

CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 15 OCTOBER 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, Bob Murray, and 12 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Alasdair MacCuish, Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor David Kinniburgh, 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. **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 report provided by **Sgt Bob Magee** as follows:-

Date	Location	Crime	Person charged / arrested
07/09/18	Riverview Crescent	Attempted Housebreaking.	Investigations continue.
28/09/18	Murrays Road	Serious assault	Investigations continue.
07/10/18	House on the shore	Attempted Housebreaking.	Investigations continue.

There were 2 other incidents.

Patrick said that speed checks had been carried out in the village. 5 motorists were stopped and warned.

Patrick said that **PC Stamp**, who is the youth engagement officer, is leaving his post and a replacement is being sought.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2018

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

MATTERS ARISING

- Lay- By at the Pharmacy:** **Patrick** said that he had seen a car being ticketed for parking on the double yellow lines.
- Noise from Sawmill:** **Rob** said that the Environmental Health Officer, **Mary Watt**, is having meetings with individual complainants about the increase in noise levels since the sawmill extended. **Mary** is taking statements from these individuals. The sawmill will be given a final opportunity to address the problem. If this is not forthcoming, the Council will be taking formal steps in an attempt to address the problem. **Rob** said that he has not been informed of the timescale of the process.
- Cycle Track:** **Patrick** said that the track is going to be extended from the Station to the Geilston Burn. **Brian** said that the Helensburgh Advertiser had reported this as a length of 285 metres. This work is to be included in the works programme starting in October 2018. The last sentence in the report states "There is a reputational risk to the council if the project is not completed within a reasonable timeframe". **Patrick** said that we will let the councillors know that a planned completion in 2023 is pretty disappointing. **Rob** suggested that the phrase "pretty disappointing" is inadequate. "Absolutely outrageous" would be more appropriate. It was agreed that this phrase is appropriate.
- Train Stop Skipping:** **Patrick** said that he thought they were getting better. The general opinion is that there is little improvement.
- Hole in Darleith Road:** **Patrick** said that there is still a hole is still there. It was agreed to await the return of **Councillor Kinniburgh** who was looking into the matter.
- Speeding on A814:** **Patrick** said that the police have been carrying out speed checks in the village and stopping motorists.
- Lamp Post at Old Cemetery:** **Patrick** said that he has written twice about the need for a replacement lamp post. As yet, he has not had a reply.
- Telephone Box, A814:** **Mike Crowe** said that the telephone in the box is working. It seems that the box can be scrapped or purchased by the community for £1. There was no proposal to buy the box.
- Gardens at Paper Shop:** **Patrick** said that no work has been done in this area.
- Dog Fouling:** **Patrick** said it is still a problem. It seems that unless witnesses see and report irresponsible dog owners, little can be done.
- A814 Footway Going East:** **Patrick** said that he has written twice to the Council and has not yet received a reply. The rocks are still lying on the footway. **Mike Brown** said that he has seen a bull in the field, knocking rocks off the wall, onto the footway. **Julie Lang** said that she had been coming down the road and a van had struck a cow on the road.
- Horse Fouling:** **Patrick** asked if anyone saw this as a problem. No one commented. **Patrick** said that he had talked to someone in the **Roads Section in the Council** and been told that horse traffic on the cycle track will NOT damage the surface.
- Community Council Web Site:** **Patrick** said that the Community Council's web site is embedded in another organisations' web site. The problem with having a web site for the Community Council is that no one has volunteered to, keep such a site updated.

CORRESPONDENCE

Patrick said that a letter of permission has been received to have a “parade” at 11 o’clock on 11 November 2018. **Tony Davey** said that the scouts and guides will be having a dress rehearsal on Thursday and Friday of this week. Wreaths will be laid on the steps then moved to the war memorial after the parade. There was no further correspondence.

PLANNING

Bobby said that there was 1 application. It is for demolition of a dwelling house with alterations to existing dwelling house at the Knock on Brooks Road.

HEALTH

Patrick said that **Joanna Macdonald** has been appointed as the new Chief Officer for Argyll and Bute’s health and social care partnership.

AOCB

Planning Matters: **Jo** said that she had objected to the proposals for the new flats at Bloomhill. She put two signatures on one letter and got two responses. One for her husband and one for herself. The application has been withdrawn. **Patrick** said that the **Planning Department** have requested the use of the Geilston Hall from 09.30 until 17.00 for Wednesday 31 October 2018. It is for a meeting to discuss the Planning Application for the use of Barrs Road as an access to the proposed **Avant Homes Development**. Letters of concern will be accepted by the Council up to the day before the meeting. Anyone writing such a letter will be able to speak at the meeting.

Homes for Heroes: A member of the public asked when construction of these houses would begin. No one at the meeting was able to say.

Grant: **Brian** said that he has now received the Community Council Grant from Argyll and Bute Council. It is for the sum of **£702.40**.

AGM: **Patrick** suggested that the Annual General Meeting should be held next year, at the end of the financial year. This was agreed by those present.

Newsletter: **Patrick** asked if a newsletter should be published at the end of the year. It was agreed that since there have been only three meetings, there is no point in issuing a newsletter.

Darleith Road: **Julie Lang** asked how bad the road has to get. The road is now flooding on each side. If nothing is done, the road will be closed. **Patrick** said that he will write to “Roads” about the matter.

Station Road: **Morag** said that there is a drain between the station and the church hall gate which has never been cleaned.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Geilston Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 19 November 2018. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.