

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
GEILSTON HALL AND ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 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), Alice Cook, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Simone McLeod, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, Angela O'Neil, Councillor Paul Kennedy and 10 members of the public. (8 in the hall and 2 on Zoom)

APOLOGIES

Brian Craven (Treasurer), Shuna Gillies, Heather Munro, Caroline McNair, 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 15 JANUARY 2024

On Page 1, line add "and 11 members of the public, (10 in the hall and 1 on Zoom)"

On Page 2, under **Dog Fouling**, in line 4 add "It was agreed to ask **Kelly Girling** if some of the school children would design "dog poo" posters.

On page 3, under **Planning**, in the last paragraph, line 8, replace "the decision taken" with " the decision taken by the **Reporter**,"

On Page 3, under **Planning**, in the last paragraph, replace "Keppie's comments" with "the Planning Authority's comments".

On Page 4 under **Communal Bins Barrs Road**, at the end of the paragraph, add "Patrick agreed to write to the Council, asking them to deal with the problem of rats around the bin area."

Acceptance of the amended Minutes was proposed by **Lyndsey Young** and seconded by **Bob Murray**.

POLICE REPORT

Patrick said that the police report will now come from **Dunoon** and will be issued by **PC. James Convery**.

Patrick read out the police report for Cardross, from 15 January 2024 to 19 February 2024, as follows:-

There were 28 incidents and 3 crime reports. One crime report regarded fraud, and enquiries are ongoing. One crime report regarded threatening and abusive behaviour and was detected. One crime report regarded carrying a knife in a public place, and was detected.

Ken Readman asked if there had been anything further on the accident reported last month, where a moving car hit a stationary car parked on Carman Road. **Patrick** said that no further reports have been received.

SCHOOL REPORT

Patrick read out the school report from **Kelly Girling (Head Teacher)** as follows:-

We are looking forward to a busy term starting this week with World Gaelic Week. On Friday afternoon we will have a community cafe where the P6 and P7 children will be hosting a cafe to practice some of the Gaelic they have been learning in regards to everyday greetings, and food and drink. We would like to welcome the local community to join us for tea, coffee, biscuits and cake between 13.30 and 14.30. We would like to thank the village hub, who allowed some of our pupils to join them, the week before the February holidays, where they practised their serving skills in preparation for their cafe this week.

CYCLE TRACK

Lindsey said that the Cycle Path Action Group will meet ahead of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee meeting, at the beginning of March. **Christine** said that she is helping to draft questions to be put to the Area Committee, in an attempt to establish the facts, in terms of progress.

MATTERS ARISING

- Cairniedrouth Farm:** **Patrick** said he has not had a reply from **ACRE** about spreading waste material in contravention of current regulations.
- 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.
- Beach Clean:** It was agreed that the next beach clean will be held on 13 April, when low tide is expected.
- Dog Fouling:** **Patrick** agreed to write to **Kelly Girling (Head Teacher)** asking if some of the school children would design "dog poo" posters.
- Zoom Account:** **Patrick** said that Zoom will remain available at the moment while his account is being paid for outwith the Community Council. It was agreed to find out if the existing equipment can operate to provide "Zoom" in the small hall.
- Train Horn Noise:** **Patrick** said two of the three "Cardross" crossings are now operating with automatic horns and lights. Unfortunately, the system continues operating through the night. **Pat Readman** has emailed Scotrail Customer Relations, and the horns are now very much quieter. **Patrick** said that he will send copies of these emails to **Dame Jackie Baillie**, in time for her next meeting about the noise issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said that he had received a request from the **Information Commissioner's Office** for payment of the Community Council's annual fee to the **ICO**. **Patrick** said there is a Plastic Free Helensburgh meeting on Saturday 9 March in the church hall in Helensburgh. Grant applications to the Argyll and Bute Council's Supporting Communities Fund, have to be made by Monday 18 March.

