

## CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

GEILSTON HALL

ON MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2024

AT 8.00 P.M.

### WELCOME

**Patrick Trust** (Convener) welcomed all present. He thanked **Lindsey Young** for chairing the meeting held on 21 October 2024. 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), Lindsey Young (Vice Convener), Duncan Stirling (Secretary), Brian Craven (Treasurer), Alasdair MacCuish, Alice Cook, Rob Irving, Bob Murray, Christine Nevin, Councillor Paul Kennedy and 12 members of the public.

### APOLOGIES

Simone McLeod, Caroline McNair, Heather Munro.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**Alasdair** said that he is the **Chairperson of the Geilston Hall Management Committee**.

**Lindsey Young** said that she is a member of **Cardross CAN** and the community engagement officer for **Argyll and Bute Climate Action Network** for the **Helensburgh and Lomond Area and Cardross**.

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY CARDROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON 21 OCTOBER 2024

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by **Brian Craven** and seconded by **Rob Irving**.

### POLICE REPORT

**PC Kierran Cameron** said that he is the new Link Officer for Cardross.

**Kierran** stated that there were only two reported case in Cardross in the last month. One involved a drink drive coming over the hill and abandoning the car at Cardross railway station. The driver was apprehended.

The other case, was a minor matter. There were 19 calls in general. **Kierran** said there has been a spate of impersonation frauds. This involved pretending to be a police officer and asking for money. He warned that any vulnerable members of the community are at risk of this fraud.

### SCHOOL REPORT

**Patrick** said that there was no school report this month

### CYCLE PATH

**Christine** said that the Cycle Path Action Group met on 24 October and reviewed the papers that have gone to the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee. Having looked at the minutes of that meeting, the group were surprised that the frequency of the update papers going to the **HLAC**, has been reduced from quarterly to

6 monthly. It was agreed to write to the chair of the HLAC. Councillor **Mark Irvine** agreed to a meeting. **Christine** and **Lindsey** met with **Mark**. They had a useful and wide ranging discussion. He was keen that the Council had better communication with the Action Group. The tender has just been released for the design of the route and the technical design. Money has been earmarked for this. The councillor was pragmatic about altering the route. The tenders will be returned on 6 December 2024. **Christine** said that a meeting with **Colin Young** at the January or February meeting, would be useful. The community councillors agreed that **Christine** should issue the invitation to a meeting. The Government have announced a growth fund in the recent Budget. This is new money. **Patrick** agreed to write to **Jackie Baillie MSP**, suggesting that the Cycle Path should benefit from some of this funding.

### MATTERS ARISING

**Road Drains:** **Councillor Kennedy** had a reply from a roads officer saying that, the road drains are cleaned twice a year as part of the ongoing maintenance programme. The carriageway on Church Avenue has an annual inspection. The main road is inspected monthly. The officer said that an ad hoc inspection will be carried out next week.

**Cardross Station:** **A member of the public** said that at the moment, staffing is very intermittent. From the New Year, Scotland will be introducing new opening hours. It seems that Cardross will be offering staffing from Monday to Friday, up to mid day. There are also gaps appearing in the service to Helensburgh. **Patrick** said that he will write to **Jackie Baillie MSP**, on the matter.

**Cala Houses:** **Patrick** said that there is nothing new.

**Taylor Wimpey:** **Patrick** said that the two presentations they organised in the Geilston Hall, were very well attended.

**The Paddock at Ardoch:** **Brian Watts** said he is concerned that the proposed line of the cycle track, does not appear to have taken the location of the gas main and other services into consideration. **Christine** suggested that Brian's information regarding the location of services, should be passed on to **Colin Young** in the Planning Department. **Lindsey** agreed to do this.

**Main Road Garage:** **Patrick** said that no decision has yet been taken on this application.

**Local Place Plan:** **Patrick** said that the **Cardross CAN group** are preparing the Plan. **Lindsey** said there is a working party of about 12 people, who meet every Wednesday. This will continue until a web site is up and running. The web site should be available to the community around mid December 2025. **Lindsey** listed the costs of preparing the Plan. **£100.00** for printing the report, **£100.00** for printed material, **£100.00** for venue hire, **£244.00** for the web site and **£100.00** for snacks. At the end of this meeting, there will be a short presentation on why we need a community web site.

**Car Park at Newsagents:** The caravan that has been parked in the car park for is still there. **Bob** said that there is a notice in the car park saying that caravans are not permitted. **Councillor Kennedy** said that the Council cannot take action to remove it.

**Cardross Library:-** **Patrick** said that the library has been under threat of closure before and we should remain vigilant to the possibility of closure. **Councillor Kennedy** said that the Council Budget is being finalised soon and "everything is on the table"

### CORRESPONDENCE

**Duncan** said that **Councillor Kennedy** had emailed an estimate of the overall cost of the Cycle Path Project. The full route cost is 33 million pounds. The present estimated cost of the Dunbarton to Helensburgh section is 7 to 10 Million pounds.

**PLANNING**

**Rob** said there is nothing new on the **Cala Development** or on the **Taylor Wimpey** proposals. **The garage** on the Main Road will have its application considered on Wednesday. There is one domestic application which does not seem controversial. It is in Peel Street.

**HEALTH**

There was nothing new to report on Health. The GP out of hours service is working well at the **Vale of Leven Hospital**. **Bob** asked if there is a problem with the ambulance service at the moment. **Patrick** said this problem exists, all over Scotland.

**CARDROSS CAN GROUP**

**Lindsey** said CC were supporting the Local Place Plans

**ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**Range Rover in Church Ave.:** **Patrick** said that a notice has been placed on the vehicle which has been parked there for sometime. A notice has been put on the windscreen warning the owner of the possibility of the vehicle being removed.

**Street Lighting Failure on Peel Street:** **Councillor Kennedy** said that there is a problem on Peel Street. A Council spokesman said that the matter has been reported to Scottish Power and is awaiting action by the company.

**Street Lighting Failure in Church Ave.:** **Councillor Kennedy** said that the Council reported the matter to Scottish Power on 9 September 2024. Work has been scheduled for 6 December.

**Community Council Finances:** **Brian** said the accounts are published at the Annual General Meeting and there is **£902.29** in the CC account.

**Community Councillors:** **Lindsey** asked that we fill one of the available community councillor spaces with someone who can maintain the CC web site and the other, with someone who is familiar with Social Media. **Patrick** said that people can be co-opted onto the community council. Names should be made available at the January 2025 meeting.

**Community Council WebSite:** **Susan Marshall** said that a CC web site is now the best way of disseminating information from the Community Council, to the Cardross Community. The Community Council should finance such a site.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 January 2025 at 8.00pm in the Geilston Hall. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Convener.