

## Cumbrae Community Council

### Meeting Minutes Thursday 21 May 2020, Online Meeting, 5.00 pm

**Present:** Graham Wallace (chair), Crawford Gillan, Sharon Hagan, Charlie Shaw

**Apologies:** Alex Caldwell, Lisa Christie

**Minutes of the last meetings:** The minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2020 were proposed by Sharon Hagan and seconded by Crawford Gillan. The minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2020 were proposed by Charlie Shaw and seconded by Crawford Gillan. Both sets of minutes were approved.

- **Presentations**

None

- **Urgent Matters arising from previous minutes:**

- i. Removal of Public phone boxes: After discussion it was decided that representations to retain 3 of the phone boxes should be made to Planning/BT. The agreed sites were the Harbour, Kelburn Street and the Ferry Slip. Letter to be sent to planning.

**Action: CG/GW**

- **Brief reports of any meeting attended.**

- i. Contingency Planning Tele Conference: CCC had previously raised the issue of a lack of suitable consideration of Cumbrae in the revisions to the REPPiR for Hunterston. As this was being worked on the situation was exacerbated by the recognition of further need to address contingency planning for the island as a result of the potential impacts on the island that needed to be addressed which came to light from the Coronavirus outbreak. Representations on various issues which could be faced on the island through emergency situations have been made and the draft contingency planning document section dedicated to the island continues to be worked on and developed. **Action: CG**

- ii. Peel Ports Tele Conference: As a condition of the Planning Consents granted to Peel Ports for re-instating the dry dock for de-commissioning works etc. A Liaison Committee had to be established to meet twice a year. The remit now also includes Peel's Hunterston Parc site. A full update was provided on the current situation for both sites. Work has stopped on dismantling the cranes on the jetty due to Covid-19. Removal of the conveyor over the road is on hold. The port is available for the lay-up of ships- not just cruise ships but car transporters, cargo vessels, rigs etc. Between Cumbrae and the mainland has provision for 12 large ships to be moored plus the jetty could be used. They have no contracts at present, only enquiries. They will advise local CCs if agreements reached. Following the outcomes of the consultation exercise the Master Plan for Hunterston Parc is being revised to reflect the areas of greatest concern. A full EIA for the Marine Yard project is now required (Marine Scotland stipulation) and there is no further progress at present. However, planning is in place and the Waste Management Licence has been granted for the site.

- **Standing Items:**

- i. CCDC Update: The public toilets are closed however fundraising for converting the toilets to pay as you go soon to be launched and other funds for improvements continue to be investigated and pursued. The Garrison is currently closed.

- ii. Planning Applications:

- i. Solar Farm – Comsol Energy Ltd has had its application for changes to Conditions 6 (removal of development if no longer in use) and 10 (alterations required to improve the Inner Circle road prior to any works starting on site) refused. The request to have the s.75 agreement amended to delay the payment of the bond required to be deposited before works commenced was also refused. The planning consent for the development has therefore now expired. NAC/Planning.
    - ii. George Hotel – Following concerns expressed at the proposed use of public roads and other public areas of ground belonging to NAC and NAC as the Harbour authority representation was made to Planning. The application has not yet been determined.
    - iii. Gin Distillery – The planning application has been approved subject to conditions.
    - iv. Riggill Wind Farm – Following discussion it was agreed that a letter outlining comments and objections to certain aspects of the proposed development of the Riggill Wind Farm would be lodged with Planning. The main issues are non-compliance with LDP2 and other NAC policy/development documents, location, scale, power output of turbines (usually 10kms from residencies), failings in consultation process resulting from Coronavirus. **Action: GW**
  - iii. Roads Issues: Various issues with roads and pavements still require urgent attention including outstanding repair works to the prom. Particular concern over junction of Ferry Road and coast road nr. ferry, Balloch Bay, Woodlands St/Kames St and large potholes on the west side of island. Result of data gathering on Ferry Road also to be sought. Letter detailing repairs etc. to be sent to NAC Roads. **Action: CS**
  - iv. Hunterston update: No update. Next tele conference meeting of Hunterston SSG will be on 4 June 2020. **Action: GW**
  - v. Cycle Paths  
The request for an update on the current progress on the cycle path proposal between FSC and the ferry slip is still awaited. **Action: GW**
  - vi. Millport Town Hall – As previously reported. The application for planning permission is progressing.  
The asset transfer decision from North Ayrshire Council remains outstanding and is being pursued.
  - vii. Millport FPS/Millport Marina/Pier: All of the relevant consultation documents are available online (links posted on CCC and Millport Coastal Flood Protection FB pages) <http://northayrshire.community/millport-coastal-flood-protection-scheme/25423/?fbclid=IwAR04rn3iX2kRM-XTAhyZl98-NCj448GCVrxDSQwZl5PKpqL04Z6zseQpqEQ>,
- **Agenda Items:**
    - i. Coronavirus impacts. The Coronavirus pandemic was again discussed and the severity of its impact on the island's residents and businesses recognised. It was also noted that the residents of Cumbrae were still well placed to avoid the virus if people followed the government guidance on non-essential travel, social distancing etc. CCC is represented on the Millport Support Group and it was noted that the Group had established itself very quickly and was continuing to respond very well to assisting those with need in Millport. The MSG liaises with the NAC Hub in Largs but its advantage is its local knowledge within the community gained through the number of local volunteers that have stepped forward to help out.
    - ii. Ferry Services: Calmac was again thanked for trying to deter and limit the number of visitors to the island. Restricting the numbers of those travelling both to and from the

island was recognised as being essential to prevent the spread of coronavirus on Cumbrae.

- iii. Bus Service: It was noted that all bus services to/from the ferry were still suspended.
- AOCB:
  - i. It was noted that CCC, working together with the Millport Support Group, The Cumbrae Forum and CCDC had been successful in obtaining funding of £17,000 from the Scottish Government's Supporting Communities Fund (administered through HIE) to assist communities in dealing with the impacts of Coronavirus.
  - ii. It was noted with thanks that the island's Police had been active in deterring non-essential travel through attendance at the ferry slip and in generally encouraging the community to follow the ScotGov guidelines.

**Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting of the CCC will be held online via Zoom on Thursday 18 June 2020 at a time to be announced. An invitation to join the Zoom meeting will be sent out by email to the community councillors and NAC elected members.

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