

Cumbrae Community Council

Meeting Minutes Thursday 10 October 2019, Garrison House

Present: Graham Wallace (chair), Sharon Hagan, Angie McCallum, Lisa Christie

In Attendance: Rena McIntyre (CCDC). Margaret Kennedy (IoCTA), Stewart Kennedy (CCDC), Members of the public

Apologies: Alex Caldwell, Sandra McIntyre, Crawford Gillan, Cllr Tom Marshall

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting, held on 12 September 2019 were proposed by Sharon Hagan and seconded by Angie McCallum as a true record.

Presentation of Hunterston Micro Grants: This took place with seven community groups receiving a total of £4344.85.

- **Matters arising from previous minutes:**

West Coast Waters/ VE75: A meeting was convened by CCC and attended by reps from CCC (CG) CCDC, IoCTA, Cumbrae Queen, RBLS (Millport) Classic Car Committee and Country Dance Society regarding the above events. All of these events will fall on the weekend of 8th, 9th & 10th May 2020 starting with the VE75 events on the Friday Bank Holiday. The Classic Cars, Cumbrae Queen, Country Dancing on the Saturday and a church Parade & service on Sunday. It was agreed that the West Coast Waters Baton relay event could also take place on Saturday as suggested by the organisers. Millport would be the first port of call for the baton on its 4 month trip around the west of Scotland and it was felt that this event could be a major publicity coup for the island. It was agreed by the group that all the current plans that revolve around that weekend would continue to be organised by the current teams. RBLS would obviously lead on the VE75 celebrations. It was further agreed that the subgroup would continue to meet throughout the winter to ensure that all the events dovetailed together. CCC would 'chair' these meetings as required. CG agreed that he would be happy to represent CCC at these meetings.

Christmas Lights: Kirstin Paterson reported that NAC had asked if the necessary structural testing had been carried out. This question was surprising as it had been understood that NAC would be arranging this exercise. Kirstin will contact NAC and CCC will help if she feels it necessary. **ACTION: GW** to investigate what the decision date is for the funding application made to the Common Good Fund.

Roads: A letter and photos have been sent to NAC regarding flooding and the breaking up of surfaces. There are particular problems at College Street, just after the Field Study Centre, near the Wishing Well and near the Water Sports Centre.

ACTION: GW to pursue.

Beach Cleaning: It was disappointing that during September Weekend the 61 entrants for the sandcastle competition had to contend with excessive amount of stinking seaweed. It was noted that the necessary tractor for clearance was actually off the island so a clean up impossible.

ACTION: GW to contact NAC on this matter **SH** to check with Calmac regarding their regulations around transporting seaweed waste.

Water Sports Centre: A joint meeting was suggested to be set up by CCC with local groups and other interested parties to discuss the future of this establishment.

ACTION: GW to pursue. **NB Subsequent to the meeting a meeting has been set up by NAC at the DA Hall on Wednesday 23rd October.**

Motor Homes and Wild Camping: CCC will set up a joint meeting between CCC/CCDC/IOCTA/NAC to discuss this ever-increasing problem of waste being left or deposited in an inappropriate manner. It was noted that wild camping applies to tents and not motor homes/caravans but it was also acknowledged that until a designated area was established and a byelaw passed there was little could be done regarding where motor homes park unless NAC could come up with any interim solutions.

ACTION: GW to arrange meeting.

- **Brief report of meetings attended and matters being pursued:**

IOCTA: At this meeting CG passed on the Community Council's thanks and gratitude for the absolutely fabulous Sept weekend festivities on the island. The efforts and expertise from the IOCTA committee and volunteers in arranging the weekend's events that included a family sandcastle comp, ghost walk, street performances, family ceilidh, talent competition, children's crabbing competition to name but a few and of course this year's wonderful firework display. The whole weekend showed exactly The Magic of Millport. An event not only for tourists but for the whole community who always take a vital role in the activities with shops decorated themed windows, gardens lit up with candles. Thanks are also extended to those who have provided the thousands of padella lights over the past years and those who manage the bonfire. Margaret Kennedy from IOCTA mentioned that they are seeking funding for a trophy cabinet to hold 15 trophies which they would request to be placed in Garrison House. It was also mentioned that the bucket collection was down due to a lack of volunteers to collect the monies.

NAC Marine Tourism Workshop: The purpose of this event was to explore market opportunities and long-term trends afforded by the Ayrshire Growth Deal investment in marine projects across Ayrshire. Representatives from CCC, IOCTA and CCDC attended. There was a facilitated workshops and presentations and the results will be made available. There was a broad consensus that facilities need to be provided/improved, new opportunities taken, funding provided for projects and that a dedicated group should be established to take the issues discussed forward. Next steps are being considered.

- **Standing Items:**

Police Report: There was no one present once again to give a police report.

ACTION: GW will invite a Police presence at the next CCC meeting.

Town Hall: It was reported that at the September Cabinet meeting of North Ayrshire Council the asset transfer of Millport Town Hall from North Ayrshire Council to the Millport Town Hall Charity was agreed in principle. This is subject to successful alienation from the Common Good Fund, a finalised business plan and the monies for the project being raised. Subsequent to this the business plan has been finalised.

