

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 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), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Mike Brown, Jo Cameron, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Katie Smillie (Scottish Flood Forum), Provost David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, and 16 members of the public. (12 in the hall and 15 on Zoom)

APOLOGIES

Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Mike Crowe, Bobby Beggs, Lindsey Young, Councillor Gemma Penfold, Kellie Girling, Rev. 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 said that she is a member of **Cardross CAN**.

POLICE REPORT

Patrick said there is one crime still being investigated. It is theft from the Co-op. 18 incidents were reported to the Police. The report did not give a breakdown of the crimes. **Patrick** said that the yellow pole near the PO on the North side of the A814, is a speed camera. It should become operational in March 2022.

SCHOOL REPORT

Patrick read from the report provided by **Kelly Girling**. The school is to be painted. There have been problems with people drinking in the grounds. The police dealt with the matter. The school will take part in the "Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel" event. Spring "Eco Day" is on 25 March. All families will be asked to pick up a bag, pick litter around the village and the bags will be collected.

SCOTTISH FLOOD FORUM

Katie Smillie said that the **Scottish Flood Forum** is an independent charity. The Forum has been in touch with **Argyll and Bute** flood prevention manager. The Forum is able to support the community with local flooding problems and the preparation of independent reports for individual, "at risk", properties. **Katie** offered to help with the formation of any awareness groups with local flooding concerns. **Katie** said that the **SFF** web site gives details of the support that can be offered. **Jo Camereon** said that she had contacted **Argyll and Bute Council** regarding flooding. While the member of staff contacted was very pleasant, there was no advice available on dealing with flooding. **Patrick** thanked **Katie** for her contribution and **Katie** then left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 17 JANUARY 2022

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Bob Murray** and seconded by **Heather Munro**.

MATTERS ARISING

Geilston Gardens: **Patrick** said that things are looking more promising.

CCC Finances: **Brian Craven** said that the CCC account is £834.88 in credit.

Darleith Road Lighting Column: The light across from the entrance to Greyfriars, has still not been repaired. **Provost Kinniburgh** said he will pursue the matter again.

Cycle Path: **Patrick** said that the most recent consultation process has now finished. **Patrick** said that he has not yet written to **Patrick Harvie MSP** on the matter, but he will.

Fly-tipping: **Patrick** said that the affected areas on the Carman Road have been cleared.

Bins at Barrs Rd. Kilmahew Ave. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that he looked today. There is still rubbish lying on area around the bins and the bins are overflowing.

Sawmill Noise: **Rob** said that officers from Environmental Health set up monitoring equipment in his garden. Further monitoring is ongoing.

New Leadership **Patrick** said that the Council has extended the feedback time. **Stella Kinloch** said we should accept the Council offer to have someone come and speak to the community. What is very clear, is that the proposal, if accepted, offers no way back to the present situation. Any benefits will only be experienced by about 35 per cent of schools in Argyll and Bute. The concern is that the proposals will devalue the Head of School role. **Stella** said we should ask for the evidence that drives this proposal and we should be fully aware of its' impact. **Patrick** said that we don't see any evidence for the benefits of the proposal. **Stella** said that we should not be expected to comment on the proposal, without knowing all of the details generated by the proposal. **Susan Marshall** said she has had different answers to the same question when asking for fine details. There is very little information available on the details of the proposal. **Patrick** said we will provide a community response at the meeting in March.

CORRESPONDENCE

Patrick said there was no correspondence of note.

PLANNING

Rob said there has been a small number of non controversial applications as follows:-

Evergreen, Borrowfield: Erection of decking.

31 Bainfield Road: Installation of access ramp.

1 Bainfield Road: Erection of single-storey rear extension and replacement of detached garage.

43 Bainfield Road: Installation of dormer window.

No adverse comments were raised at the meeting.

HEALTH

Patrick said there were no new matters and the minor injuries unit is still working well at the Vale. It is open 24/7.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Heather said that there is an event being held in the Victoria halls in Helensburgh, on 12 and 13 March. It is looking at how the community can be developed in relation to climate change.

AOCB

- Disabled Parking at PO:** **Heather** asked why there is no parking bay for the disabled outside the post office. **Patrick** said that he has written to the Council and asked the same question. He has also asked if time limited parking can be provided at the newspaper shop, the chemist and the post office. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that he will pass the request on to the relevant officer.
- Geilston Hall:** **Patrick** said that money has been given from the Argyll and Bute Supporting Communities Fund. A safer woodland area has been formed at the side of the Geilston Hall. It is now used by the **Nursery** and the **After School Group**. A **Lottery Grant** was obtained and has been used to provide fencing at the burn, to the rear of the hall, together with garden areas. **Patrick** said that the **Geilston Hall Management Committee** would be interested to know local views regarding developing a community garden at the side and rear of the hall. **Heather** said that Cardross CAN would be keen to be involved in the project.
- Craigend Nursery:** A **spokesperson** said there is a flooding problem at their access, after the road was resurfaced. Visibility at the Nursery junction with the A814, has been obstructed by a road sign. **Patrick** asked that a sign on the A814 indicating the Ferry Road junction would be useful. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that he will pass the information on to the relevant officer, requesting action.
- Bin Collection:** **Judy Wilson** said that their bins have not been collected for a number of weeks. **Julie Lang** said her bins have not been collected and the lack of footways at her property means that the bins on the road are a hazard. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that a combination of staff absence due to illness and vehicular breakdowns, is making the programming of the collections extremely difficult.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21 March 2022 at 8.00 p.m. and connected via Zoom, for those not wishing to attend a meeting in public. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.