

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 15 MARCH 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.

PRESENT

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Mike Brown, Mike Crowe (Green Party Candidate in the local election), Rob Irving, Bob Murray, Alasdair MacCuish, Provost David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, Henry Boswell (Scottish Liberal Democrat Candidate in the local election), Gemma Penfold (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Candidate in the local election) and 8 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Jo Cameron, Bobby Beggs 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**.
Mike Crowe declared that he is standing as a candidate in the local election on 18 March 2021.
There were no other declarations of interest.

SCHOOL REPORT

Patrick said the children have now returned to the primary school.

POLICE REPORT

Patrick read the report for 09.03.2021 as follows:-

Total month calls = 14

Roads, weather, traffic matters = 3

Covid issues = 2

Stranded youths (missed train) = 2

Vulnerable persons = 2

Others included an insecure property and a lost dog

Total crime reports raised = 1

Theft by shoplifting at the Co-op.

3 x Covid breach fixed penalties issued

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 15 FEBRUARY 2021

On page 2, amend “50mph limit in Cardross” to “50 mph limit between Cardross and Helensburgh”
Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Brian Craven** and seconded by **Bob Murray**.

MATTERS ARISING

- Hedges:** **Patrick** said there were no further issues.
- Lamp post at Ardoch:** **Provost Kinniburgh** said that additional work is to be carried out in the area and it has still to be completed.
- Christmas Tree Lights:** **Patrick** said that he is still looking for volunteers to help remove the lights from the tree in Scott Gardens.
- Cycling on Pavement:** **Patrick** said the reply from **Police Scotland** was as follows:-
“Cycling on pavements, if dangerous it could be reported as dangerous cycling but not common to do so. “
- Parking on Pavement:** **Patrick** said the reply from **Police Scotland** was as follows:-
“Parking on pavements, A&B council have de-criminalised parking restrictions, as such it is a local authority issue unless the vehicle in question is causing an obstruction or is dangerous, if so police can deal with it. “
- Dog Poo Bin:** **Sharon** asked if a bin could be provided at the Church Car Park on Darleith Road.
Provost Kinniburgh said that a bin had been requested and provided at the junction of Darleith Road and Mill Road. **Henry Boswell** asked who should be contacted with a request to provide a bin at the car park. **Provost Kinniburgh** suggested that it may be possible to move the bin from Mill Road to the car park. This bin is well used at present. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that the Council will be running a campaign to encourage irresponsible dog walkers to clean up after their dogs.
- Newsletter:** **Bob** said he should be able to complete the work once he has confirmation on the “Geilston Hall” section. **Patrick** said that the Newsletter should be delivered to each house in the village. **Bob** said that there are just over 900 houses in the village and suggested a print run of 1200. This suggestion was approved by the council members present.
- 50mph limit between Cardross and Helensburgh:** **Patrick** said that he has not yet had a reply from the police on the matter.
- 20mph limit in Cardross:** **Patrick** said that he has not yet had a reply from the police on the matter.
- Footway from Cardross to the Crematorium:** **Provost Kinniburgh** said that the footway is to be cleaned between Cardross and Dumbarton Operatives were working on the path today.
- Ardoch A814 Road Safety:** **Provost Kinniburgh** said that the Council were not carrying out speed monitoring and had no record of any external organisation doing so. The Council will carry out speed checks when vehicular volumes reach “normal” levels. The pandemic has affected traffic flow.
- Mountain Bike Trails:** **Patrick** said that he has heard nothing further on these “trails” within the Kilmahew Estate. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that Planning are aware of the situation and will “Enforce” the situation if necessary.

Finances: **Brian** said that there is **£1743** in the Community Council Account. This is made up of **£553** in the Festive Fund and **£1190** in the General Fund. **£250** is committed to providing trees for **Cardross (CAN)** and **£295** to replace the LED lights in the Geilston Hall. That will leave **£1198**.

Beach Clean: **Bob** said that a Beach Clean will be organised as soon as Covid Rules allow.

Local Election 18 March 2021: **Patrick** said that polling will take place in the Geilston Hall. The old wooden polling booths have been replaced with white plastic booths that can be sanitised after each use.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received nothing of note. **Rob** said that a letter had been sent from **Mr. Alan Runcie**, saying that he had submitted a formal complaint to Argyll and Bute Council regarding the **Noise from the Sawmill**. **Alan** asked if the Community Council were involved in the matter.

PLANNING

Rob said that there were two non contentious applications this month.
The first is at Rosebank Cottage, Murrays Road for the demolition of a porch and an extension. The erection of replacement extensions and formation of garden area.
The second is at 21 Barrs Terrace for the erection of a single story extension.

HEALTH

Patrick said that **Dr. Nick Dunn** and his colleagues have managed to staff the **Vale** for evenings and weekends out of hours care. The Minor Injuries Unit is now open 24/7. The hospital ward is open 24/7 as so is the General Practitioner Service. **Patrick** has written to **The Glasgow and Clyde Health Board**, congratulating them on providing these services at the Vale. He pointed out that, in the press, it says that the arrangements are being reviewed to make sure that they are satisfactory. **Patrick** has asked that the **NHS Inform Web Site** is amended to state that the Minor Injuries Unit is open 24/7.

Patrick said that he is extremely impressed by how well the local covid vaccination programme is being managed.

Patrick said that **The Lomond Patients Group** is looking at improving the mental health services in NHS Highland, Helensburgh and Lomond.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP **Heather** said that **Cardross Trust** have offered to take on the responsibility of supplying and planting three trees on behalf of **Cardross CAN**. **Heather** thanked the Community Council for the offer to pay for the trees, but said this is no longer necessary. Members agreed to “ring fence” some money for trees at a future date. **Heather** said they are arranging a short Q & A a week from tomorrow, on recycling. **Cardross Can** are looking at ways to make some books on climate change, available in the village. The Primary School Eco Committee has been talking with Cardross CAN about doing a temporary art installation in the Red Phone Box for the run up to COP 26.

AOCB

Noise from Sawmill: **Rob** contacted **Alan Runcie** and brought him up to speed on the Community Councils involvement in the issue. **Rob** said that quite a number of residents have renewed their complaints to the Council. The general view is that the noise reduction methods previously taken by the Sawmill Owners, have not been effective. If anything, the noise levels are worse than they were previously. It is an ongoing saga.
Provost Kinniburgh said that Environmental Health will pursue the matter.

Alasdair MacCuish asked if there were any restrictions on operating times.

Provost Kinniburgh said there were restrictions when the new equipment was being installed. He will check if there are restrictions on operating times.

**Estate Agent
Signs:**

Bob said there is a further spate of Estate Agent Signs springing up around Cardross. Two appeared recently, at the top of Bainfield Road. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that he will raise the matter again, with Planning.

**A814 Cadross
to Dumbarton:**

Alasdair MacCuish said he recently walked on the footway to the Garden Centre and it was a terrifying experience due to the close proximity of high speed vehicles.

Defibulator:

Mike Brown said that he was told of someone trying to use the defibulator recently, and it was not working. **Patrick** said that the defibulator was in good working order. It was used recently and was not effective. Sadly, the lady involved, died. **Patrick** said that the defibulator was working and has been checked. It is in full working order again.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Zoom at 8.00pm on Monday 19 April 2021.
The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.