretary of the Geilston Hall Management Committee**.  
**Heather Munro** and **Lindsey Young** said that they are members of **Cardross CAN**.

**SCHOOL REPORT**

**Kelly Girling** said that not much is going on in school because of Covid. The Christmas Nativity play was recorded and sent out for families to watch. The school has joined up with **CAN**. They are hoping to have a science project in summer, on the shore. It is hoped that the Scottish Government Initiative to provide free school meals to **all** primary children, will start in August in Cardross Primary. Vandalism is still a problem in the school, particularly at weekends. CCTV has shown the vandals to be around 16 or 17 years of age. Members of the public should report any sightings of vandalism to the Police.

**POLICE REPORT**

**Patrick** said there were three items of note. There was an assault on 12 December 2021, an assault on 14 December and an assault on 31 December. There were 20 other incidents such as road traffic and public nuisance. **Patrick** has asked when the speed camera might be installed in Cardross.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 15 NOVEMBER 2021**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

- Avant Homes:** **Bob** said that there have been people around Darleith Road, looking at the access to the proposed housing site.
- Geilston Gardens:** **Ken Readman** said that there will be an additional full time gardener for Geilston in the coming year. There will be a second tranche of money, over £200,000, for work on the house itself.
- Poppy Appeal:** **Patrick** said that the appeal, which was organised by **Carolyn Craig** and **Grace Laird**, had raised **£4343.25**. They have asked that their thanks is passed on to everyone involved in helping raise this wonderful sum of money.
- CCC Finances:** **Brian Craven** said that the CCC account is £1,199.88 in credit.
- Darleith Road Lighting Column:** **Gordon Hendry** said that on 16 December 2021, he was advise that the lighting column across the road from his house (Greyfriars), would be repaired within 4 weeks. It has still not been repaired. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter with the appropriate officer. He will contact **Gordon** with an answer.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Duncan** said he had received two items of correspondence. The first regarding a change of hours at the Cardross Station Ticket Office and the second regarding the Scottish Flood Forum

**Patrick** said that he has received several emails concerning the erection and locking of a gate at the St.Mahew Car Park in Darleith Road.

**PLANNING**

**Rob** reported as follows:-

Planning applications registered.

1. Ardtalla, Peel Street: Creation of porch, balcony and rear extension.
2. 19 Mill Road: Alterations to dormer windows.
3. Kitra Cottage, Carman Road: Erection of single storey extension.

Charnwood: decision still awaited on current planning application (including chimney-mounted wind turbine).

No adverse comments were raised at the meeting.

Many will recall the planning application from some eighteen months ago for an agricultural storage unit on land at the top of Darleith Road. This application was refused, but in anticipation of a different outcome the applicants had (illegally) felled a considerable number of trees. An order was made for the reinstatement of trees on this piece of land, and it is good to see that some 60 – 70 saplings have recently been planted there.

**Patrick** suggested that the **Cycle Path** is dealt with as a planning matter. **Patrick** said that there was a special meeting on 6 December 2021. The bridge on the cycle track, near the football pitch, has been completed. It is not yet open. The consultation concerning the Cycle Path is open until 23 January. **Patrick** suggested that we contact **Patrick Harvey MSP**. As a member of the Green Party, he may be able to help expedite the process more quickly. It was agreed unanimously, that **Patrick Trust** should write to the MSP in the hope of speeding things up. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that the finishing date of 2029 mentioned at the meeting on 6 December, was incorrect. It should have been 2027.

**Lyndsey** said that time line targets need to be met now, to achieve a 2027 completion date. **Provost Kinniburgh** was told at the last Area Committee Meeting that the time line is accurate.

**HEALTH**

**Patrick** said that he was very pleased to see that “out of hours” at the Vale, is continuing **24/7** and is run by Dr. Nick Dunns team. **Greater Glasgow** has failed in their “out of hours” provision. Nick Dunn’s team has increased for 18 GPs to 30 GPs. Over Christmas and New Year, the minor injuries unit was open 24/7. This is encouraging, for the model at the Vale.

