

Fairlie Community Council (FCC) draft Minutes 02/03/2020

Present: Rita Holmes (chair), David Nairn, Alan Holden, Marco Piva, Ian Hunter; Cllr. Alan Hill of NAC; Denise Fraser (NAC North Coast Community Development); PC Dominic Murphy (Police); 4 members of the public.

Apologies: David Telford (FCC); Cllr. Tom Marshall, Cllr. Ian Murdoch (NAC).

February minutes proposed by DN, seconded by MP.

- Police report

23 incidents reported in the month of February, 8 of which are crime reports (none of them serious): 1 case of disorderly conduct; 2 breakins at Kelburn Castle (1 broken window, 1 theft of alcohol that had been left in preparation for a celebration; there is CCTV footage but the individuals involved, apparently a group of youths, are not identifiable from it); 1 driver without MOT; 1 breech of bail (the individual was arrested); 2 arrests for communication offenses (of the same individual).

DN asks if there have been any updates on the attempted removal (theft) of native oysters that took place between the end of January and the start of February, which had been followed by a heated exchange between DN himself and the people attempting to remove the oysters (the oysters had been given to DN, who has relocated them in safe waters). PC DM confirms that there have been no calls or reports concerning the incident.

At this point, there being no questions for the Police, PC Murphy leaves the meeting.

Denise Fraser introduces herself as the new North Coast Community Development officer; she will be available to FCC for help and support when and if needed.

- Councillors' update

AH: NAC budget to be discussed on 05/03/2020.

Any other updates will be given when discussed in agenda points.

1 Fairlie Castle update

A letter was sent by DT on behalf of FCC to Scottish Ministers before mid February. No replies or updates yet (DT is not present).

2 Dawn Homes – update on recent flooding

AH understands that there may have been a deviation from the agreed plan as approved by the NAC Planning Committee for what concerns the materials with which the retaining wall at the back of the houses has been built; experts have been sent to verify this, but no feedback has been received yet. The extent of the repair work needed is still unclear/unconfirmed.

3 A78 closure

The A78, roughly from the bus stop at the top of The Causeway towards the south, will be closed from 8pm on Friday the 13th of March to 6am on Monday the 16th of March. Details have been already delivered to the interested houses. Contacted by email, confirmation was received of the fact that all properties along the A78 and on side roads will be accessible with support from an escort vehicle.

4 Hunterston SSG update

The next SSG meeting takes place on Thursday the 5th of March at the Waterside Inn in Seamill; the public are invited. No NAC Cllr will be present as this clashes with a budget meeting.

No reports have been shared with the SSG on the findings on Reactor 4, which has been closed since late December after 4 months of continuous use.

The Civil Contingency Team will be present; 5 N. Coast Community Councils wrote them asking for wider distributions of the iodine tablets and for an alarm system to be put in place; Cumbrae CC asked for clarifications on the evacuation plans for the island. Answers are expected at the SSG.

The strategy concerning the reactor buildings hasn't been set yet. Possibilities are grey cladding or demolition.

5 Peel Ports update

The next liaison meeting will be held on Monday the 27th of April at 2pm at the Hunterston Coal Terminal offices; it will not be open to the public. A walk around the site has been asked by the committee members, no reply from Peel Ports has been received yet.

No agenda for this meeting has been shared yet, and the draft minutes for the latest meeting (held on the 10th of September 2019) have not been approved nor rejected by Peel Ports yet.

6 Rigghill wind turbines update

The application has not been filed yet.

CCs have sent a letter to Scottish Ministers concerning the health impact of the turbines.

The next CLF (Community Liaison Forum) will be held on Wednesday the 11th of March at the Brisbane hotel in Largs; it will not be open to the public.

Information on their monitoring of low frequencies has been asked.

- AOB

Karla Tully has resigned from her position in the FCC; the Community Council extends their thanks to her for her hard work in the last years.

The SNH officer post has been vacated due to the retirement of the previous office holder. It is not known when a new officer will be appointed.

Locality Partnership meeting to be held on Tuesday the 3rd of March in Skelmorlie. The public are invited.

Cllr. AH: the discussion concerning library and village hall closures has been delayed for 12 months and will take place in 2021, possibly after further consultations.

Next meeting, 06/04/2020, 7.30 pm at the Semple Centre, Main Str.