

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 20 August

2018

AT 8.00 P.M.

WELCOME

The 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), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Bobby Beggs, Mike Brown, Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Bob Murray, Ken Chapman, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor Richard Trail, and 29 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wilson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mike Crowe said that he may have an interest in a planning matter and if it is raised, he will leave the meeting.

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

Patrick read from a copy of the Police Report as follows:-

Speed checks were carried out in the village on 22, 26, 27 March, 2,3 and 11 April. 4 fixed penalty tickets were issued. 4 warnings were issued.

Date	Location	Crime	Person charged / arrested
08/08/18	Cardross Road	Male run past bedroom window.	No trace.
12/08/18	Ardmore	Female assaulted.	Male suspect being traced.
19/08/18	Cardross Golf Club	Purse theft during party.	Enquiry ongoing.

There were 5 incidents.

MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 17 July 2018

Duncan said there were two amendments to these minutes.

1. In the paragraph **PRESENT** change "Irvine" to "Irving".
2. In the paragraph **PRESENT** add "Alasdair MacCuish"

At the meeting on 17 July, **Jo Cameron** said she had been informed that two signatures on one letter of objection, would count as two objections. A member of the public said that this was NOT the case. **Martha Hart** asked why this had not been minuted. **Patrick** said that he had a letter from **Sandra Davis** which assured him that two signatures on a single submission would count as two objections. Since the member of the public was wrong, his comment was not minuted in an attempt to prevent his embarrassment.

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Bobbie Beggs** and seconded by **Bob Murray**.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 19 March 2018

Duncan said there were two amendments to these minutes.

1. Omit the last sentence in the paragraph on **PLANNING**.
2. In the paragraph on **Participating Budget**, change "MacCuish" to "MacCuish".

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Bob Murray** and seconded by **Bobbie Beggs**.

MATTERS ARISING

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| Participating Budget: | Alasdair MacCuish said that the Geilston Hall Management Committee had been successful in getting a grant of £750.00. It is hoped that the Hall will be open in October for the Mackintosh Festival. |
| Lay- By at the Pharmacy: | Patrick said that there are still problems there. His hope is that it can return to being a loading bay as it was for the Co-op shop that used to be there. |
| Potholes Kirkton Road: | Councillor Kinniburgh said that they have now been repaired. |
| Noise from Sawmill: | Patrick said that the matter is ongoing. Councillor Morton said that she had received a report from the Environmental Health Officer that there is to be a second monitoring of noise levels. Several neighbours have been visited by Environmental Health officers and several agreements have been reached. Further discussions are to take place between Environmental Health and the owner of the Sawmill. Rob asked if the second monitoring, which was scheduled for the first week in August, had taken place yet. Councillor Morton said she will check and get back to the meeting. |
| Cycle Track: | Patrick asked if there were further developments. Councillor Morton said that we are getting there. The Council has reached an agreement with Ardardan . Discussions are progressing with other land owners. There is now a time frame and a long term plan, including the stretch from Cardross to Dumbarton. |
| Peel Street: | Patrick said that Peel Street has been re-surfaced by the residents. |
| Proposed Dates: | Patrick said that the dates of the Community Council meetings are :-
2018 - 17 September, 15 October, 19 November, 2019 – 21 January, 18 February and 18 March. |
| Train Stop Skipping: | Patrick said that the situation seems to have improved in general. |

- Train Horn Noise:** **Patrick** said there has been nothing new on the issue.
- Hole in Lay- by On Darleith Road:** **Julie Lang** said the area has been excavated and the resulting hole has been covered in plastic. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter with "Roads".
- Speeding on Barrs Road:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that roads officers will need to carry out speed checks. However, the apparatus needed is being used elsewhere in Argyll and Bute. Officers will carry out speed checks when the equipment is available.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said there was a letter from Friends of Geilston. The Geilston Garden Wildlife Day is on Saturday 1 September. All are welcome. **Patrick** had a letter from Helensburgh Community Council asking that Cardross Community Council get involved in their Helensburgh Seafront Development objections. **Mike Brown** suggested that there may be a time when we would wish for Helensburgh CC to be involved in something in Cardross. **Patrick** said that there is still time for individuals to comment. He said the Planning Application Number for the project is **18/01614/PP**. Comments must be submitted by 6 September 2018. **Patrick** said he would let committee members see HCC's email and would await a majority decision on whether or not to get involved.

PLANNING

Partick said that the **Planning Application 18/00026/PP** had not been considered because it had not been seen at the February meeting. This lack of information meant that the matter could not be discussed even though **Martha Hart** had raised the issue.

Bobby said there were 3 applications. **The first** is for the erection of a dwelling house and formation of access at 34 Kirkton Road.

Since **Mike Crowe** had declared an interest in the matter, **Patrick** asked if he wished to make a comment before leaving the meeting. **Mike Crowe** said that the original application had been withdrawn. Amendments had been made and a new application had been submitted.

Mike Crowe said that for the Community Council to submit a "letter of concern", he would be looking for a big majority of the village to be supporting that and not a handful of people.

Mike Brown asked if **Mike** meant a majority of the village or a majority of the people at the meeting. **Mike Crowe** said a "letter of concern" has to be representative of the village and NOT the people at the meeting. **Mike Crowe** then left the meeting.

