

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

ON MONDAY 21 JUNE 2021

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

The meeting was jointly convened by **Alasdair MacCuish** and **Duncan Stirling**. **Duncan** 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

Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Mike Brown, Rob Irving, Bob Murray, Alasdair MacCuish, Provost David Kinniburgh, Councillor Richard Trail, Rev. McArthur and 9 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Convener), Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Bobby Beggs, Councillor Gemma Penfold 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

No Police Report had been received.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 19 APRIL 2021

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Brian Craven** and seconded by **Bob Murray**.

MATTERS ARISING

Lamp post at Ardoch: **Brian Watts** confirmed that the lights are working.

Christmas Tree Lights: The lights that were removed from the tree in Scott Gardens are still awaiting inspection.

Dog Poo Bin: **Provost Kinniburgh** said that the car park near St Mahews is privately owned and the Council will not be putting a bin there. However, the Council will monitor the situation.

Footway from Cardross to the Crematorium: **Provost Kinniburgh** said that part of the footway between Cardross and Dumbarton has been cleaned. He has asked when the remaining cleaning will be carried out and awaits an answer. **Judy Wilson** said the section from Leabank to the road end to Ardoch Farm, has still to be cleaned. **Provost Kinniburgh** said he has contacted officers about cleaning this section of the footway and is awaiting a reply.

- Ardoch A814 Road Safety:** **Provost Kinniburgh** said that the Council were not carrying out speed monitoring and had no record of any external organisation doing so. The Council will carry out speed checks when vehicular volumes reach “normal” levels. The pandemic has affected traffic flow.
- Mountain Bike Trails:** **Patrick** said that he has heard nothing further on these “trails” within the Kilmahew Estate. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that Planning are aware of the situation and will “Enforce” the situation
- Noise from Sawmill:** **Rob** said there have been correspondence with the Council, the Sawmill and our MSP. The matter is still ongoing. **Bob** said that he has heard the noise from the Sawmill starting at 6.55 am.
- Estate Agent Signs:** **Bob** said the problem of signs being put on public street furniture, is Scotland wide. He suggested that as well as doing a beach clean, we could “clean up” the rogue estate agent signs.
- Beach Clean:** **Bob** said that the Beach Clean, held on Saturday 1 May, was very successful. There were around 60 volunteers
- Kilmahew Education Trust:** **Rob** asked if anyone had heard anything from the individuals concerned with the Trust. **Duncan** said that none of the individuals have contacted **Patrick** or himself. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that this is likely to be a slow moving process.
- Easter Weekend:** **Ken Readman** said that the yellow ribbons that had been tied to various branches and bushes in the woods, over the Easter weekend, have now been removed.
- A814 Cardross To Helensburgh:** **Provost Kinniburgh** said that he has informed roads officers about the lack of white lining on the road between Helensburgh and Cardross.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said he had received two pieces of correspondence. One from **Veronica Davies**, congratulating the Council on the the flower planting around the village, particularly the flower bed at the junction of Darleith Road and the A814. The second piece of correspondence was from **Kelly Girling, the Head Teacher of Cardross Primary School**. She is concerned about children entering the school grounds when the school is closed. Various acts of vandalism have been carried out. **Kelly** asked that anyone witnessing these activities contact the police.

PLANNING

Rob said that there were a couple of domestic planning applications. One was at a bungalow on Station Road and one at Tregarthen on the Main Road. Neither were of concern to the Community Council. There was also an application for alterations to the Communications Tower on Murrays Road. This is permitted development and has been approved by the Council. **Rob** said that the construction of the two houses at development next to Shira Lodge, has begun. The completion date has been given as October 2021.

HEALTH

No report on Health has been received.

CARDROSS CAN GROUP

Lindsey Young said that **CAN** is a network of people in the village who share knowledge and

experience of ways to improve our care for the planet, for the sake of future generations, by cutting out CO2 emissions and reducing biodiversity loss. Since the last update, there have been three public Zoom meetings. In April, **Linsey** spoke about the biodiversity of our gardens. In May, **Duncan Smallman**, a marine biologist who lives in the village, spoke about biodiversity on our beach. In June, **Cameron Bryce** spoke about home energy efficiency. Recordings of these meetings are available in the Cardross CAN YouTube Channel.

A number of project groups have been established. A science project has been set up that is trying to work out what the biodiversity of our coastline is. A survey will be carried out quarterly, for five years. The objective is to assess the biodiversity of the beach, to see if it gets better or worse over time and what can be done to highlight to the public, the aspects that could help. **Lindsey** suggested that an "all weather" notice board be erected, to show the public how the study is progressing. **Provost Kinniburgh** suggested that **Lindsey** contact Howard Young from **Planning**, with a view to agreeing a notice board site near the beach. **Lindsey** said that the Community Garden Group is exploring the possibility of establishing a project in the ground behind the Church Hall. The CAN Group communicates on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and email.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Duncan said that the Community Council Grant from Argyll and Bute Council, was normally given after the Annual General Meeting was held. During the year of Covid, the Grant was given without the need for an AGM. However, the accounts must still be presented at a Community Council Meeting, and this will be done tonight. The accounts cover the period from April 2019 until March 2020.

Brian gave a report on income and expenditure and said that the accounts maintain a surplus of **£969.00**. The accounts were examined by **Margaret Calder** and the bank balance was verified as stated. **Duncan Stirling** proposed that the accounts be accepted. The proposal was seconded by **Alasdair MacCuish**.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Patrick Trust had asked **Duncan** to propose that **Lindsey Young** and **Heather Munro** be co-opted onto Cardross Community Council. The proposal was approved by **Bob Murray**.

AOCB

Bainfield Level Crossing:

Brian said that an article had appeared in the Helensburgh Advertiser, stating that this is the most dangerous crossing in Scotland. He suggested that this may be a cause for concern.

Duncan said that the article described the Bainfield crossing and the Station crossing as a single crossing. The report was clearly unreliable.

Avant Homes:

Julie Lang asked if there had been any further developments on the proposed housing on Darleith Road. **Duncan** said that neither he nor **Patrick** had received updates on the project. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that he is unaware of any further developments within Argyll and Bute Council.

Police Report:

Julie asked if there was any reference in the Police Report to the recent vehicle fire. **Duncan** said that no Police Report had been received this month.

Cycle Path:

Lindsey Young asked if the time line has slipped. **Lindsey** asked if a privately funded Project Manager would help move the project along. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that **Colin Young** is the Project Manager. He seems to be more focused on the project than previous incumbents. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that the time line for the "new route" has not slipped. Negotiations are proceeding for the piece of land, adjacent to the railway, between the Geilston Burn and Murrays Road.

Speed Camera:

Rob said that there was a press report last September suggesting that a speed camera would be sited on the A814 in Cardross. He asked if there had been any progress on this proposal.

Provost Kinniburgh said the initiative is the responsibility of Police Scotland. It had been hoped that the camera would be in place this summer, but Covid has slowed the process.

Japanese Knotweed: **John Major** said that he had seen a fairly large outbreak of Japanese Knotweed, at the East end of the cycle track, about 100 yards from Ferry Road. It is probably going to undermine the cycle path. **Provost Kinniburgh** said that he will pass the information on to the appropriate officer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 September 2021 at 8.00 p.m. on Zoom. We hope that the next meeting will also be in the Geilston Hall and connected via Zoom, for those not wishing to attend a public meeting in the hall.