

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 07/06/2021, h. 07:30pm, Zoom meeting

Attending:

FCC: Rita Holmes (Chair); Marco Piva (minutes taker); Alan Holden; David Telford; Karla Tully; Ian Hunter

NAC: Cllr. Alan Hill; Cllr. Ian Murdoch

Police: PC Dominic Murphy

5 MoP

Apologies: Cllr. Tom Marshall (NAC)

Approval of April minutes: proposed by KT, seconded by RH

Police Report: 16 incidents of which 4 crimes (last year: 27 incidents, 8 crimes).

Crimes:

- 1 instance of vandalism on a vehicle near Hunterston House
- 1 theft of roofing slabs from a house
- 1 male was reported to Procurator Fiscal for breach of peace at the Pier Garage
- 1 male was reported for a contravention of the Air Navigation Order Act of 2016: he flew a microlight plane over the Hunterston restricted zone due to a GPS failure, realised it and reported himself. Considered not malicious, but it has been escalated

KT reports an incident of dangerous driving

In past months a MoP had asked for updates on an instance of vandalism on vehicles on Main Rd around Christmas day; DM will check and report back

1. A78

KT has been chasing Bill Smith, but hasn't received any replies (possible that KT has email issues though). Ready to leaflet the few houses around the location of the promised traffic crossing as soon as she is given the "go ahead". Crossing is definitely in the budget for the present financial year, but no date has been set (IM confirms).

MoP Traffic situation at South end is worsening, more and more people breaching speed limits. Any news? A static speed camera would be ideal.

KT There has been an increased presence of speed vans

2. Hunterston SSG, DEPZ, Offsite Emergency Plan

Reactor 3 has been restarted a few weeks ago, R4 restarted over the weekend of the 5th of June. R3 will go off around the end of October, R4 in mid/late December. Neither will be restarted again after that.

A new regulation about discharge of radioactive liquids is being discussed, will keep an eye on it.

DT The DEPZ has been seen by NAC Cllrs; has the Offsite Emergency Plan? REPPIR places duty on Councils for OEPs.

IM and AHi challenged both DEPZ and OEP. OEP was put forward before the DEPZ. IM proposed an amendment (seconded by AHi) to increase DEPZ to 20 km as it is 20 km in France and EDF is a French company; rejected.

DT is concerned re OEP; REPPIR places duty on NAC to put one in place, and DT received a heavily redacted copy of a contingency (not emergency) plan. Have the Cllrs seen an unredacted copy?

IM saw the redacted copy

AHi thinks tablets of potassium iodine should be distributed, as in case of an emergency the roads would be either shut or too busy to get anywhere to collect them. Emergency plan is not deliverable.

DT Should we formally state that we don't accept OEP as it doesn't fit the govt legislation?

RH Fairlie and Cumbrae (and possibly West Kilbride) should have tablets distributed; we should send a formal letter stating this. We were told NAC would have a say in this, but it appears they didn't

IM ready to support FCC's concerns

AHo points out that many of the redacted parts on OEP are extremely likely to be emergency contact numbers (that shouldn't be publicly shared to avoid them being abused/misused) or personal data.

MoP, talking about how it has been suggested that at least schools have tablets to distribute to students in case an emergency occurs during school hours: schools aren't even allowed to put plasters on children in case of allergies and can only give medication with written approval from a parent/guardian, it's therefore unlikely that they will accept responsibility to have and potentially distribute potassium iodine tablets

3. Planning (synchronous compensators, garden centre)

+ 3 PROPOSED SYNCHRONOUS COMPENSATORS

1 already approved, area where concrete batching plant used to be. Of the two not (yet?) approved, one in SW corner of stockyard (a screening opinion has been filed); one in farmland, with battery storage; it's under energy act, so appl will go directly to Scot Govt.

AHo Looks like three companies are competing to install them, as the area only needs one. They will not be particularly noisy as the noise filtering on other synchr. compensators has proven to be effective. The one that makes more sense is the one with the battery storage, but it'd be logical to build it on Hunterst. coal site

RH will write asking for clarifications

+ GARDEN CENTRE

Mr. Billy Kirkwood has announced that he is about to file an application for a restaurant and garden centre (with parking for about 60 cars) on the land N of the bowling club, that he owns. Mr. Kirkw. states this will create about 30 jobs.

AHi If he files it, he will probably have it approved. Planning Committee will evaluate conditions proposed; suggesting a pedestrian crossing

DT A similar plan had been approved in the past, was turned down when it was converted to housing due to flooding risk

IM This time it appears that Mr Kirkw. has an operator with an interest

MoP If this goes ahead, will the pavement be completed along the car wash to the bowling?

IM, whose son runs and owns car wash/valet: the grass verge belongs to the car wash, not to Council or AMEY.

4. Hunterston parc (drillships, waste gasification plant)

+ DRILLSHIPS

The noise from the drillships has not abated. Patricia Gibson MP has had a correspondence with Marine Accident Investigation Board, who say they have seen the results of an enquiry but won't share them. Is it possible that they will share them at least with PG MP? PG used in her enquiries data provided by David Telford and Jackie Pearson, who are to be thanked.

DT The investigation run by the Rep. of the Marshall Islands (flag state) is still ongoing
There is an investigation on whether those 2 ships are suitable to be where they are
IM asked NAC, was referred to Marshall Isl. enquiry. Also asked for an update on a letter that
NAC should send MIAB asking for an in depth enquiry (AHi seconded). Also asked questions
re noise and emissions (also using data provided by Jackie Pearson).

+ WASTE GASIFICATION PLANT

Peel mentioned that an appl for “energy from waste” was coming. Have the NACllrs heard
anything?

IM/AHi have not.

5. **Coastal path**

No news

IM a dog had run into the fresh concrete in a section that the workers hadn’t properly
fenced off. This was reported to him

6. **Dawn Homes**

Mr. David Boyle (Kelburn Castle and Estate) promised an update, but he was unable to be
present at this meeting. Email update mentions that he spoke with a lawyer and to a proj
manager who gave him financial info; awaiting an email with full financial info. Seems to be
far below 12.5% developers’ profit, so it’s unlikely that additional money will be paid.

Awaiting full detail on which he will then report. Figures will be audited.

7. **Clyde Coastal Community Councils/Clyde Marine Planning Partnership**

N Coast Comm Councils think they should be represented on Clyde Marine Planning
Partnership; this may start with the 5 N Coast CCs and then expand to other coastal CCs;
awaiting a decision. David Nairn (not present today) is following the issue, will update.

IM will support N Coast Comm Council request

8. **Environmental projects**

Environmental proj re native oysters and mussels (which would greatly help to clean the
water) being led by David Nairn, who will send an update when available

Appl for fish farms not brought to planning yet as awaiting SEPA approval

MoP filed individual opposition as the polluting chemicals that would be used would run into
the sea

IM hopes that it’s refused on the same grounds on which a similar appl on Arran was refused

MoP It was refused due to visual impact; suggests to focus on pollution

IM agrees, also used the pollution argument. Biggest local employer is tourism; approving
fish farm would severely damage the tourism industry

AOB

+ IM Decriminalised Parking Enforcement is on the table for 2022; likely to be discussed after
NAC elections

+ How to get younger people involved in CC?

MoP Social media, Instagram

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 5th of July 2021 at 07:30 pm via Zoom (link for MoPs will
be provided on request; MoPs present at this meeting and those who have already
expressed their interest will receive it)