

## **Fairlie Community Council meeting (FCC) Minutes 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 ..**

**Present:** Rita Holmes (chairperson), David Telford, David Nairn, Alan Holden, Ian Hunter, Karla Tully, Andy Temple, of FCC.

Cllrs. Alan Hill, Tom Marshall of NAC. PC Dominic Murphy (police), 10 members of public.

Apologies: Ian Murdoch and Alex Gallagher of NAC,

Minutes from 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 acceptance proposed by AH, seconded by RH.

### **1. Police Report.**

14 calls reported last month, No crimes.

A motor car crash on Main Road to South of village, near Glen Road. A van crashed into a parked vehicle. Police report says driver was not speeding, but was dazzled by the sun. No charges made by police. Note there are no restrictions on temporary parking on this part of road.

Bait digging – in the SSSI area of beach. Two members of the public, who are fishermen, objected to the comments made last month, as they have been told that bait digging – for your own use – is allowed in the SSSI area. DN explained that it is unlawful to go digging bait for commercial purposes. DN says he has confirmed this with Dr Graham Walker of SNH. The Sea Anglers insisted the bait dug by them was for their own use.

### **2. NA Councillors Report.**

Issues of interest are covered in items on the agenda.

TM – explained that the financial planning process is ongoing at the moment, but NAC Planning has been praised as being the 'best in Scotland'.

### **3. Hunterston SSG Report.**

RH gave a brief report about the December 2018 SSG meeting. The main issues being – EdF are planning to hold a number of public meetings in the future to inform the public about what is going on at Hunterston B station, and the safety issues associated with graphite cracks.

The 'A' station recladding job for the reactor buildings is again being put back to planning stage due to a number of potential difficulties with the original plan of work have been found.

A full report of the SSG meeting is published of FCC website, with more detail on the SSG website.

### **4. Fairlie Castle.**

FCC members are aware of the detailed letter sent to Kenneth Gibson by Mr McNeur, giving detail of all the anomalies which have occurred in the planning and consent process over the past years. Mr McNeur talked at length about the issues which he has raised concern about. Councillor TM says he has no knowledge of the issues mentioned, he took a copy of the long letter and said he would look into this and talk to NAC planning and report back his findings.

FCC agreed to send a letter to Historic Scotland supporting the concerns raised by Mr McNeur.

### **5. A78 issues.**

The accident on Main Road previously mentioned in Police Report. Several members of public commented on speed again causing concern in the village. The 30mph extension at South end of village has not yet been carried out, we do not think it will make any difference to speed anyway. A request was made for more up to date flashing speed signs as used in Skelmorlie area, these may help. KT says she will contact Roads dept and ask.

## **6. Hunterston -- Oil Rig decommissioning.**

A brief report given as there has been no meeting with Clyde Port yet this year. The fund raising event by 'Friends of the Clyde' was a great success, so another one is planned for March. A public meeting is planned by FoFoC to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb in the evening at Largs Campus. The aim is to inform the public about what is known in the public domain about the aims for oil rig and ship decommissioning at Hunterston. It is hoped that representatives from SEPA and NAC will be there along with Clyde Port representation. Councillor TM warned that members/ employees of public bodies may not wish to attend if the meeting is planned to be hostile.

## **7. Dawn Homes.**

A letter has been received expressing concern about the proximity of construction digging in relation to the mature trees and their roots, along ladies walk. A member of public said he could not see any problem in the area when he walked that route today. FCC members decided to take a look when in the area.

The only other issue raised by local residents was the noise and fumes from the diesel generator which is used to give power to the construction offices and area.

## **8. Wind Turbine Test facility. ----**

A meeting is due on 14<sup>th</sup> February in Largs library to talk about the winding up of funding from SSE as the test facility is no longer in use and not making any money. The SSE turbine has not yet been taken down, no date has been given for this work.

## **9. AOCB.**

Access to the new Crematorium site from the Kilbirnie road. There have been reports of near accidents at the turning into the new crematorium. This has nothing to do with FCC and concerns should go to the NAC and the roads dept. and the police. Better signage has been suggested.

Fairlie Community Trust --- a meeting is due in Semple Centre on 5<sup>th</sup> February. This is AGM of FCT.

Better signage has been suggested as required for the Village Inn and its available toilet for public use.

Dog Poo ---- a survey has been carried out, and the feedback to everyone is we are seriously short of bins. There are very few rubbish bins now, and also very few dog poo bins. Some rubbish bins have been removed from the village in recent years, and there are no dog poo bins at all when walking the path to Largs marina.

**Date of next Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**