

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. Tom Marshall, Cllr. Alan Hill, Cllr. Ian Murdoch of NAC

- Councillors' update

Updates will be given when discussed in agenda points.

1 Rigghill wind turbines – planning application

The Applicant has submitted further information relating to SEPA, Environmental Health (noise) and Roads to NAC. It should have been loaded onto NAC website on (2/10/20). The advert intimating this will go into the Largs and Millport next week and thereafter statutory consultees and others have a further 30 days to respond. Date for the Application being submitted at NA Planning Committee meeting is not yet definite. It could be as late as January. This CC objected to this development mainly, but not solely, on health grounds due to the potential for this size and output of wind turbine to propagate ILFN as well as audible noise. Ayrshire and Arran NHS have claimed that since their last advice on ILFN re NOWTTF, nothing has changed. This is not true and we support the idea that an expert on ILFN will give evidence to the Planning Committee. Skelmorlie CC are the Statutory consultees for this application and have their own adviser working on the noise report. FCC submitted a comprehensive 19-page objection to this development and will be responding to the current SG Pre application Consultation with a view to suggesting improvements to future Pre Application.

In response to what was missed in the first application, it was stated that “in very quiet areas, guidelines should be disregarded”.

DT says it's likely that they will appeal to Scottish Govt. for non-determination

TM: Clauchrie (in South Ayrsh.) went directly to ScotGovt as it has an output of < 50 MW while Rigghill, having an output of > 50 MW, went through NAC Planning Committee, which rejected the plans. The same happened with Sorbie (also in NA), they appealed to ScotGovt.

When [IF] built, the turbines will be transported through WK/Fairlie/Largs; minor works will be required to accommodate their passage.

2 Hunterston SSG

It is disappointing that the Largs CC representative on the HSSG has chosen to misrepresent and denigrate two of the people who endeavour to serve their communities and voice concerns and ask questions relating to HNB's reactors and HNA's decommissioning plans. Both RH and IM are taking legal advice.

Reactor 3 and Reactor 4 are both generating electricity until a core burn up of 16.425 TW days which equates to about 6 months. So if power output is maintained at current level R3 will come offline in January 2021 for further inspection and to check if EDF NGL predictions are correct. R4 will come offline a few weeks later. EDF NGL have stated that they will ask for a further six months of operation

- Hunterston B, as reported previously, has applied for new buildings on site for the treatment and storage of waste during future decommissioning. These are within the licensed site. It is likely, but not yet definite, that NDA will do the decommissioning of HNB.

- Hunterston A: there was a monthly update on socio-economics and progress at Hunterston A. Lochshore Project is going through assessment by the NDA Board and there is an application in from Cumbrae for £300,000 funding from Magnox /NDA for Millport Town Hall project. This is at an early stage. The Closure director referred to an incident where workers were exposed to potential internal contamination. They were checked and found to be negative.

At the NDA chair and vice chairs Zoom meeting there was a Strategy 4 presentation. We still have to closely watch plans for Radwaste storage and near site near surface disposal. The presenter, when questioned, remarked that HNA's ILW store could accommodate ILW from HNA, HNB and Torness. He went on to say that the Scottish Government has told NDA that although near site, near surface disposal is part of the SG HAW Policy they will not be the first to implement it in Scotland.

Both stations continue to have stringent processes in place to safeguard their workforces during COVID.

Updates concerning Lochshore storage facilities (Glengarnock) expected by the end of the month.

IM clarifies that NAC members are on the SSG to provide clarifications if required, not to represent the electors

3 Dawn Homes

Work is continuing on the groundwork for the block of flats on the south side of the access road to Craighill. In January, a non material variation was sought to change the interior layout of the flats and the external stonework. These did not need permission. Plans can be viewed on NAC website under 12/00159/PPM.

TM: the north block (which is scheduled to be built where the "temporary" SUDS pond is) is still scheduled to be built; the permanent SUDS pond, uphill, is active.

DT appealed to the ombudsman as the flooding issue on the A78 has not been tackled; allegedly, it is blamed on ScotsRail who declined to take charge of 1/3 of the expenses for drainage (the other two thirds are owed by NAC and Transerv respectively).

4 Peel Ports Community Liaison Forum/Hunterston Park CLF

The next meeting is on 27th October where the May 2020 minutes will be approved. No agenda has been shared as yet. The main jetty cranes have been removed. Locals felt that TDS made a big effort to make sure they did not dump waste from the demolition works on the Main jetty into the Clyde.

No news on any developments related to Peel Ports at Hunterston.

NAC will make an effort to ensure that, even creating jobs, the natural environment is not spoiled. TM points at pg 23 of the Local Development Plan for all possible uses of the area approved by NAC.

DN: no news about the EIA.

5 Friends of the Firth of Clyde

AGM was held (on Zoom); they will keep focus on environmental issues relating to Hunterston Park and Peel Ports.

6 Zoom licence for FCC

RH purchased the licence for 120£.

7 Locality Partnership and Social Renewal Advisory Board

AHill explains that, despite everything being still slow due to the impossibility of meeting in person, some projects are presently being looked at.

AOB

IH saw people collecting shellfish; DN explains that collecting cockles and worms for personal use is allowed, while it is forbidden to collect mussels and oysters. Advises to not get confrontational as it is rumoured that organised groups coming from as far as Northern England may be collecting shellfish in the area

IH will take care of the wreath for Memorial Day

No news about the Social Renewal Advisory Board

We will discuss on how to invite MOPs to Zoom meetings

Next meeting on Monday 2nd November 19:30 via Zoom