

## CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2019

AT 8.00 P.M.

### WELCOME

Patrick Trust welcomed **Constable Andrew Gallagher (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

Patrick Trust (Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Bob Murray, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, and 3 members of the public.

### APOLOGIES

Bobby Beggs, Mike Brown, Councillor Ellen Morton and Barrie Morton.

### 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

**Constable Andrew Gallagher** gave the report as follows:-

Date	Location	Crime	Person charged / arrested
13/12/18	Cardross	Vandalism	Investigations continue.
04/01/19	Cardross	Vandalism	Investigations continue.
15/01/19	Shop on Main Road	Housebreaking	Investigations continue.
16/01/19	Cardross Beach	Animal Welfare	Investigations continue.

There were 50 other incidents reported from 20/11/18 to 20/01/19.

**Bob** said the road through Buchlyvie and Arnprior has 40mph approach zones marked on the surface. He understood that this was a Council matter, but asked if this could be applied on both sides of Cardross on the A814. **Rob** asked if there had ever been a suggestion that the speed limit on the A814 be reduced from **60mph** to **50mph** between Helensburgh and Cardross. **Alasdair MacCuish** said that there are rumble strips on the road approaching the villages that **Bob** referred to. **Mike Crowe** suggested that average speed cameras may reduce speeding. **Constable Gallagher** said that the police will support anything that encourages safety.

**Bob** said that at the top of Station Road, near the library, there are both zig zags and double yellow lines that are routinely ignored. **Bob** said that it is a big issue because timber lorries turn at that junction.

**Archie West** said that as a cyclist, it is the timber lorries that scare him. Fully loaded lorries approach the Geilston

House bend at speed, putting anyone on the footway at risk. **Mike Crowe** said that delivery vehicles double park at the Post office. **Constable Gallagher** said there are exemptions for such vehicles. The traffic wardens who “police” parking in Cardross, are employed by Argyll and Bute Council. As there were no further questions, **Patrick** thanked **Constable Gallagher**, who then left the meeting.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 19 NOVEMBER 2018**

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Bob Murray** and seconded by **Julie Lang**.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

- Parking on Carman Road:** **Rob** said that he had a conversation with a resident of that immediate area who expressed very considerable concern about the parking arrangements there and the danger caused by such parking. **Patrick** said that he understood it is not illegal to park on the pavement. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said it is an offence if it causes an obstruction.
- Noise from Sawmill:** **Rob** said he understands that the Sawmill has not given an indication of intention to appeal. In the meantime, the noise nuisance continues.
- Cycle Track:** **Patrick** said that he had attended a very lengthy Council Area Committee Meeting in December. He was encouraged when he heard that one of the officers had applied for funding for the cycle path. **Councillor Ellen Morton** congratulated the officer on obtaining this funding. **Patrick** asked the Councillors present if that was correct. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he thought the funding related to the section of the path in the park in Cardross. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will check the relevant Committee papers and find out what funding is in place. **Patrick** said that work started in the park today. Metal plates are being placed to protect the grass. He asked if the work related to the cycle track or the railway bridge near the park. Network Rail had lettered local residents to say that repair work will be carried out on the bridge. **Patrick** said that he was unhappy to see that the programme for the cycle track went on until 2023 and 2024. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he understood that such a time scale would only apply, if Compulsory Purchase of any of the land proved necessary. **Bob** asked why a CPO would be necessary when it seemed to him that some of the land owners are prepared to sell their land. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that offers have now been made to the landowners and the Council are now awaiting responses. **Patrick** said that it seems that cyclist going to Helensburgh will be using the footway for the foreseeable future. **Archie West** said that the footways are very rough. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he has been told on a number of occasions that there is no point in improving the footways if a cycle track is to be constructed. He is also extremely frustrated by the situation. **Archie West** said that this situation has existed for 18 years. **Jo** said that cycling on the footway is extremely dangerous for deaf people sharing the footway. **Archie** said that he had encountered a pedestrian on the footway who was wearing earphones. She was unable to hear his bell.
- Train Stop Skipping:** **Patrick** said that he thought that things had improved. However, trains were not functioning last Saturday afternoon. **Bob** said there had been a fatality on the railway on Saturday. **Rob** said that trains were cancelled last Tuesday.
- Train Horns:** **Bob** said that he had a reply from **Jackie Bailie**. **Network Rail** had written to her and said that alterations to the whistle board layout at Cardross should now result in a small improvement on the number of times the train horn is sounded. In relation to the wider scheme, which will give the greater benefits, their signalling team have now issued a remit to Infrastructure Projects who are currently reviewing the scope. Once complete, initial design work will commence. The project will make it unnecessary to sound train horns.
- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the hole is still there. **Julie Lang** said that lorries going to Cairniedrourth are using the road at the rate of about one every hour. The lorries carry a sign saying “Non Industrial Hazard”.

