

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 15 APRIL 2019

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Patrick Trust welcomed **PCs D Armstrong** and **J Jardine (Police Scotland)**, our Councillors and 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 Crowe, Jo Cameron, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, and 17 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Bobby Beggs, Mike Brown and Bob Murray.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Alasdair MacCuish said that he is the Chairman of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

Patrick Trust said that he is the Secretary of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

There were no other declarations of interest.

POLICE REPORT

PC Armstrong said the report covered the period from 16 March until 15 April this year. The total number of incidents was 41. Six have resulted in crime reports being submitted to the procurator fiscal. One of these was for an assault, two for vandalism, two for theft and one for a road traffic offence. The 35 remaining were made up of incidents such as disputes between neighbours and youth disorder at the beach. Local officers have been briefed on the youth disorder problem. As and when officers are available, they will be carrying out local patrols in the area. The police have spoken to youths who came to the beach from Dumbarton and Helensburgh.

A member of the public asked why **Scotrail** were allowing these youngsters onto the trains. **PC Armstrong** said that policing would require officers to be on the train and there is a limited number of Transport Police Officers. Ticket collectors are rightly wary of gangs of youths on the train. However, they will report any incidents occurring on the train. **PC Armstrong** said the police have a youth engagement officer and an intelligence officer who are carrying out further enquiries. Work is ongoing in an attempt to identify the youths involved.

PC Armstrong said that **Inspector Roddy MacNeill** has been seeking assistance from their Camera Partnership with a view to better police the main road through the village. The road meets the Partnership's "minimum collision criteria". The partnership manager is trying to set up a meeting with Argyll and Bute to discuss this and a number of other locations. **Patrick** said that this sounds positive. **Patrick** said that he had been sent a list of "speeding equipment" for the community to buy. The cost of a laser gun item exceeded the amount of money in the Cardross Community Council's bank account. **Rob** asked what use the community could make of such equipment and it was agreed that such use, would have no legal standing. **Patrick** said that **Ken Chapman**, an ex community councillor, had been extremely vocal about the speeding problem. He said that 10 Councils in England got a camera and made £350 million in 3 years. He wanted our Councillors made aware of this fact.

In the meantime, a number of officers are being trained in the use of the new hand held laser speed detection devices. These laser devices are used in place of radar devices and are more effective.

A member of the public said that a friend in Borrowfield had expressed concern that the path from the station to

Borrowfield was being used at 3 o'clock in the morning. **PC Armstrong** said that any concerns should be reported to the police. There were no further questions. **Patrick** thanked the officers, who then left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 18 MARCH 2019

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Alasdair MacCuish** and seconded by **Rob Irving**.

MATTERS ARISING

- Cycle Track:** **Councillor Morton** said that no agreement has yet been reached regarding land purchase between Cardross and Colgrain. The Area Committee recently agreed to consultation on the route for the section from Cardross to Dumbarton. The intention was that officers would then come with recommendations for a Compulsory Purchase Order. More recently, Sustrans, who are part funding the project, have asked for another consultation to be carried out on the route from Cardross to Colgrain. Residents will receive a letter detailing the options for consideration. There will be a meeting in Geilston Hall on Thursday 16 May from 12 noon until 8pm, as part of this consultation. It is hoped that the consultation will be carried out quickly and the matter can be brought to the Council in June for a decision. **Jo** said that she was walking along the cycle path at the station recently when a cyclist passed her at some speed. Due to **Jo's** deafness, she did not hear him approach and got a fright. It was confirmed that the path will be for the use of cyclists, walkers and horses. **Jo** said that she hoped that signs would be erected, indicating those sharing the path. **George Murphy** said that arranging the meeting at such short notice, had not taken account of those who had arranged holidays and who may be excluded from the consultation. **Councillor Ellen Morton** said that the anyone who feels that the consultation dates do not suit, should send their comments to any of the three councillors. They should also give permission for these comments to be passed onto officers.
- Train Stop Skipping:** **Patrick** said that trains seem to have been on time over the last month. He understood that skipping has not been a problem.
- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the hole is getting worse. There is no change. He will pursue the matter with the officers responsible. **Barrie Morton** said that he understood that the hole is in the verge and is therefore in an area that has not been adopted by the Council.
- Beach Clean:** **Patrick** said that the beach clean had been very successful. He thanked **Bob** for organising the posters and the beach clean. There were at least 40 people attending. **Rob** said that it was the best turnout he had seen over a number of years attending these events. **Patrick** said that it was distressing to see the amount of broken glass up by the willow tree, west of the sawmill.
- Cairniedrouth:** **Patrick** said that nothing has been raised recently. He said that he will ask the **CEO of ACRE** if he can attend the Meeting in August and explain to the community what waste is being spread.
- Avant Homes:** **Patrick** asked how the **Reporter's** visit had gone. **Duncan** said that he and **Bob** had accompanied the **Reporter** on his walk around the streets affected by **AVANT's** proposals. **Duncan** said that the **Reporter** claimed to have acquired a copy of all of the objections and information from **Argyll and Bute Council**. He followed a route that took in all of the streets affected by all of the options proposed by AVANT. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the determination date is 9 May. **John Major** said that one of the residents of Barrs Road had written to the Reporter saying that a large number of the cars parked in Barrs Road at the time of his site inspection, were not those of residents of Barrs Road.
- Xmas Tree Lights:** **Patrick** said we have got to decide if we wish to pay someone to plug in the lights. **Councillor Morton** said that the Council have allocated a sum of money to help communities who have historically had a tree with lights. This money will not be available after this year. The community will be responsible for all of the costs involved. This will include connecting and disconnecting the lights. Maintaining them. Replacing them when necessary and

