

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 18 MARCH 2018

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

Mike Crowe welcomed **Sergeant Alan Heron (Police Scotland)** 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

Mike Crowe (Acting Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Bobby Beggs, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Bob Murray, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, and 12 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Convener), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Mike Brown, Jo Cameron, Councillor Ellen Morton, and Barrie Morton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Alasdair MacCuish said that he is the Chairman of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee**. There were no other declarations of interest.

POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Andrew Barron gave the report as follows:-

Date	Location	Crime	Person charged / arrested
22/02/19	Cardross	House breaking	Investigations continue.
10/03/19	Cardross	Assault	Investigations continue.

There were 20 other incidents from 16/02/19 until 18/03/19.

Mike said that speeding on the A814 is an ongoing problem. He produced a newspaper item indicating that the residents of a village on Loch Awe are going to buy and use hand held speed monitors to register the speed of vehicles driving through the village. Information gathered, will then be passed onto the police. The article said that the local police inspector was interested in the scheme. **Sergeant Barron** said that he would ask if the local police can shed any light on the matter. There were no further questions. **Mike** thanked **Sergeant Barron**, who then left the meeting.

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

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Bob Murray** and seconded by **Rob Irving**.

MATTERS ARISING

- Cycle Track:** **Mike** said that cycle track work in the park has been put back until Railtrack finish work on the railway culvert close to the park. **Councillor Kinniburgh** confirmed that the budget for the construction of the cycle track in the park has been “ring fenced” for this work. **Rob** asked if there is a completion date for the Railtrack work. **Mike** said that the work was scheduled to last for 6 weeks although no completion date had been given.
- Train Stop Skipping:** **Bob** said that he has not been using the train much recently. However, he understood that skipping has not been a problem.
- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the hole is getting worse. He will pursue the matter with the roads officers responsible. **Bob** said that the verges on the road are being damaged. He asked if it is possible to have signs warning of soft verges. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will ask roads officers if anything can be done.
- Lamp Post at Old Cemetery:** **Mike** said that bollards have been erected on the footway near the site of the damaged lamp post. **Alasdair** asked why the bollards were so far apart. **Councillor Kinniburgh** he will ask roads officers for an answer.
- Beach Clean:** **Bob** suggested **13 April** for the beach clean. **Willie Laird** agreed to have a look at the tangle of weed and litter near the shingle bank and see if there is an easy way of clearing the material.
- Cairniedrouth:** **Mike** said the material being transported up Darleith Road is food waste, which is being spread on the fields. The CEO of ACRE, the company spreading the material, has asked if the community would like him to attend one of their meetings, in order that he can explain what is going on. It was agreed that the Community Council will write to ACRE and accept the CEO’s offer to come to a meeting. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that Council Officers are monitoring the operation and there is no evidence of any regulations being infringed.
- Avant Homes:** **Mike** said that although Avant had cancelled the on site hearing relating to the use of Barrs Road as an access to the proposed housing, the company has appealed to the Scottish Government on the basis of “Non Determination”. **Rob** asked if **Councillor Kinniburgh** could explain how the company is able to appeal when it was the company that requested a three month postponement of the hearing. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he does not know why this has happened. He has asked this question of the Planning Officers, and is awaiting a reply. **Morag Elliot** expressed her concern that not all of the information relating to objections, has been passed on to the Reporter. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said it is his understanding that Argyll and Bute Council will pass all of the objections they receive, onto the Reporter. **Rob** said that he had received a letter this morning saying that a site inspection of the appeal area would be held at 12 noon on 1 April 2019, meeting in the car park of the Geilston Hall. **Morag** said that she had not received a copy of the letter. **Mike** said that it is possible that further letters will be received in the next few days. **Rob** said that the Reporter must have accepted **Avant’s** submission as valid, if a meeting has been arranged. **Mike** suggested that everyone who received a letter has the right to attend the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said there are two pieces of correspondence. The first, from RBS, said that the Community Council Account was in credit to the sum of £906.14 on 25 February 2019. The second was from **Colin Young, Strategic Transportation Delivery Officer for Argyll and Bute**. He asked for the dates of our next two meetings. It is hoped that **WSP**, the designers of the cycle track from Cardross to Dumbarton, will attend one of the meetings and use the opportunity for community engagement.

PLANNING

Rob said that there were 4 applications. The first is a non material amendment to the permission given for the erection of a stable block and conversion of existing barns and two dwelling houses at Asker Farm. The second is for removal of existing sun room and erection of an extension to a dwelling house at 42 Hillside Road. The third is the erection of an agricultural building at Lyleston Farm. The fourth is for the erection of two dwelling houses of Peel Street in the garden of the house called "lanmyo". There are a significant number of objections from local residents and from SEPA on the grounds of inadequate flood risk assessment. The residents raised the issue that Peel Street is a private road. **Rob** asked if the Council has the right to give planning consent under these conditions. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the Council DOES have that right. **Mike** said that community councillors should consider the plans before a letter of concern is sent.

HEALTH

Mike said that **Patrick** had been at a meeting relating to out of hours additional positions for unscheduled care. Greater Glasgow seemed positive about the idea whereas, NHS Highland have been non committal. A further meeting has been arranged.

AOCB**Xmas Tree
Lights:**

Mike said that The Council will not be putting up xmas tree lights in Cardross this year. Local communities will be responsible for funding lights if they see fit. **Morag** said that the children enjoy the lights. Members of the community council agreed to discuss the matter further.

Scams:

Bobby said that he had received a number of scams during the last week. One claimed to be from HMRC asking for payment of a tv licence. **Bobby** warned that the community and particularly vulnerable members of our community should be on their guard.

Your Radio:

Bobby said that the radio station had mentioned the problem of speeding in Cardross, on air. They have also mentioned a council meeting relating to the cycletrack.

Dog Walkers:

Bobby said that deadly hemlock had been found in Levensgrove Park. He said that there may be some in Cardross. This can be fatal if ingested by a dog.

**Noise from
Sawmill:**

Rob said the Sawmill claimed that they have put some noise reduction measures in place. Environmental Health will carry out further noise measurements. Local residents have said that there has been some reduction in the noise caused by vehicles reversing and by falling logs. There has been absolutely no change in the noise from the dust extracting equipment or the noise caused by bark stripping. We will await the Environmental Health results.

Signs:

Bob said that the Council were going to carry out a signage review in 2016 to combat the use of unauthorised signage on street furniture etc. **Bob** asked **Councillor Trail** if there was an outcome from the review. **Councillor Trail** said that guidelines had been produced and he will try to find out what happened to them. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he will bring the matter to the attention of officers, however, lack of resources are a problem.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Geilston Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 15 April 2019.
The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Acting Convener.