**CARDROSS CAN GROUP**

**Lindsey** said that the library now has a small section on books relating to the climate and bio-diversity crisis that we are undergoing. **Lindsey** asked if the money which had been allocated by the Community Council, for the purchase of trees, could instead be used to buy books. **Patrick** suggested that details of the proposal should be submitted to the Community Council for consideration. **Lindsey** said that the plans for the community garden at the church are continuing. The Carbon Literacy Tool Kit is not yet available. A date for the “Beach Survey” is to be decided.

**AOCB**

**Station Ticket Office:** **Scotrail** are proposing changing the ticket office opening hours from **07.25 – 14.15** to **07.25 – 09.45**. **Leslie Young** said that the Scottish Government is pushing the public towards using public transport. It is to be made more available and easier. **Leslie** said that the existing member of staff is lovely and she is extremely helpful. This action makes the service less available and less easy. **Chris Moore** said that there is an online consultation on this proposal. Anyone with objections, has until the beginning of February to register them. He said that it is a retrograde step. **Chris** said that contact address details for comments are available in the station. **Patrick** said he will write to **Scotrail** expressing the Community Council’s concern about the proposed reduction in hours.

**St. Mahew Car Park:** **Patrick** said that his letter of concern at the gating and locking of the car park was forwarded to the parish priest, **Fr. Maloney**. **Patrick** read out **Fr. Maloney’s** reply as follows:-

**“ Dear Patrick, David Rainey sent me your email which I read with interest. The barrier was installed so that the parishioners can have access to their property. Regards Fr. Maloney”**

**Bob** said that locking the gate is a mean spirited action. It will result in parking on the road and more damage to the grass verge. **Morag Elliot** said that at times like these, particularly during a pandemic, we should be looking out for each other and NOT erecting barriers. Many members of the community use the car park out with service times, with no apparent detriment to anyone. **Julie Lang** said she is horrified by this mean spirited action. **Julie** said that the car park is used by service attendees for 1 hour per week. She suggested that a notice in the car park, giving the service times, may suffice.

**Patrick** said that he will write to Fr. Maloney relating the feelings expressed at this meeting. **Julie** said that she will write to the Archdiocese about the matter.

**Scottish Flood Forum:** **Katie Smillie of SFF** asked if it would be acceptable to attend the next Community Council meeting. It was agreed that **Duncan** should contact her with details of the next meeting.

**Fly Tipping:** **Bob** said that fly tipping is occurring on Carman Road at a number of places, on the Cardross side of the cattle grid. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter with the appropriate officer and see if anything can be done.

**Bins at Barrs Rd. Kilmahew Ave. Junction:** **Rob** said that the communal bins have been overflowing with rubbish, for weeks. **Councillor Gemma Penfold** said that a resident of Barrs Road contacted her about this problem. **Councillor Penfold** has reported this to the Council, and the matter is in hand.

**Sawmill Noise:** **Bob** said that noise levels have increased in recent months. **Rob** said some noise monitoring took place in the summer of 2021 and further monitoring has been promised in 2022. **Rob** agreed that noise levels are getting worse. **Alasdair** said that noise levels have increased.

**Resurfacing Ft/way in Church Ave.:** **Rob** said that some resurfacing work was done on parts of the footway in Church Avenue. The footways have been in a poor state for at least the last 10 years. Patching work has now been carried out, in what seems to be an arbitrary manner. **Rob** said he realised that funding is tight, but this is no reason to do a “botched” job. In his opinion, it would have been better to resurface the whole footway. Starting at one end until this year’s budget ran out, then continuing when finances allowed. **Provost Kinniburgh** said the point is noted and he will raise the matter with Council at the appropriate time.

**New Leadership Model:** **Stella Kinloch** asked when we can expect to see Argyll and Bute Council’s consultation on this model. **Stella** said that the deadline for engagement is 4 February 2022. The Council had promised that all Community Councils would be offered a workshop. **Stella** said that one of the proposals is to remove school head teachers. **Patrick** asked if the Community Council should be asking for a briefing on these proposals. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that you can request that from the Council. He said that the consultation commenced on 29 December 2021 and has been extended to 4 March 2022. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that he will take up the matter of lack of contact with Community Councils, with A & B Council. **Stella** said that having the consultation over the Christmas holiday period, has severely limited the time available for a meaningful response from the community.

#### **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.