- Lamp Post at Old Cemetery:** **Patrick** said that the lamp post has not yet been replaced. It has been missing for about 1 year. He said that he will send another email reporting the matter.
- Community Council Web Site:** **Patrick** said that keeping a web site up to date is a difficult task. **Brian** said that being on Facebook or Twitter may keep more people informed. **Duncan** said that if anyone “Googles” Cardross Community Council, the Minutes of the meetings are instantly available. It was decided to leave things as they are for the present.
- Beach Litter:** **Bob** said that a beach clean will be organised to take place in April.
- Red Road:** **Rob** said that he and his wife had moved the fallen trees form the “passing place” during a walk round the Red Road. **Patrick** thanked **Rob** for his “civic” action.
- Crematorium Sign:** **Patrick** said that a number of signs around the village have been cleared of greenery. **Archie West** said that the face of the many of the signs are covered in dirt and are hard to read. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter. **Alasdair MacCuish** asked if there is a squad that cleans signs. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that a reduction in both budget and staff means that this work is no longer carried out routinely.

### CORRESPONDENCE

**Patrick** said that he had two piles of letters from **Claire McCune** who is the chair of the CPSA. The correspondence relates to the use of Barrs Road as an access to the proposed new housing. There were 59 letters relating to the use of the road by children. 36 of the families use Barrs Road, when walking to school. 18 children use the road to cycle to school. 11 families did not use Barrs Road to get to school. The CPSA were concerned about the increase risk to children if Barrs Road is used as an access to the proposed new housing.

### PLANNING

**Rob** said that there was 1 item. A planning application was received on 17 December 2018 with regard to flat 1 at the Muirholm Hotel. It is a proposal to use the upper floor as a residential flat. The decision was “Application Approved”. It seems that this is a change of use from commercial premises to domestic premises.

### HEALTH

**Patrick** said that there are concerns with the failure of the GP service in the early evening and some weekends. The GP out of hours service provided by Nick Dunn and his cohorts to keep the Vale open at night, has been working well. Helensburgh and Lomond have , by law, a Communication and Engagement Group. This is how they inform the public of any plans for the development of local health services. **Patrick** said that he sits on the group as a lay person. The Group has failed in its’ remit. Most meetings are cancelled. **Patrick** said that he has complained to NHS Highland that the group is ineffective. There is no proper communication with the public. The new Chief Executive might improve the situation. **The Lomond Patients**, which is a voluntary group, regularly writes to government ministers and the Chief executives of NHS Highland and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to remind them that services are being watched.

### AOCB

**Cairniedrourth:** **Patrick** said that Cairniedrourth has been sold. He has been told that there is a plan to make it into a re-cycling area. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter.

**Litter:** **Bob** said that on his walk each day to the paper shop, he always encounters litter on the road and footways. He said there is no litter warden anymore. He asked if there is anything that can be done. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will raise the matter with council officers. **Jo** said that outside the paper shop today there was litter around the overflowing waste bin. **Patrick** said that the bin is usually emptied on a Friday and a Sunday. It has not been emptied this week. **Alasdair MacCuish** said that during the last really windy day, domestic blue bins were being blown over and waste. **Alasdair** thought this may have contributed to the litter problem. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter.

**Dog Fouling:** **Bob** said that in Drymen, signs were stencilled onto the footway. He suggested that this could be done at hot spots in Cardross. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that irresponsible dog owners should be reported to the Council. **Archie West** said that he had heard of a scheme in England where there were “on the spot” fines for any dog walker NOT carrying poo bags. **Jo** suggested that poo bags should be pink instead of black. If they are hanging on trees and bushes, they would be slightly more attractive.

**Burns Supper:** **Alasdair MacCuish** said the Burns Supper is in this hall on 1 February 2019.

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

The next meeting will be held in the Geilston Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 18 February 2019.  
The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.