PLANNING

Patrick said that **Christine** agreed to draft a response to the most recent submissions to the planning authority comments, expressed at the last meeting. **Patrick** said that neither the **Cardross Drainage Strategy Report** nor the **Keppie Design**, are available to the public. He said that no-one has assessed the **overall impact** of flooding in the village. **Christine** read from parts of her draft letter. She said that it is difficult because there are

some documents referred to in the advice to the Planning Authority, that we have not had sight of. There are three sources of new surface water going into the Geilston Burn. These are from Kilmahew Avenue, the northern cut off ditch and from SUDS. These do not appear to have been properly assessed. A copy of the letter was handed to **Councillor Kennedy**. **Rob** said that there is one new **planning application**. It is for a domestic extension on Bainfield Road. No concerns were raised at the meeting.

There is nothing new to report on the proposed **CALA Development**.

A revised site plan, revised specifications for the three house types that are proposed, and consultation letters from the Planning Authority to Roads and the Core Paths Access Technician have appeared on the Argyll and Bute website, in relation to proposals at the **Paddock at Ardoch**.

Brian Watts said that he is concerned that the access road to the site passes over a gas main. There are no details on the web site as to how this main will be dealt with.

Brian is concerned that the line of sight of the road from the development is considerably reduced.

HEALTH

Patrick said that there are no new items.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Lindsey said that there are spaces in **Argyll and Bute Climate Action Network**, which is supporting residents facing the challenge of climate change. The hub will give a co-ordinated voice to community lead action, help co-ordinate communities and support communities as they move towards net zero. It is partly funded by the Scottish Government and will collaborate with **ACT (Argyll and Bute Third Sector)** and **Time for Change**, which is a politically based organisation in Argyll and Bute. A web site is currently being built. Upcoming Carbon Literacy Training is available on line. It will take 2 days on Thursday 29 February and Thursday 7 March. It will run from 9.30 until 13.00. It is free to residents of Argyll and Bute. Also available are community assemblies, Argyll and Bute wide, available online. There is one on energy, one on food, one on housing and one on transport.

Lindsey thanked all who helped at the Warm Homes and Sustainable Village event, which was held on 20 January 2024, in the church hall. It was well attended, by about 140 people. Stall holders said that they were pleased with the general interaction.

Lindsey said they are thinking about forming mini focus groups. They are looking at forming one around electric car ownership.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Telephone Box: **Lindsey** said that the box is going to be cleaned out and made a bit more presentable. It is hoped to turn it into a community pantry.

Flooding in Church: **Gordon Stevenson** said that during the second last flood in the village, there were 18 inches of water in the boiler room of the church. The gas inlet valve and the water pump in the boiler were destroyed. Heating could not function for a week. The church service had to be held in the church hall. During the last flood, water had to be pumped from the boiler room, in an attempt to prevent further damage to the boiler. It appears that this is related to the flooding at the junction of Church Avenue and Reay Avenue. **Gordon** said that a road drain across from the church, on the north side of Church Avenue. just before Station Road, seems to be permanently blocked. He has written to the Council about it, but has not yet had a reply. While the road drainage adjacent to the church does need cleaning, this does not seem to be the reason for the flooding.

Road Drain A814: **Morag** said there is a blocked road drain outside the Geilston Hall on the A814. **Councillor Kennedy** said he will have a word with the appropriate officer.

Street Sweeper: **Bob** suggested that the village is in need of a street sweeper. The road and gutter, from the Post Office, past the library, round the corner and down Station road, has been littered for months. **Councillor Kennedy** said he will have a word with the appropriate officer.

Road Sign: **Brian Watts** said that the 30 mph road sign, coming into Cardross from Dumbarton, is lying on the ground. **Councillor Kennedy** said he will have a word with the appropriate officer.

Road Damage: **Julie Lang** said that on Darleith Road and the Red Road, parts of the surfacing and the road edges are breaking up. **Councillor Kennedy** said he will have a word with the appropriate officer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18 March 2024 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. It will be connected via Zoom for those not wishing to come to the hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.