

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER 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), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Bobby Beggs, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Bob Murray, Councillor David Kinniburgh, and 12 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Patrick Trust (Convener), Mike Brown, Jo Cameron, Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor Richard Trail, Barrie Morton and 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**. There were no other declarations of interest.

POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Alan Heron gave the report as follows:-

Date	Location	Crime	Person charged / arrested
11/11/18	Carman Road	Wilful Fireraising.	Investigations continue.

There were 38 other incidents reported from 15/10/18 to 19/11/18.

A member of the public asked if anything could be done about the large number of cars being parked outside a property on Carman Road. **Sergeant Heron** said that the police are aware of the issue. However, parking is a problem over the whole of the police area and there are not resources available to dedicate to parking problems. Unless parking is causing an obstruction, there is little that the police can do. While the cars parked on Carman Road are a nuisance, it is still possible to pass them. **Rob** said that this matter came up at a recent meeting and it was suggested that the cars are part of a business being run from the premises.

Tony Davey said that the matter was raised some time ago, by the then proprietor of Clydeview. Residents in wheelchairs were unable to access the footway. **Tony** said that it has been known for some time that there is a problem. **Sergeant Heron** said that he may be able to refer the matter to "Trading Standards".

Willie Laird asked if anything can be done about kids meeting on the shore. A youngster was badly hurt last month. **Sergeant Heron** said the area is being given extra attention but it is difficult to do anything if the youngsters are not upsetting anybody.

Mike Crowe said that a car is parked in the bus stop, across from the Co-op, most days. **Sergeant Heron** said he will look into the matter. Since there were no more questions, **Mike** thanked **Sergeant Heron** for his report and the sergeant left the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 15 OCTOBER 2018

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Brian Craven** and seconded by **Bobby Beggs**.

MATTERS ARISING

- Noise from Sawmill:** **Rob** quoted from an email that he had received from **Mary Watt**, an Environmental Health Officer with Argyll and Bute Council. It said “an abatement notice in respect of Section 18 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, was served on 7 November 2018 on Riding Sawmills, requiring them to abate the noise nuisance by 8 March 2019”. **Rob** said that he understood that the Sawmill has a right of appeal within the process. We will await the outcome.
- Cycle Track:** **Mike** said that there was an article in the Helensburgh Advertiser about the cycle track. **Councillor David Kinniburgh** said that a report had gone to the Area Committee. In the report it was confirmed that negotiations have been held up by the lack of an offer, from the Council to the landowners. **Rob** asked if the reason for the hold-up was known. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the plans for the project have not yet been finalised. **Bob** said that the width of the track was in contention. He is concerned that this is just a delaying tactic. **Rob** asked if any other minor infrastructure project in Argyll and Bute has taken 25 years to come to fruition. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said it is the responsibility of Argyll and Bute Council to complete the project. A time line has been put on the project and he will take every available opportunity to raise the matter. **William Laird** said that as a landowner, he has agreed a route with Argyll and Bute Council but has not yet had an offer for the affected land. **William Cullen** said that the last time he was contacted by the Council, with regard to acquiring land for the cycle track, was 2013. His agent was contacted in 2017 and asked to fill in a form allowing him to act on behalf of **Mr. Cullen**. His agent returned the form in June 2017. The Council have not yet made further contact. **Julie Lang** asked if this was a “Millenium” project, and was there funding attached to it. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that funding had been made available and three projects were highlighted. Two of the projects have been completed, but the Cardross Cycle Track, has not. **William Cullen** said that an article in the local paper gave the impression that landowners are holding up the process. They are not. **Bob** suggested that **Mr. Cullen** should send a letter to that effect. to the local paper, **Alasdair McCuish** asked for the date of the next Area Committee meeting. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said it will be on 21 December 2018 in the Victoria Halls. He said there will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions. **Tony Davey** said that he attended an Area Meeting twelve months ago. He asked if landowners were responsible holding up negotiations. He was told that the matter was subject to commercial confidentiality and he could not be privy to that information. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he is as frustrated as everyone else by the situation. He will bring any additional details to the next Community Council Meeting.
- Train Stop Skipping:** **Bob** said that he has arranged a meeting with **Jackie Bailie MSP**. Train skipping seems to have been reduced. Trains are cancelled instead. **Willie Laird** said that this morning, the 8.35 train was cancelled and the 9.05 train’s first stop was Partick.
- Train Horns:** **Bob** said that **Ken Redman** had approached **Mary Watt**, who is an Environmental Health Officer with Argyll and Bute Council. She suggested that the noise is inconsequential because it is of such short duration. **Bob** said he will discuss the matter further with **Jackie Bailie**.
- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Mike** said that the road has a large number of patched areas. **Julie Lang** said that the hole is still there. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will pursue the matter.
- Speeding on A814:** **Mike** said that there has not been an update on the problem.
- Lamp Post at Old Cemetery:** **Mike** said that **Argyll and Bute Council** have not yet replied to **Patrick’s** letters.

