

**CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD IN THE GEILSTON HALL**

**ON MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 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), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Bobby Beggs, Jo Cameron, Mike Crowe, Rob Irving, Alasdair MacCuish, Bob Murray, Councillor Richard Trail, and 25 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES**

Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Ken Chapman, Mike Brown, Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor David Kinniburgh.

**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**

**PC Ross Easton** from the Helensburgh Police Office gave a report as follows;-

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Crime</b>	<b>Person charged / arrested</b>
25/08/18	Cardross	Assault	One male charged with assaulting a female.
30/08/18	Main Road	Driver with no Insurance.	Driver issued with a fixed penalty Ticket. Vehicle was seized.
2/09/18	Kilmahew Drive	Breach of bail conditions.	One male charged with resisting arrest.

There were 5 other incidents.

**Alasdair** said that speeding was a common complaint at the Council Meetings. He asked if anything was being done to deal with the issue. **PC Easton** said that 7 tickets were handed out today in the Helensburgh Area. He said he will contact the Inspector with a view to carrying out speed checks in Cardross. **Jo** asked if inclement weather affected speed checks. **PC Easton** said that modern equipment deals with this problem. Since there were no further questions, the Convener thanked **PC Easton** who then left the meeting.

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 20 AUGUST 2018

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Brian Craven** and seconded by **Mike Crowe**.

### MATTERS ARISING

- Lay- By at the Pharmacy:** **Patrick** said that several people had contacted him about the matter. **Councillor Trail** said that the traffic officer is the best person to contact to discuss the matter. **Councillor Trail** said that even if the area is defined as a loading bay, enforcement is an issue. **Jo** said that her neighbour, who has MS, is concerned that the lines for the disabled bay at the paper shop have faded. Also, there is no bay for disabled parking at the pharmacy or the post office. **Jo** felt that the matter deserves attention. **Mike** said that there is a land rover which often parks on the double yellow lines near the bus stop at the Co-op. **Patrick** said that we will write to the traffic officer for his opinion.
- Noise from Sawmill:** **Patrick** said that he had not heard anymore about that. **Rob** said a second round of monitoring was carried out on 3 August 2018. Feedback was that the noise levels had not changed from the last monitoring exercise. The Sawmill have not followed through on their informal agreement with Environmental Health to take remedial action. **Rob** said that the noise has not abated and the matter is ongoing. **Alasdair** asked if the sawmill worked for 24 hours a day. **Rob** said typical weekday working is from 7am until 8pm. On Saturday it is 7am until 2 or 3pm. They sometimes work on Sunday.
- Cycle Track:** **Patrick** asked if there were further developments. **Councillor Trail** said that work will start next month, on the section from Geilston Park towards **Murrays Crossing**. **Rob** said that track has been promised for 18 years and the matter has just gone on and on.
- Train Stop Skipping:** **Patrick** said that the problem is now cancellation of trains. Today's cancellations were due to a "broken down train". **Patrick** said that he will write to **Scotrail** on the matter.
- Hole in Lay- by On Darleith Road:** **Patrick** said that the hole is still there. **Councillor Kinniburgh** was pursuing the matter. He is ill at present and the matter will be taken up on his return to good health.
- Speeding on A814:** **Patrick** said **Ken's** proposals for dealing with speeding were in fact proposals for dealing with congestion in cities and were not appropriate for dealing with speeding vehicles.
- Lamp Post at Old Cemetery:** **Patrick** said the lamp standard has not yet been repaired. He said he would register the complaint online.
- Telephone Box near 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.
- Gardens at Paper Shop:** **Patrick** said that the gardens at the paper shop are a disgrace while those at Darleith Road junction with A814 are very well kept.
- Dog Fouling:** **Patrick** said it seems to be getting worse.

### CORRESPONDENCE

**Bob** said that **Duncan** had given him two items of correspondence. One was relating to the linking of Community Councils in the area. The other related to the programme for Armistice Day.

**Patrick** said that he will respond to these communications.

**Patrick** said there was an e-mail from **Brian Watts** to our three councillors. It said that a year ago, he raised the issue of obstruction of the A814 footpaths going east from Cardross beyond Craighend Road and Ferry Road. There are rocks falling out of the wall and the footway has been obstructed.

## PLANNING

**Bobby** said that there were 3 applications. The first is for the erection of a sun room at 24 Riverview Crescent. The second is for the erection of an agricultural shed at Ardardan. The third is for the erection of a semi-detached dwelling house on garden ground at 1 Barrs Court.

