

**CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY 21 MARCH 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), Rob Irving, Heather Munro, Bob Murray, Lindsey Young, Provost David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, and 13 members of the public. (12 people in the hall and 10 people on Zoom)

APOLOGIES

Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Bobby Beggs, Mike Brown, Alasdair MacCuish, Councillor Gemma Penfold, Kellie Girling, Rev. Maggie McArthur 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.**

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 two road traffic accidents were reported. There were no further issues.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 21 FEBRUARY 2022

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Bob Murray** and seconded by **Chris Moore.**

MATTERS ARISING

Geilston Gardens: **Patrick** said that Geilston Gardens held the AGM last week. It was a very positive occasion. Things are going well there at the moment.

Darleith Road Lighting Column: **Provost Kinniburgh** said he has not yet had a reply from officers. When he personally

checked a few evenings ago, the light was functioning.

Sawmill Noise: **Rob** said that officers were due to monitor “non working “ noise levels last Saturday.

However, due to staff testing positive for Covid, the test was cancelled and will be re-scheduled.

Bins at Barrs Rd. **Bob** said that rubbish still surrounds the “emptied bins”. A resident

who stays next to the

Kilmahew Ave. area where the bins are sited, has contacted **Councillor Penfold** about the mess.

Councillor Penfold agreed that the bins should not have been sited in the area adjacent

to his house. A more suitable area, would be further north, at the access to the Kilmahew

Estate. The bins have not yet been moved. **Provost Kinniburgh** agreed to look into the

matter with **Councillor Penfold**. **Patrick** said that the area is now a “tip” and it never used to be.

New Leadership Patrick said that the Community Council has been asked to give its’ view. The Community

Role for Council is concerned, sees no advantage in centralising headships and would prefer local

Schools:- solutions to local problems. new plans have not been tried and tested.

Stella Kinloch said we need to know the details of this proposal. It seems that the executive head will have 5 schools under their control. The head of the school will hold a depute post.

Stella thought that Cardross and Helensburgh and Lomond could be at a disadvantage.

Argyll and Bute Council seems to want a “one size fits all” model across all of the Authority.

Patrick said that in his experience, locally provided services are better than centralisation.

The Community Council is concerned, sees no advantage in centralising headships and would prefer local solutions to local problems. **Patrick** said he will write to the Council, expressing these views. **Judy Wilson** said that the Council in Fife have withdrawn a similar scheme.

Disabled
response.

Patrick said that he has written to the Council about parking but has not yet had a

Parking at PO: Provost Kinniburgh said that he has not had a response either.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said there was no correspondence of note. **Patrick** said that he had received a letter from a lady a lady suggesting that the village should have an “Astro turf” football pitch to enable her young son to play football. **Patrick** replied that there is an excellent football pitch near the tennis courts. There is also a playing area near the school.

PLANNING

Rob said there were a small number of non controversial applications.

HEALTH

Patrick said there is a problem with Covid in the district but there are no reports of anyone being badly affected. There is a new service starting up in Helensburgh, for people with Alcohol and Drug addictions. It is called “The New Way”.

CYCLE TRACK CONSULTATION

Lindsey Young said there was a good response to the consultation with more than

people replying. More than 80% supported the proposed route. **Lindsey** said that the timeline has slipped. **Provost Kinniburgh** said he understands that the Dumbarton to Helensburgh section is still on programme for completion by 2027. **Patrick** said that he has written to **Patrick Harvey MSP** on the matter and is awaiting a reply.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Heather Munro said that the school is doing a litter pick this Friday afternoon. The Group has officially taken on the “Adopt a Station” role. **Heather** thanked **Tony Davey** for looking after the station planters for 20 years. **Lindsey** said the group had a stall at last weekends, “A Vision for Helensburgh” event. The public were asked what part climate change should play in future projects for Helensburgh and the surrounding area. The vast majority expressed the wish that climate change should play a major part in the consideration of future projects.

AOCB

The Argyll **Patrick** said that he has asked those involved, to include the **Geilston Hall** in the trail venues. **Macintosh** was the chief draughtsman, when the hall was designed in 1889.

Trail:

Ukraine:- **Patrick** said that a number of villagers have asked if CCC can do anything to help Ukraine. Some villagers have offered to take a Ukrainian family. **The Macdonalds** played a recording made by the Ukrainian mother of the family they are taking in. **Patrick** suggested that the group called “**Cardross Cares**” could be a useful place to coordinate the village response. Families could be enabled to meet up and converse in their own language. **Heather** said that the premises of those offering accommodation, have to be inspected by the Local Authority. She is concerned that hard pressed Local Authorities may not have the resources to expedite inspections quickly enough. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that he will pass these concerns onto the Council.

Beach Clean: **Bob** said that he hopes to organise a beach clean sometime after Easter.

Carman Road: **Brian Watts** said that the white lining has not yet been replaced on the recently resurfaced sections of road. **Provost Kinniburgh** said the white lining is done, under contract, by a private contractor. The contractor decides the order of work.

Cycle Track: **Brian Watts** said that as the track enters Ardoch, the line of site requirements cannot be met by vehicles travelling at 40mph. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that the design of the cycle track will need to include such details.

Street Lighting **Brian Watts** said that the problems which were raised 18 months ago, have still not been resolved. The lights are on 24/7. An overhead cable is a risk if it is damaged and falls on the footpath. **Provost Kinniburgh** said the work has been scheduled to be carried out.

CCC Finances: **Brian Craven** said that the CCC account is £791.71 in credit.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, held on Monday 25 April
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.