

## Cumrae Community Council

### Meeting Minutes 12 March 2020, Garrison House, Millport at 5pm.

**Present:** Graham Wallace (chair), Crawford Gillan, Sharon Hagan, Lisa Christie, Charlie Shaw, NAC Enforcement Officers (x2)

**Apologies:** None

**Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting, held on 13 February 2020, after amendment, were proposed by Crawford Gillen and seconded by Sharon Hagan as a true record.

#### Presentations

- i. NAC Dog Wardens – two (of the four) Environmental Enforcement Officers employed by NAC, gave a very detailed and informative explanation of their roles and responsibilities, which included Fly Posting; Littering; Dog Fouling. They detailed the range of actions and sanctions available to them to deal with these matters including the issuing of fixed penalty notices (£80), investigating third party complaints and initiating court action when necessary. They are very keen to help the island solve the dog fouling issue and requested that they be contacted with any relevant information on receipt of which they will pursue offenders. The meeting was left in doubt of their commitment and thanked them for their input. A large supply of “dog poo” bags was left for distribution in the town.

#### • Matters arising from the previous minutes

- i. Astroturf signage; The signage erected is not worded correctly and NAC will be pursued to have this rectified. – *Action LC*
- ii. Bogus workers: Printed material providing advice to the public has been provided by NAC Trading Standards and this information will be passed to the relevant groups to allow them to highlight it to their members/general public. and will be highlighted – *Action SH*
- iii. Public phone boxes – BT has issued notices of intent to close and remove all phone boxes on the island. Representations, with reasons, require to be submitted to NAC Planning if the community wishes some of the phone boxes to be retained. It was agreed that the boxes at the Harbour (Stuart St), Newton Sands (College Street); Ferry Slip (Tattie Pier) should be kept if possible although it was clear that the level of past usage has been very low and did not necessarily meet the retention criteria. *Action SH/LC*
- iv. Church Brae – This path is in very poor and dangerous condition with potholes, uneven surfaces, extremely slippy and obscured in places by overhanging tress/shrubs etc. To be reported to NAC for action. *Action SH*
- v. Festivals – The list of festivals and dates was provided incl. Happy Daze, Scooter Rally, Country Music, Victorian Festival, Country Dancing event, Cumrae Queen, Classic Car event etc.
- vi. Ferry Road traffic issues – Following complaints from members of the public a monitoring device had been installed in Ferry Road to gather data on numbers of vehicles, concentrations of vehicles, speeds etc (no number plate recognition!). No outcomes available yet.  
In addition, again following public complaints about inappropriate speeds on Ferry Road and near incidents at the Ballochmartin farm corner, an inspection had been carried out by an NAC roads engineer and results are awaited. *Action: GW*
- vii. VE Day Celebrations: A full round-up of the proposals for the VE Day celebrations which it is intended run alongside the other festivals and events scheduled for the May weekend was provided.
- viii. Cemetery Gates – Replacement to be pursued with NAC. *Action: CG*

#### • Brief report of meetings attended

- i. North Coast Locality Partnership – Information and a progress report was provided on the Largs Wellness Model and the moves taken to speed up and streamline the referral service etc. A presentation was given on the draft North Coast Locality Charter (Improving

environment; Volunteering more; Improving Social connections; Build economy etc.). An update was also given on the Locality Action Plan. All of the reports etc. are available online at <http://northayrshire.community/north-coast-locality-partnership-meeting-3-march-2020/35025/>

