

**CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**  
**ON MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2024**  
**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), Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, Councillor Paul Kennedy.

**APOLOGIES**

Alice Cook, Shuna Gillies, Simone, McLeod, Caroline McNair, Angela O'Neil, 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**.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 20 NOVEMBER 2023**

On Page 3, line 8, amend "Community Council's concern" to "Community Council's objection". Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Brian Craven** and seconded by **Bob Murray**.

**POLICE REPORT**

**Patrick** read out police report for 12 October 2023 to 11 January 2024 as follows:-

There were 51 incidents in the village. The incidents included public nuisance, theft, assault, road traffic, weather related problems, assisting members of the public and house alarms.

Four items are being pursued.

1. Theft by shop lifting on October, at the Post Office. 2. An assault. 3. Speeding 4. A road traffic accident in Carman Road.

He said that the traffic camera is still not functioning. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will continue to pursue the issue. **Chris Moore** asked if the camera requires **Home Office** approval as stated in the minutes of 15 January 2024. **Councillor Kennedy** said that, in Scotland, the camera requires **Crown Office** approval.

**SCHOOL REPORT**

**Patrick** said there is no school report. Since last month's meeting, the alarm was activated at the school. The police attended, but since there was no sign of a break in, they left and the alarm continued to ring out. The alarm eventually stopped. **Patrick** said that he will investigate the key holder situation and report back to the person who was troubled by the length of time the alarm continued to ring.

**Patrick** said that children who are 5, between 1 March 2024 and 28 February 2025, and who require to start school in August 2024, should register online on the Argyll and Bute website, between now and 21 January 2024.

Children born between 1 March 2021 and 28 February 2022 are eligible for funded early learning care in the school, starting August 2024. Applications for places open on Monday 22 January and close on Sunday 28 January. Applications should be made on the web site.

### CYCLE TRACK

**Lindsey** said that the Cycle Path Action Group met last Thursday. The first email from the group should be out this week.

### 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 High Strip:** **Julie Lang** said that the drain has been repaired and is working satisfactorily, so far.
- 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:-** **Lindsey** said that the issue has been listed for discussion with the Community Engagement Group.
- Beach Clean:** **Bob** said that the next beach clean will be held sometime in April, after Easter.
- Dog Fouling:** **Christine** said that there was a post on the Cardross Community Facebook page, about the amount of dog poo that is not being picked up. The village park and the track from Barrs Road were mentioned as particular problem sites. **Patrick** said that the community relies on dog owners being responsible.
- Zoom Account:** **Patrick** said that Zoom will remain available at the moment while his account is being paid for outwith the Community Council.
- Train Horn Noise:** **Patrick** said that the horns are still sounding at the East end of the village. They have stopped at **Murray's Crossing** and there is now a green light for crossing and a red light to stop crossing. There is quite a noise when the red light is on. It is unclear whether this noise is better or worse than the noise from the train horn.
- Trains not Stopping at Cardross:** **Patrick** said that the trains which were previously "skipping" Cardross, are now stopping at the station.

### CORRESPONDENCE

**Duncan** said that he had received nothing of note.

### PLANNING

**Patrick** said that **Barrie Cuning** of **Pentland Communications**, a lobbying company, is representing **Taylor Wimpey**. (Mr. Cuning represented **CALA** at a recent Community Council meeting). He wanted to discuss a possible site for housing development at Geilston Farm. The meeting agreed that any planning matters should be dealt with through Argyll and Bute Council. Contact with developers, should take place, after planning applications have been made.

**Rob** said that there are no new planning applications. The only issues are the latest couple of documents that have appeared on the Council's web site. They follow the Community Council's objections submitted before Christmas. They are a partial response to our objections relating to flooding, stating that aspects of Conditions 11 and 12 attached to the Planning Consent, have not been properly met. In the first of these documents, **GVA Consulting**, on behalf of the planning department, made the following recommendations:-

"It is recommended that the decision on this application be deferred until the following information is available.

1. The effect of the cut-off ditch discharge on the down stream flood risk eg. to the Geilston Burn, is quantified with respect to downstream flood levels and risk.
2. Surface water drainage calculations to be updated to minimise the risk of surcharging during the 30 year plus climate change event."

The second document reports a response from **Keppie**, that's CALA's agent, as follows:-

"First point, the cut-off ditch catchment forms part of the natural catchment of the Geilston Burn and as such, is included in the flood flow estimation calculations for the baseline scenario, so has been considered. The cut-off ditch simply provides a route for the natural flows to continue to reach the water course post development.

On the second point, surcharging of drainage, including pipes and manholes during the 30 year plus climate change event, is permitted per Sewage for Scotland 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, with no flooding occurring anywhere in the system up to and including the 200 year plus climate change event."

The conclusion from GVA Consulting is that these clarifications address the points raised, and it is concluded that the points raised have been met.

**Christine** said that she thought it disingenuous of **Keppie** to say that the cut-off ditch forms part of the natural catchment. The natural catchment is being changed by the development. The water flowing in the ditch will flow at a higher rate into the Geilston Burn, than the water percolating more slowly from the existing field. **Christine** said that it is important to note that the proposal to divert the surface water flow from Kilmahew Avenue, post dates the decision taken on 15 July. **Christine** suggested that the Local Authority would be negligent, if they don't do an assessment of the impact of all the surface water sources going into the Geilston Burn. **Christine** agreed to draft a response to the acceptance of Keppie's comments.

## HEALTH

**Patrick** said that he has met the doctor who is taking over from **Dr. Nick Dunn**, and will be the **Clinical Director** for the **Out of Hours Service** at the **Vale of Leven Hospital**. The service is running well at the moment.

## 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.

## ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

**Flood Water Directed down Barrs Road:** **Patrick** said that the pumping station on Barrs Road lane, just north of the west lodge at the access into the golf course, is completely blocked. The water has been directed down Barrs Road. **Patrick** said that we need to get the situation at the pumping station resolved.

**Overflowing Bins:** **Patrick** said that the bins around the village that were overflowing during the Christmas and New holiday period, have now been emptied.

**Scottish Water:** **Patrick** said that he has written expressing concern about the proposal to overflow sewage into the Geilston Burn at the village park. **Patrick** said that he will write a letter of concern to **SEPA**.

**Burns Night:** **Patrick** said that the Geilston Hall Burns Night will be held on 2 February in the hall.

**Cardross Park:** **Councillor Kennedy** said that funding has been made available for the park. Negotiations on the amount of funding are ongoing.

**Resilience Planning:** **Heather** said that Emergency Plan in the “Emergency Bag”, beneath the Geilston Hall stage, needs to have the list of key holders and contact telephone numbers updated.

**Pavement Parking:** **Brian** asked if Argyll and Bute Council had any plans to prevent pavement parking. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he is unaware of proposals to deal with the matter, so far.

**Communal Bins Barrs Road:** **Rob** said that on Wednesday, the bins were overflowing with garbage. A lady who lives adjacent to the bins said that she had contacted the Council about the problem. The Council have not yet contacted her. She said that she had seen up to 8 rats around the rubbish. **Rob** asked why there were 4 rubbish bins, but only 1 recycling bin. At a site meeting on October 2022 with **Bob** and **Duncan**, a Council officer had said that a bin store would be provided. The bin store is not in place yet. **Councillor Kennedy** said that he will look into the matter. **Patrick** said that there should be more recycling bins around the village.

**Estate Agent Signs:** **Ken Readman** said that signs have started to migrate to the main road again. **Bob** agreed that it is becoming a problem. Argyll and Bute Council are ignoring the matter which is simply, littering.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19 February 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.