Patrick asked if any council members wished to comment. **Jo** asked that as a community council should we reflect the views of members of the community who have objected.

Patrick said that he did not think the community council should be "for" or "against" any project.

Jo agreed with this comment. **Patrick** said that if there are a number of people at the meeting opposing a project then the community council should express this view in a "letter of concern" to **Argyll and Bute Council**. The Community Council should not send letters of support or objection.

Bob reiterated the comments made by **Patrick** with particular regard to issuing a "letter of consent".

Mike Crowe then returned to the meeting.

The second application is for the demolition of extension, alteration and erection of extension from the care home to 14 residential flats. **Jo** said that she is concerned because it is 10 flats in the old Bloomhill property and 4 new builds. **Jo** is concerned that the design of the new build flats is not in sympathy with the original C listed building.

Bob said he would support **Jo** said that the access from Carman Road is extremely poor.

Michael Hutchison said that it is not possible to walk up Carman Road without walking ON the road.

It is extremely dangerous for pedestrians.

Rob asked if there is a business being run from the nearby premises. **George Murphy** said that no-one seems to know. **Patrick** said that he will raise the matter of the parked cars from the "business" with the police.

Patrick said the Community Council will write a letter of concern about this application.

The third application is for the building of 3 dwelling houses at Asker Farm.

A member of the public said that there is not the infrastructure in Cardross to cope with this piecemeal development in the village.

Julie Lang said that not a single road has been improved or widened since she moved into the village 27 years ago. However, car usage has increased dramatically.

Patrick said he will send the details to each member of the CC for comment.

HEALTH

Patrick said that the leader of our Health and Social Community Partnership has resigned. He said this is a little alarming. He remains concerned about the inadequate budget and how the Partnership is going to manage things. One or two things have been successful but otherwise he remains very concerned. **The Lomond Patient Group** is working with the Pressure Group and local GPs to try and make sure we do not lose any more services at the Vale.

AOCB

Barrs Rd. Planning Application:

Patrick reminded all present that the meeting concerned access to the proposed housing site and NOT the housing site itself. **Patrick** said that he had written a letter to **Sandra Davis** expressing the concern of a large number of members of the community. They objected to the use of Barrs Road, together with adjacent roads, as an access to the proposed housing. The increased risk to schoolchildren from increased traffic, was also stated in the letter. **Patrick** said that he had confirmation from **Sandra Davis** that anyone can write concerning the planning application. They should write to:-

Sandra Davis, The Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre, 38 East Clyde Street, Helensburgh, G84 7PG.

Brian said that 153 objections have been recorded to date.

Sandra Grant said that discussion seemed to centre on Barrs Road and ignored the effects on Barrs Terrace, Ritchie Avenue and Muirend Road. **Sandra** asked that the effect on these roads should be included in any objections.

Sandra Patterson said that there is a copy of her letter in the library and it can be copied and sent to **Argyll and Bute Planning**, by any objector who wishes to do so.

Michael Hutchison said that the proposers claimed that their parking review was carried out on a Thursday and a Saturday. However, the photographs accompanying the review were taken on a Monday, evidenced by the fact that householders bins were in the photographs.

Alasdair asked if the planning meetings were open to the public. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the public can attend the meetings but cannot take part in them. At these meetings, the Councillors will decide whether or not a public meeting is necessary. **Michael Hutchison** asked if a public meeting is held, do you need to declare your intention to speak in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Kinniburgh said there is a protocol in place for dealing with these meetings and that anyone intending to speak should give advance notice.

Patrick said that two of the councillors present are members of the Planning Committee and are unable to comment on this application. **Councillor Morton** said that she is NOT on the Planning Committee but she is full of admiration for the councillors who are in the Committee and have to make some "thorny" decisions.

Councillor Morton said that the application will be approved on condition that the road safety issues on Barrs Road are addressed.

- Speeding on A814:** **Ken Chapman** said his biggest concern on the roads is speeding. There are cars going, on average, between 40 and 50mph. Sometimes, 70mph. **Ken** read his proposal from a newspaper article. “ The Ministry went on to create a national penalty scheme called LEZ – Low Emission Zone.” It is automatic number plate recognition. **Ken** said if you come from Helensburgh too fast, cameras photograph the number plate then automatically issue a fine to the owner of the car. **Ken** said people are cycling on the pavement because cars are going too fast. **Patrick** said we can take the information to the police and see what they say.
- Lamp Post at Old Cemetery:** **Mike Crowe** said the lamp standard has been damaged. **Jo** said that the Council are dealing with the matter.
- Lighting in Peel Street:** **Jo** said the lighting is appalling and asked if the Council could install new lights. **Councillor Morton** said that the road has not been adopted by the Council and is a private road.
- Telephone Box near A814:** **Mike Crowe** said that the telephone box is looking tatty. He asked if it would be possible to get **BT** to paint it. **Michael Hutchison** said that he works for **BT** and the matter should be reported to **BT** directly.
- Gardens at Paper Shop:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he has not yet received any details about planting in the area.
- Dog Fouling:** **Michael Hutchison** said he has been in the village for 8 years. He said that there must be more that can be done. He said it is getting ridiculous. **Councillor Morton** said that unfortunately, even if the Council take a dog owner to court, the Court give the matter a low priority.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Geilston Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 17 September.
The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.