- Gardens at Paper Shop:** **Mike** asked if the area could be tidied up. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he would ask if this could be done.
- A814 Footway Going East:** **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that the rocks are still lying on the footway.
- Community Council Web Site:** **Mike** said that there have not been any volunteers to look after a Community Council web site. **Brian** said that it would require someone with the necessary technical knowledge to run such a site.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan said there are two pieces of correspondence. The first, which **Duncan** read out, was from **Patrick**. He thanked the many members of our community who took part in the Commemoration of the Armistice 100 years ago. He thanked **Postman Drew** the piper, **Tony Davey, our Councillors, Michael Wilson, the Rev. Maggie Macarthur, Barrie Morton, Nancy Gray, Cardross Primary 6 pupils, Jo Cameron, Bobby Beggs and Mike Crowe.** **Duncan** read out the second letter which came from **The Friends of Geilston.** The letter said that the gardens are still at risk and asked for a large attendance at their AGM on 27 November 2018 at 7.30 in Cardross Golf Club.

PLANNING

Bobby said that there were 4 applications. The first is for the installation of a Dormer Window at Ardoch House. The second is for the installation of a new public address system in the railway station. The third is for internal and external alterations to Clydeview Care Home to create ten flats. The fourth is that Avant Homes application has been postponed. **Bobby** said that he went to the post office today and asked for the plans relating to the Clydeview proposals. The PO has not received any copies of plans since February 2018. **Mike** said he will pursue the matter.

HEALTH

Mike said that there are no new issues relating to Health.

AOCB

- Planning Matters:** **Bobby** said that due to an increase in his work load, he will no longer have the time to represent the Community Council in planning matters. **Mike** thanked **Bobby** for the work he has carried out on behalf of the Community Council. **Rob Irving** volunteered to act as the planning representative. His offer was gratefully approved by the members present.
- Beach Litter:** **Rob** said that a new initiative has been set up by “**Keep Scotland Beautiful**”. It is called “**Upstream Battle**”. It is an attempt to eradicate marine litter from the whole of the Clyde Basin, including the Firth of Clyde. **Rob** suggested that it may be worthwhile liaising with this body when we have our next beach clean. **Bob** agreed and said that a real effort would be in order in the Spring of 2019.
- Red Road:** **Julie Lang** said that since the storm in September, the section of road behind the Gillespie’s house which had been used as a “passing place”, has been blocked by fallen trees. **Mike** said we will contact the Roads Department and ask if they can deal with the matter.
- Crematorium Sign:** **Morag** said that the sign is no longer clearly visible. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said that he will raise the matter with the Roads Department.

Footway to Crematorium: **Willie Cullen** asked if anything can be done about the poor state of this footway. **Duncan** said that the issue had been raised previously. The answer was that the issue would be solved, when the cycle track was constructed. **Councillor Kinniburgh** said he will pursue the matter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Geilston Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 23 January 2019.
The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Acting Convener.