paying for public indemnity insurance on an annual basis. **Councillor Morton** said that many people underestimate what is involved in providing xmas lights.

Dog Walkers: **Patrick** said that he walked his dog in Levensgrove Park today and had no problems with hemlock.

Noise from Sawmill: **Councillor Morton** said that she spoke to the Environmental Health Officer today. The Saw Mill has taken a number of actions to deal with noise. Some residents have said that there things have improved, other still have significant issues. Officers intend to carry out further noise appraisals. They will then advise residents of what the Council will then do.
Rob said that he had been in contact with the Environmental Officer to say that the sawmill has been operating well below capacity in recent weeks. The bark stripper has not been in action in the last ten days. The sawmill has been closing down well before 6.00 pm. **Rob** said that this may be related to the Easter break. It is to be hoped that any noise monitoring will be carried out when normal sawmill activities are being carried out.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said that **Jo** had written to **Jackie Bailie MSP** about the speeding in Cardross. **Jackie** had written to **Argyll and Bute** on the matter. She replied to **Jo** and included a copy of the letter from **Argyll and Bute** saying that the Council are unable to progress the request for a speed survey on Main Road, Cardross, due to the loss of staff. Once a new officer is in place, a programme will be developed, to work through the backlog of requests. **Jackie** said that she will contact the Council in a few months, to see if they are any further forward with the survey.

PLANNING

Rob said that there were 2 applications. The first is from Home Farm at Ardmore for alterations and extension of existing outbuildings to form a residential annexe. The second is from Cardross Parish Church Hall to lop two lime trees and one oak tree which are overhanging a property in Borrowfield. They will be reduced by 25%.

HEALTH

Patrick said there have been two meetings organised by **Jackie Bailie MSP** and **Hospital Watch**. One was in Dumbarton last Tuesday and the other in Helensburgh on Thursday. A few hundred attendees at Dumbarton were upset that there was no one from the Health Board, at the meeting. Representatives from **Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board**, did turn up at the Helensburgh meeting. It was quite a useful meeting. At the moment, there seems to be little risk of more services being taken from the Vale. It was made very clear to the Board that the lack of GPs out of hours services between 6pm and 11pm is unacceptable. Various suggestions were put forward for consideration by the Board. **Patrick** said that he is concerned about **Highland Health Board**. They have offered a course in Inverness in a couple of weeks. It is to help lay people know when individuals may be suffering from mental health problems.

AOCB

Brian Watts said that the footway at Craighend Road is impassable for someone with a buggy or a wheelchair. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said the matter is on a "to do" list but a lack of resources means that it is taking longer to deal with such issues. He said that he will raise the matter again.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held in the Geilston Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 20 May 2019. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.