- ii. SSG Hunterston – Reports were given on the status of Hunterston A decommissioning and proposed return to service of Hunterston B. A revised specification is being drawn up for the Hunterston A cladding replacement. Magnox has some funding still available for small grants below £1k. Hunterston B reactors 3 & 4 are still out of service and the ONR is reviewing the EDF safety case. The REPIR (Emergency Incident Plan) is still under review – Cumbrae will be covered in the new plan.
  - iii. IoCTA – Nothing to report.
  - iv. Rigghill Wind Farm – An informal meeting had been held at which a Project & Planning Application update was provided – anticipated the application will be submitted within next 2 – 3 months. The developer provided responses to questions raised about: 1. Where are the proposed model of turbine operating in the UK ? It appears only 3.4 Mw turbines are operating – not the 4.2 Mw proposed for Rigghill. 2. Impacts on the Roman road – deemed to be negligible 3. In respect of questions about the impacts of Infrasound etc. on the residents of the area a consultants report was provided for consideration. The developer outlined plans for community information days to be held.
- **Standing items**
    - i. Police Report – None provided
    - ii. CCDC Update – None provided
    - iii. Planning applications – None that require CCC attention.
    - iv. Roads issues – Correspondence with photos of areas of road requiring urgent repair has been sent to NAC. Some areas are now presenting real danger. Test bores to work out the problem of road failure at Balloch Bay now completed. Some patch repairs have been completed but these are temporary and very rough. The undertaking of a joint inspection of the island's roads has been requested. *Action: GW*
    - v. Hunterston update – The outcomes report of the Public Consultation exercise held by Peel Ports on their proposals for Hunterston Parc is now available online at: <https://issuu.com/peelports/docs/hunterston-executive-summary-february-2020>  
There were criticisms of: the lack of detail; accuracy of information (jobs and economic impacts etc.); bad neighbour history; impacts on environment/pollution; visual impacts; impacts on marine tourism/tourism in general. There was generally least support for the LNG storage and power plant and the Marine decommissioning.
    - vi. Cycle Path/s – Correspondence sent to NAC - response awaited. *Action: GW*
    - vii. Millport Town Hall – The design team are working towards the submission of the planning application. The asset transfer from NAC is overdue. Sourcing of funding is still ongoing.
    - viii. Millport FPS/Millport Marina – The formal consultation was launched in the first week of March and is open for 28 days. It is important that people make their views known. The information is available online at this link: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/community-safety/flooding/millport-coastal-fps.aspx> *Action: GW*
  - **Agenda items**
    - i. Decriminalisation of parking – NAC has applied to Transport Scotland for the powers to bring in Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and it will be a few months until it is agreed. Thereafter the various schemes and TRO's for the different communities will be worked up in consultation with the local communities. Contact to be made with Campbell Dempster to arrange further information. *Action: GW*
    - ii. Water Sports Centre update – No update available. *Action: GW*
    - iii. Cumbrae Estate Meetings – No recent meetings have been held. Contact to be made with NAC to progress. *Action: CG*
    - iv. Disruption of Ferry Services – It had been represented to CCC that during the recent disruptions to the ferry service: little consideration had been shown to the passengers directly affected (some of whom were stuck on the ferry with young children/babies and no

food etc.); communication had been very poor; some Calmac staff had been dismissive when genuine concerns were raised; conflicting information had been provided by different official sources. These issues are to be passed to the Ferry Users Group for action. *Action: CG*

- v. Tourist Survey – A proposal was made that CCC join with CCDC and IoCTA canvass the opinions of visitors to the island via a questionnaire and that this might be best undertaken on busy weekends etc. at the ferry queue in Largs/on the ferry (subject to Calmac agreement). This might also present an opportunity to collect voluntary donations to go towards maintaining and promoting the island's facilities. It was agreed the subject should be explored further and thereafter an outline proposal put forward for discussion with the other groups etc. *Action: CG*
- vi. Waste disposal facilities – No action has been taken yet to pursue this. *Action: GW*

- **NAC: Councillors' Updates** – None available.

- **AOCB**

The issue of there being no provision of street/public realm facilities for the blind and partially sighted was raised. After discussion it was agreed that CCC request a joint meeting with NAC and a local resident/representative of RNIB on Cumbrae to discuss this further. *Action: GW*

A query was raised about the Cumbrae Estate Meetings and when the next one might be held.

*Action: GW*

- **Next Meeting & Close of Meeting**

The next meeting of Cumbrae Community Council will be held on Thursday 9 April 2020 at 5.00 pm in Garrison House.