

# WEST KILBRIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 7.30pm by Zoom.**

**PRESENT:** John Lamb (JL); Kay Hall (KH); Douglas Penman (DP); N. Armstrong (NA); George Donohoe (GD); Deirdre Murray (DM); Clr T. Ferguson (TF); Denise Fraser (DF); Henry Thomson (HT);

**GUESTS:** Adam Lyon (AL), PC Thomas Andrew (TA), George Cloughley (GC); Graeme Buckley; Susan Macfadyen, NAC Roads (SF); Denise Fraser;

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies from Richard Campbell-Doughty (RD); Clr Ronnie Stalker;

**MINUTES:** Minutes of previous Meeting were approved by (GD) and seconded by (KH)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer (DP) The Account balance was Currently unchanged but there were outstanding's to the value of £150 plus further expenses. Expenses incurred to be submitted to the treasurer ASAP accounts close 30/09/21.

**POLICE SCOTLAND-**PC Arthur provided the following crime statistics from the 9<sup>th</sup> August, to the 13<sup>th</sup> September (75) incidents were reported which resulted in ( 7 ) crime reports consisting of ( 1 ) theft;( 1 ) Vandalism: ( 2 ) Breach of Peace, (2) Fraud, (1) Breach of Bail.

**Bi-election result;** We welcome the new councillor for Ward 6 Ronnie Stalker.

### **CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS:**

**Cllr Ferguson** – Remembrance Sunday event 2021. Cllr ferguson reminded the CC that it was 100 years since the war memorial was erected and an event later on in November should reflect the historic significance of that event. (NA)(TF)(JL) will liaise regarding this proposal.

**Village Surgery** –The consensus of opinion is that even allowing for Mr Gilani's presentation, the service certainly in the last month has not improved. Especially when it comes to repeat prescriptions. WKCC will again contact Mr Gilani for an explanation and suggest possible solutions.

**NAC Roads** – Meadowfoot Road proposed Traffic Calming measures. (SF)explained that the proposal was based on a survey from 2019 and was indicative of the problems. Various road markings had been had been omitted when the road was resurfaced and the actual road did not allow for physical traffic calming, it was proposed that the road be looked at again with revised survey details and any traffic calming would be by the use of road markings and if necessary, the use of double yellow lines. A further proposal would be presented for comment prior to any work being undertaken.

**NAC Roads:** -Access Steps to Maimhor: - Cllr Ferguson has checked with NAC Roads who have written to the residents but have no authority to make them install a Factor to do work. (GD) will talk to some of the residents to ascertain if there is any other way that the repair of the steps can be undertaken, and report back to the Community Council.

**Amey Roads;** - Cllr Ferguson contacted Amey regarding the state of the pavement in Snowdon Terrace. They would take note and inspect.

**W/K Golf Club, Planning Application;** Objections received from neighbours. WKCC have submitted objections and comments to NAC Planning. However, Fullerton Drive neighbours are unhappy about the responses they have received from NAC Planning, and feel that their objections are not being considered. We would request that our councillors investigate this complaint on their behalf.

**NAC: Village library-** (KH)/(JL)/(TF) took part in a zoom meeting with Lesley Forsyth (Snr. Manager/ Information & Culture) to discuss options, various options were put forward and (LF) would take these forwards for consideration. Further discussion will take place as this is the start of the process. (KH) is concerned that as the library is currently operating restricted opening then it is hoped that NAC do not try and use this as an excuse to subsequently close the library. Cllr Ferguson stated that the library was saved for the Village and that the current restrictions were purely due to the Covid19 restrictions, and staff shortages.

**NAC Exec: WKCC Election Proposed Dates:** - WKCC will confirm to NAC that the proposed dates for the 2021 election in October / November will be acceptable and NAC can now progress with firming up the dates to the appropriate electoral requirements, further details will be released when confirmed.

**NAC Local Place Plans Workshop; - (KH)** this is still ongoing however to date there is no notification as to when further details will be available.

**SSG: (JL) Hunterston B-** both reactors are operating and will be for Reactor 4 till November 2021 and for Reactor 3 the year end. De-commissioning will start on the 7<sup>th</sup> January with the removal of the reactor fuel rods which will be sent to Sellafield, this will take approximately two to three years. The facility will then be transferred to the NDA for full decommissioning. There have been three small fires reported on site which were dealt with by automatic system and on-site intervention. The Scottish Fire and rescue were in attendance but not called upon to intervene. EDF and the NDA have agreed that the Intermediate Level Nuclear Waste generated by decommissioning will be retained on site in the ILW store at A station.