## HEALTH

**Patrick** said that there was a great stoushie over the Breast Service. **Jackie Bailie MSP** pursued the matter through “freedom of information”. She discovered that there had been no public consultation. **Greater Glasgow** have now said that their plan to shut down the mammography service at the Vale of Leven Hospital, install two new mammogram machines at Paisley and make everyone go to Paisley, is now in abeyance. **Greater Glasgow** have promised to come back and consult women in this area.

**The Health and Social Care Partnership for Helensburgh and Lomond** are conducting a strategic plan survey of what constituents would like to see in 8 categories involving your health service locally, primary care, from 2019 to 2022. If you google “strategic plan survey for Argyll and Bute” HSCP, you will find a questionnaire. **Patrick** said that everyone should respond.

## AOCB

### **Armistice Day Parade:**

**Patrick** said he is arranging for a display next to the plaque for Corporal Pender in the Geilston Hall. The plaque commemorates his death in 1915. He was the nephew of Katherine Geils who owned the hall. Opposite his death plaque is the plaque for the hall and a letter written in 1914 saying how wonderful it was that he had been accepted for a commission. **Patrick** said that he had memorabilia from Miss Hendry’s archives in Edinburgh, with quite a few fascinating letters from the front to her mother. He has the dedication programme for the war memorial in Cardross in 1920.

**Patrick** has material from **Michael Wilson’s** father who was invalided out of the Army and went back to join the Royal Flying Corps which became the Royal Air Force. **Patrick** also has memorabilia from a sea man who fought in the Battle of Jutland. This material will be ready in the hall for 11 November 2018. **Mike Crowe** and **Bobby Beggs** volunteered to act as stewards on the day of the parade.

**Jo** said there is a display in Dumbarton Library of memorabilia from the First World War.

**Brian** said that payment has been made for the two wreaths for Armistice Day.

### **A814 Footway:**

**(See Correspondence)** **Mr. Watts** said that nothing has been done. His next door neighbour, who is partially blind, has to walk back from Cardross and has ruined a pair of shoes due to the rocks on the footway. **Mr. Watts** said that a “no waiting sign” is missing. **Councillor Richard Trail** suggested that we contact **Stuart MacCracken** in Roads.

### **Horse Fouling:**

**Jo** said that it is ridiculous to think of this as a problem. We live in a rural community. It is a difficult thing to stop a horse doing that. **Bob** said that we were advised once before that there are no pathogens in horse manure. **Marion Adams** said that she had been walking her dog on the foreshore and she had seen riders galloping horses on the grass of the football pitch. The area had been damaged enough to cause her to twist her ankle when she was walking there the next day.

It was generally agreed that this is unacceptable. **Patrick** said that he will contact **Stuart MacCracken** and ask if anything can be done to prevent this problem.

- Planning Matters:** **Alastair Fern** said that planning issues are always going to be contentious. He asked if the committee should be better informed about these matters before it comes to a public meeting. **Patrick** said he did not think so. He said that the vast majority of planning matters are NOT contentious. **Alastair** said that not enough information is given by the planning department to answer all of the questions raised by an application. **Patrick** said that individuals have to go and look at the plans to understand them. It is not always the simplest thing to do. **Patrick** said that as a community, it is very clear when the community is concerned about planning. There have been more than 100 letters about the Darleith/Barrs Road access proposals. **Patrick** said that he thought that the Community Councils' job is to reflect the concerns of the community. The Community Council is not equipped to comment in detail on, planning matters.
- Development Plan:** **Alastair Fern** said that the Development Plan has identified huge areas around the village that could be developed. He asked if we wait until something happens or can we be pro-active and ask for impact assessments to be carried out to determine whether the proposals are an appropriate use of that land. **Alastair** wanted to know who identifies areas for development. He said that an impact assessment would demonstrate whether or not the proposal is the correct use for that piece of land. **Alastair** said that Planners may be subject to political persuasion. **Patrick** said that he will contact **Councillor Kinniburgh** and ask what the Community Council should be doing about the Development Plan.
- Geilston Hall:** **Patrick** said that the meeting of the **Geilston Hall Management Committee** will be held at 8.00 pm 24 September 2018 in this hall.
- Waste Bin at Pumping Station:** **Marion Adams** said that she had brought up this matter up about a year ago at a council meeting. **Patrick** said that since the land is owned by **Scottish Water**, Argyll and Bute Council do not have a right to access this area and cannot place bins there. **Bob** said that he specifically asked to have bins placed in the area and the Council said they are unable to do so.
- Community Council Web Site:** **Brian Watts** said that the Community Council's web site is embedded in another organisations' web site. He suggested that the Community Council should have its' own web site. **Patrick** said he will look into the matter.

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

The next meeting will be held in the Geilston Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 15 October 2018.  
The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.