

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 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, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, Councillor Paul Kennedy.

APOLOGIES

Shuna Gillies, Rob Irving, Simone, McLeod Caroline McNair, Angela O'Neil, Rev. Maggie McArthur, Kelly Girling 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

Patrick said that he has not received a police report. He 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. **Lindsey** said that the Police have advised the school to leave the Main Gates open, in order that they can access the school quickly, if required.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 16 OCTOBER 2023

Amend Page 1 under **PRESENT**, change "Munr" to "Munro" and Page 3 under **Trains not stopping at Cardross**, change "**Bailey**" to "**Baillie**".

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

MATTERS ARISING

Cairniedrouth Farm: **Patrick** said he has not had a reply from **ACRE** about spreading waste material in contravention of current regulations.

Drain at **Patrick** said that the road is still flooding. He said that he had talked to **Frank McGrath** who,

- High Strip:** as a plumbing apprentice, had cleared road cundies around the village. These drains are no longer maintained. **Patrick** is hoping to map these cundies.
- 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:** The beach clean held on Saturday 21 October 2023, was very successful.
- Dog Fouling:** **Julie Lang** said that no poo bags had been hung on her hedge this month. **Patrick** said that the bins in the village park were overflowing. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will pass the information on to Council Officers.
- CALA Houses:** Representatives of CALA and Argyll and Bute Council were seen recently “measuring” Darleith Road. When asked why, a spokesman said it was, for “further discussion”.
- Scottish Water:** **Patrick** said that the company wish to install a sewage overflow chamber, with an outfall, from Cardross play park to the Geilston Burn. He has written expressing the **Community Council’s** concern at this proposal. **Patrick** said that he will write a letter of concern to **SEPA**.
- Zoom Account:** **Patrick** said that the number of people joining with “Zoom” has reduced considerably. He asked if we should be spending £15.00 per month on a Zoom licence. Since Zoom is available free for up to 1 hour, it was agreed that we will try the free option and cancel the monthly payment.
- Cycle Track:** **Lindsey** said that the working group will meet in January.
- Train Horn Noise:** **Patrick** said that **Network Rail** have installed a green and red light system at **Murray’s Crossing** and the **Geilston Farm Crossing**. This has removed 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.
- Trains not Stopping at Cardross:** **Chris Moore** said that a staff member had suggested that the recent instances of trains not stopping was temporary and the services would be reinstated in the new December timetable.

PLANNING

Councillor Kennedy said that he had been contacted by **Barrie Cunning** of **Pentland Communications**, representing **Taylor Wimpey**. **Pentland Communications** is a lobbying company. (Mr. Cunning represented **CALA** at a recent Community Council meeting). He wanted to discuss a possible site for housing development at Geilston Farm.

Alice said that there are no new planning applications to report.

CALA development – Patrick said the **Scottish Government Reporter** had recommended that a housing development be permitted if the developer satisfied a number of conditions. **Christine Nevin** has drafted a letter relating to a large number of these conditions which have not yet been satisfied. **Christine** said that before preparing the draft, she had referred to the Argyll and Bute web site, where a large number of additional documents relating to the project, have been submitted. The main issues are a lack of proper assessment of the Flooding Risk. **Condition 11** has not been met, since the applicant has not demonstrated that there is not an increase in the risk of flooding to elsewhere in the village. There was no

mention of **Japanese knot weed** in the **Biodiversity Report**, even though it exists in the hedgerow at the end of Barrs Road. An “eradication” plan, should be provided. The safety issues on **Darleith Road** have not yet been addressed. It is unclear which roads details are the responsibility of the Planning Section and which are the responsibility of the Roads Section.

Christine’s letter was very comprehensive and by necessity, quite long.

It was agreed by all of the members present, that the letter should be sent to the Planning Authority, expressing the Community Council’s concern.

Patrick thanked **Christine** for all of the investigative work she had carried out.

Brian Watts expressed concern that the Authority seems to have a vested interest in allowing the development, since it will be an additional source of Council Tax.

HEALTH

Patrick said that he is concerned that **Dr. Nick Dunn** is leaving Helensburgh. He is the **Clinical Director** for the **Out of Hours Service** at the **Vale of Leven Hospital**.

Patrick is hoping to meet his successor tomorrow and will emphasise the importance of the Out of Hours Service.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Lindsey said that the Warm Homes and Sustainable Village Event, will held on 20 January 2024, from 12 noon until 4pm, in the church hall. It is hoped to add in a “bike” event and an “electric vehicle” event. A number of relevant organisations will be in attendance.

Lindsey asked if the Community Council would be prepared to contribute towards the £120.00 cost of hiring the Church Hall. Members agreed that the Community Council should pay the £120.00.

Lindsey asked for volunteers to represent the Community Council at the event.

Station Gardens: **Patrick** said that he would like to congratulate the team who are keeping the garden area in such good order and acknowledged the “beautification” of the station.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Speed Camera: **Councillor Kennedy** said that the speed camera is still not working. It is awaiting **Home Office** approval.

Cardross Park: **Councillor Kennedy** said that funding has been made available for the park. It will amount to between £10,000 to £15,000.

Resilience Planning: **Heather** said that the community is being encouraged to provide an Emergency Plan. **Heather** said that **Christine** and her, would look at the resilience planning information, coming from the Scottish Government. **Patrick** said that a copy of the last Plan is available in the “Emergency Bag”, beneath the Geilston Hall stage. It was agreed that the information in the Plan should be updated.

Cycle Path from Ferry Road to the burn: **Brian Watts** said that the previously overgrown vegetation has now been cut back.

Road Gullies: **Brian Watts** said that most of the road gullies from Dumbarton to Ardoch don’t work. The drainage outlets to the two cottages south of the A814, drain into land adjacent to the cottages. The owners have contacted the Council about the problem but have had no reply.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15 January 2024 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. Zoom will be available for the first hour of the meeting. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.