**Hunterston A-** work continues on the emptying of Bunker1 which has now been reduced to 50%. Liquid wastes are approaching completion of encapsulation and removal to the ILW store. Work is also progressing on the repairs to the reactor roofs and the internal support structure. Cladding of the reactor buildings will now not take place as the NDA has decided that Hunterston A will continue decommissioning and not go into care and maintenance in 2024/5. This will include the removal of the solid waste bunkers, and the ponds buildings. This means that Hunterston A will be taking on an additional trainees and apprentices along with continued employment for existing staff.

**XLCC** introduction and potential use of Hunterston Port—(JL) / (KH) had a video meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> August of their proposal. Funding for the project had been secured including a new cable laying vessel and a contract for the first four years production had been secured, this was for the provision of cable to an Interconnector from Morocco to South West England. Questions were asked about, Employment- the current figures are 900 full time jobs, in all grades, with a further 300 during construction. Layout- this would be two production facilities situated to the northern end of the site with readily available access to the Jetty. Noise – the company are confident that the noise levels will be acceptable as in similar facilities the noise levels do not require the plant operators to wear hearing protection. Construction Traffic- the company (JL) raised concern about the ground conditions where it was proposed to build the extrusion towers. We discussed the height of the tower 180mtrs. in that particular location, and were assured that significant work has been done in the design of the structure and the structural surface finish in order that it will blend into the background. The buildings themselves would be similarly treated to blend into the background. The proposed development will still have to get planning permission from NAC at which point WKCC can submit any concerns and objections.

**Peel Ports** have also issued a statement regarding the XLCC proposal that they have now an agreement for the lease of the land for 25 years. A full planning application will be submitted to NAC for consideration early next year. The next Liaison committee meeting will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

#### **Hunterston non-nuclear Generation, Battery Storage and Synchronised Compensators.**

Various companies have been asked by national Grid to tender for the implementation of Grid Synchronised Compensators to balance the output from particularly windfarm generation. Part of the tender is that they have to have Planning permission from the Local Authority. There is limited access to the National Grid and Hunterston is one of the few in Scotland. Currently we have various companies holding PAN presentations before submission to North Ayrshire Council for planning Approval. Most are purely Synchronisers and Battery storage but others include generation as part of their proposal.

#### **NAC- Planning - PAN for Cryogenic Energy Storage facility at Hunterston - CRYO Battery.**

The application is for yet another compensator application at Hunterston Peel Ports Site. As reported in the July Notes this meeting was very unsuccessful and another video meeting was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. To be constructed for the storage of energy probably from windfarms (future on shore and off shore). Lines up with the Ayrshire Growth deal. Being developed by Highview Power who have already started developing a plant in Carrington M/c. Committed to using local firms for construction. 6-9 local jobs expected for long term work. Concerns raised by attendees; destruction of the natural site before the PAN was shared; test facilities have variables which are not welcomed in such an environmentally sensitive site; effluent [produced & harmful substances; rising sea levels; noise; visual impact. Highview warmed to the idea of an EIA and made promises. Slides available from KH on request.

**FlexibleGridPower2 Ltd:** Power Generation Submission to Scottish Government at Hunterston Estate. (JL) WKCC will submit a response to this proposal which as it is over 50 megawatts will be decided by Scottish government NOT North Ayrshire Planning. The draft response will be circulated to members prior to submission. It should also be noted that Hunterston Estate already has planning permission for a Solar Power Generation Farm which would be adjacent to this development

**TINZ Programme 1 Project Co 2 Limited:** PAN proposal for Synchronised Compensator and Storage at Hunterston— still no actual details currently available however they have now issued a revised plan increasing the area designated for the development. No details apart from the area have currently been made available. All information has been circulated to CC members.

**Cllr Ferguson- Hunterston Industrial Future;** - There has been increased interest in Hunterston Industrial Sites recently. The number of enquiries appear to be progressing to later stages of development than they have done previously. Peel Ports have been more transparent with their visions for the site as well and all the initial sounds about Environmentally conscious, green economy, R&D etc are ticking the right boxes. As with everything there needs to be close contact with the stakeholders and communities given the sensitivities of the location.