There was a successful community fundraiser event held with funds of £1233 being raised. Many thanks to all the participants, helpers and for the raffle prize donations. Major fundraising continues.

Millport FPS/Millport Marina/Pier: There was nothing further to report on the FPS this month. Funding has been offered by NAC and DTAS to CCC to arrange a Learning Visit to interrogate other marinas regarding their design, funding, operational/management criteria etc. This will take place at the beginning of November at four venues with delegates from CCDC/NAC/MPHUG also invited. It was noted that it was likely delegates would have to cover some of the costs of this trip themselves. Following the research trip a report on the outcomes will be made available to the community by the Community Council.

Repairs to the concrete pier have now been finalised.

There will be a meeting of the MPHUG in the near future.

Planning Applications: Scoping request for the new Wind Farm at Skelmorlie has been submitted to NAC. This is not yet determined by NAC and CCC have been invited to meet with the proposed Wind Farm developers. They are to be invited to the next CCC meeting.

ACTION: GW to pursue

Beecology Update: Beecology hosted two cleans on the main town beaches in the lead up to September Weekend. A successful application to The Woodland Trust will see 315 hedge trees delivered in March 2020. These will be sited around the apiary and standing stone. There are regulations regarding the production of local honey and it is also a very much wait and see exercise as to the success of the bees – currently doing well. Prom planters will be tidied up for the commencement of the winter season.

Cycle Paths: There is a problem reported with cyclists not taking care with pedestrians and also confusion regarding what is and what isn't a shared pathway. Following on from the FPS presentation which showed a new path along the prom it was felt that the wishes of the community for a cycle path between the Field Study Centre and the Slip rather than in the Town should be re-emphasised.

ACTION: GW to write to NAC Active Travel on both matters.

- **Agenda Items:**

1. Micro Grants: These were presented by CCC today. Thanks to the Hunterston Micro Grant Programme.

2. Planning:

LDP2: Residents of Cumbrae can see the Local Development Plan 2 at: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-standards/ldp/local-development-plan.aspx>. This is an important document which affects the future development on the island.

Solar Farms: No further discussion/action has been taken in respect of the conditions attaching to the planning consent for the proposed solar farm at the top of the island.

Fish Farms: NAC has determined that full EIA's are required for the proposed Fish Farm sites at the Wee Cumbrae and north of the FSC. It was felt that the result of the planning application for the salmon farm site on Arran was being awaited before this would be pursued by Dawnfresh.

Hunterston Parc: Nothing new to report.

3./4./5. These items have been addressed earlier.

- **NAC Councillor Updates:**

Disappointment was expressed at there being no Councillors present once again.

ACTION: GW to remind Councillors and invite them to our meetings.

- **AOCB:**

- 1) Remembrance Day: Remembrance Parade - CG had met with Scott WATSON and a Wreath has been ordered, AC to pop along and pay Gilmore. This year's parade will be a whole community 'One Parade' event. CG will lay the wreath on behalf of CCC.
- 2) Wind Turbine Demolition: This seemed to have gone to plan and the landscape is now much clearer.
- 3) Astroturf Pitch: There has been battling back and forwards as to who owns this site. It was the general consensus that this is indeed NAC. In the interim a laminate sign advising NO DOGS will be erected by CCDC to stop the problem of dogs leaving waste in this sport's area.

ACTION: LC to contact Helen Miller once again to confirm their ownership and responsibility.

- 4) Toilets on Cumbrae: Rena McIntyre from CCDC reported that from 21 October to 3 April the toilets that will be open will be the Pierhead, Garrison House (subject to trading hours) and Fintry Bay. This will result in a saving of £5,500. Toilets will be cleaned and inspected prior to their opening again in April. There have been many discussions surrounding the merits of ecg toilet and it was felt this offered the best scenario. Work had been undertaken at the Slip and Fintry Bay for waste disposal

systems. CCDC will be asking if there are any volunteers in the community who could help with maintenance duties.

5) CARS Video: The video and event was very successful and congratulations should go to the organisers.

6) Rubbish Uplift/Fly Tipping: The NAC charge for uplifts is now £24 for 5 items and it is feared that this has led to/will lead to more fly-tipping. There are a couple of businesses on the island who are now offering their services with appropriate licences.

ACTION GW to check with NAC what they consider the provision is on Cumbrae for large waste uplifts/management.

7) Potential Bogus Callers: It was reported there had been some men tapping doors and offering property maintenance and other services which were deemed expensive. Concern was noted they may be targeting the elderly.

ACTION AMc to report this to the police.

ACTION SH to contact Trading Standards and ask for publicity materials.

8) CCC Vacancies: Currently there are vacancies for a Community Councillor and a Minute Taker.

9) Angie McCallum is stepping down from her position as Community Councillor at the AGM on 14 November. She was thanked for her services.

Date and time of next meeting and meeting closed

AGM: Thursday 14 November, 5 pm in the meeting room, Garrison House, Millport. This to be immediately followed by an ordinary meeting.