

Fairlie Community Council (FCC) minutes of informal Zoom meeting 10/08/2020

Present: Rita Holmes (chair), David Telford, David Nairn, Alan Holden, Marco Piva, Ian Hunter; Cllr. Alex Gallagher and Cllr. Ian Murdoch of NAC

Apologies: Cllr. Tom Marshall, Cllr. Alan Hill (NAC).

- **Councillors' update**

AG: NAC officers are doing a great job during this COVID-19 emergency. Administration restructured to deal with specific issues when necessary; presently, commissions are *recovery* (AG is a member of this commission); *poverty* (chair Robert Foster), *communities, education, green, community welfare*
Any other updates will be given when discussed in agenda points.

1 Hunterston update

H. A is preparing to restart decommissioning operations (with social distancing)

H. B applied for 3 waste storage units (one of which for treatment of waste) that may not be used. As long as those are within the set boundaries, there should be no issues for their approval

Fears (carried by AG) that such waste storage units may be used for commercial waste storage

Reactor 3 is said to be set to restart by the end of August, but ONR has not yet approved the safety case

IM raises concerns about the reopening of R.3; it's probably the last time they will be allowed to start (for 4 or 6 months), so they will want to start *two* reactors

AH explains that the date on which the reopening is scheduled is being moved forward month by month to comply with regulation, restarting in Aug extremely unlikely

Next SSG on Sept. 3rd (via Zoom)

2 Peel Ports update

An application for a synchronous condenser (battery storage) in the Hunterston estate lands has recently been filed; screening presently with NAC

DT observes that NAC seems to think that an EIA is not required

AG will try to find out more information on this

DN observes that there already is brown field area, can't understand why the application is for an area that is presently green

DT suggest to talk to ask the planning committee for clarifications, possibly jointly with West Kilbride CC

Peel Ports have not been replying to communications or questions

Meeting scheduled in September, but no news on it

3 Rigghill wind turbines

RH wrote to Ayrshire & Arran Health Board complaining about a letter claiming that there have been no new findings on the effects of wind turbines since 2017. The reply says that their ability to investigate in full has been restricted by time constraints and the COVID-19 situation

DT has the impression that NAC will deny permission to build, but they are very likely to appeal to the Scottish Govt who will probably overrule NAC. He thinks that Skelmorlie are likely to sue, if this happens

AG confirms that NAC are likely to reject the application

4 Dawn Homes

The original plan talked of 2 blocks of flats along the Main Road (1 of which where the SUDS pond is); now talks are of 1. No planning application seems to have been logged

AG knows that the permit is for 2 blocks, and it hasn't been changed (yet?)

RH to phone planning; AG to ask planning

IM confirms that there have been no planning application, at the moment the works are to move the temporary sales office uphill; the update of the culvert is necessary before the application can be filed

5 SSSI

Marine Special Planning being examined, response expected on 31/08. On 11/08 DN meeting with SNH officer. 1.2 million to be invested to create jobs in relation with oysters

SSSI to be protected by a ranger station?

AG suggests to keep in touch with Jim Montgomery for updates

- **AOB**

-> NAC Policy RES3 raised with AG as the responsible Trust member, together with a request for an update on community benefit spending. Following discussions, AG requested that DT send him details of various concerns that have arisen
AG: the community benefit is still destined to Lord Glasgow for improvements on the castle (some have already been done)

-> on 09/08 a lifeboat helicopter has been seen going out. Allegedly, a jet ski had been spotted with nobody on board. No updates on this

-> H will take care of the wreaths to be laid in November

-> Kathy Clark has been again offered a peerage. It is unknown if she will accept