**WKCC-** Kirktonhall Glen proposed development. (Growing Beyond Tomorrow)- the latest proposal was received on the 6<sup>th</sup> August and has been circulated by (KH). Concerns have been raised regarding the GBT plans that have been proposed as they are always being deemed to be in development and not finalised. There is difficulty in contacting the company and NAC have allowed them a temporary occupational licence on a short-term basis. There is still no full village consultation by GBT as to what is actually wanted in the Glen and a commercial operation is opposed. Concern raised that the initial offer of this whole area being developed as a MUGA appears to be reducing and the most recent plans indicated less than a third would be involved.

**West Kilbride Website:** (KH) Feedback comments and idea had been helpful and were being incorporated into the site. We have paid £700 for the basic site and £700 for the design aspects and web building. The whole of the content is being provided by WKCC thus keeping costs down and ensuring information is up to date. The CC approved paying for training for more than one person to keep the site updated at a cost of £299

**Town Centre Regeneration Funding:** As noted in the July Notes further funding has been allocated to west Kilbride which will hopefully complete the village centre regeneration.

**Glen Paths: (KH) STREETSCENE** - Glen Paths, Helen Miller had offered the following update. Most of the existing drains uphill from the board-walk garden (going towards Seamill) were cleared & jetted end July, still need to do a few others and check the 'detergent' flow that was mentioned. Waiting for costs re banking works.

**Persimmon Developments:** Revised plan submitted on the 13<sup>th</sup> September shows no detail only outlining the site adjacent to Summerlea road. They also want to set-up a Liaison group to discuss proposals, prior to submission of a Planning Application. The consensus of opinion is that while we agree that a Liaison group would be beneficial Persimmon Developments have to put forward a plan to NAC albeit for outline planning consent that we can discuss. Asking the residents what would be acceptable without any detail is not a acceptable approach.

**Friends of Kirktonhall Glen; (KH) Community Groups** had been asked for feedback regarding the new plans which had a limited circulation request from Growing Beyond Tomorrow GBT. Responses had been collated and discussed and then forwarded to GBT. No reply received. Query re the MUGA to be developed on the red blaes had not received a reply either. Concern raised that the initial offer of this whole area being developed as a MUGA appears to be reducing and the most recent plans indicated less than a third would be involved.

**West Kilbride Burn: (HT)** The burn is currently flowing clear and no notifiable problem.

## **NAC BUSINESS:**

### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

**Report from Cllr Ferguson** – Cllr Ferguson reported that he had a meeting with NAC (Maintenance) and residents regarding the Cemetery improvements that they were proposing and an agreement has been reached. As reported earlier Amey are inspecting the footpath in Snowdon Terrace regarding repairs. He is perusing the removal by NAC of funding designated for Coastal Path Improvements from West Kilbride / Seamill with the funding going to Largs and Saltcoats.

## **NAC Planning Decisions since 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021:**

### **Alterations to form opening for installation of french doors and Juliet balcony to rear of 2nd floor dwelling flat**

36 Overton Crescent West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9HG Ref. No. 21/00753/PP | Received: Tue 27 Jul 2021 | Validated: Thu 29 Jul 2021 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

## **Planning applications not yet decided**

**Removal of sycamore tree (tag 193) and sycamore tree (tag 198) within West Kilbride Conservation Area**

22 Ritchie Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AL Ref. No: 21/00809/TW | Received: Mon 16 Aug 2021 | Validated: Wed 18 Aug 2021 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

**Erection of single storey building for use as covered practice bays and golf coaching**

West Kilbride Golf Club 33 - 35 Fullerton Drive Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9HT Ref. No: 21/00776/PP | Received: Wed 04 Aug 2021 | Validated: Mon 09 Aug 2021 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

**Removal of existing Juliette balcony and erection of raised deck to rear of detached dwelling house (retrospective)**

2 Hyndman Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9NL Ref. No: 21/00835/PP | Received: Mon 23 Aug 2021 | Validated: Mon 30 Aug 2021 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

**AOCB: -**

**WKCC:** Letter to Main Street Property owners delayed till the New Year

**Meeting closed @9.15pm**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - 7.30pm**  
**Format to be digitally by Zoom**