

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 05/07/2021, h. 07:30pm, Zoom meeting

Attending:

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

NAC: Cllr. Ian Murdoch

5 MoP

Apologies: Karla Tully (FCC); Cllr. Tom Marshall (NAC); PC Dominic Murphy (Police)

Approval of June minutes: proposed by DT, seconded by AHo

No Police report was read out as PC Murphy was called out for an emergency Cllr IM chooses to comment on single agenda points

1. Community Council elections

Will take place between Sept and Nov 2021; Ms Melanie Anderson (NAC) sent an e-mail to clarify some points. Normally nominations close 1 wk before election date, in the present situation it will be 3 wks in order to allow NAC to organise elections if necessary (if more candidates than places)

IM confirms

2. Letter to NAC re. REPIR

DT drafted a letter (redacted by RH) that will be sent tomorrow 06/07 to NAC Chief Executive Mr. Craig Hatton

DT asking if RH, as the chair of SSG, can or will be shown an unredacted copy of the emergency plan

RH considers it unlikely

IM only saw the redacted version, was told that it is redacted to hide personal contact details. Em. Plans are lead by 2 officers from S Ayrsh. Reminds all that IM had proposed an amendment to DEPZ (seconded by AHi) that was rejected by NAC

DT asks about OEP (Offsite Emergency Plan)

IM went through Cabinet in early 2020

RH looks like setting the boundaries is not up to NAC

DT that's not what the law says: local authority is responsible. OEP seems absent or very unclear. Maybe contact the press?

IM doubts that press would be interested as the aforementioned proposed amendment wasn't mentioned

3. Hunterston SSG

A note had been circulated by RH to FCC members and NA Cllrs, stating what follows (copied and pasted):

There has been nothing of significance since last month`s CC meeting, other than BEIS UK GOVT agreeing to make the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority responsible for decommissioning all the UK Advanced Gas Cooled Reactor Fleet (AGRs). Here that means that come 7th January 2022, at the latest, both Hunterston B reactors will come offline and cease generation. Thereafter EDF will defuel and post defueling NDA will decommission the two HNB reactors 3 and 4, NDA is already decommissioning all the Magnox reactors. Here it is Hunterston A`s reactors 1 and 2 and all the associated legacy buildings and structures.

The NDA is still working on the specifics of its decomm strategy for HNA. There was a Scottish Govt hosted Civil and MOD Nuclear Sites Meeting on the 29th of June and local representatives of the HSSG updated the SG and other agencies about their concerns regarding the review of the Higher Active Waste Policy and the Consultation on the BEIS review of the Radioactive Liquid Discharges. The Royal Naval Base Clyde spokesperson did not consider that there was a shortage of available space at its base during naval exercises. This had been asked as we had several naval vessels in at Hunterston Jetty and Hunterston Quay, during the last two exercises.

In the near future, Hunterston B will be consulting the wider community about proposals for treatment, packaging and storage facilities that will be built at the site to facilitate decommissioning.

The next Hunterston SSG (virtual) is Thursday 2nd September. Anybody wishing to attend should e mail jill.m.callander@magnoxsites.com and request the link. [end of copied and pasted document]

It's important to make sure Hunterston doesn't become a/the regional storage for nuclear waste

AHo defueling will last approx 4 yrs, depending on availability of containers to transport the material; only then decomm will begin

4. Garden Centre proposal (N of bowling club)

Plans delivered to RH by Mr. Billy Kirkwood (owner of the land) in person, been forwarded to Mr. Monroe at bowling club; residents of Baillie Rd and of Keppenburn Ave have been advised.

Mr BK owns land up to the fence N of the small burn

In plans, a wide parking area

MoP (Baillie Rd resident): it's already difficult and dangerous to drive out of Baillie Rd, added traffic would not be beneficial

MoP traffic would greatly increase, create bottlenecks and safety issues. Also, we'd lose one more green area

DT housing on same spot was rejected due to potential flooding issues. It would also be a threat to local business (Village Inn and Michelle's) as the restaurant/cafeteria area would be big. This, especially if licensed to sell alcohol

RH proposes to support Bowling Club opposing to it

AHo a Garden Ctr would be more suitable on coal yard

Nobody in FCC opposes RH's proposal to support Bowling Club; DT will draft a letter that will be circulated to FCC ASAP; oppositions need to be filed by July 14th

MoP There is a general call for wildflower meadows; that could be an appropriate community use of that land

DN would a community buyout of that land be possible?

IM agrees with comments re flooding; part of appl requires response from AMEY; ee what their position is. In 2013, IM had proposed a Park & Ride for Largs in field S of Largs Marina access road; AMEY rejected due to difficulties in access/egress. Less likely to be a threat to local businesses

RH see if developers plan to give back to BowlClub for loss of parking space and very likely loss of revenue from yearly plant sale

5. PeelPorts

+ Drillships

Communication from Patricia Gibson MP (received about 2 wks ago): as soon as Marshall Islands (flag state) will have completed their investigation, that will not be made visible even to her, MAIB (Marine Accidents Investigations Board) will issue their comments on it The

noise levels were very high during the past weekend

MoP heard that one of drillships may be soon removed; no confirmation of this IM NAC met in early June. IM proposed (AHi seconded) to write NHC and MAIB re investigation on drillships. Initially refused, showed a letter from MAIB (forwarded by DT) indicating that ships are no longer registered as ships, motion accepted unanimously. Of the 2 vessels, only one broke free and was held by anchor, while the other remained at jetty thanks to tugs. Neither can be considered to have been adrift. So, MAIB will not do an investigation, but support Marshall Islands. The vessels are not officially "permanently moored". Asked if NAC can take action re pollution and noise, answer was negative. However, by law, a local auth. needs to provide for wellbeing of local residents. In a climate change emergency, 6 mths of constant emissions are not acceptable and IM will keep working on having NAC take action

+ **Other**

NAC Director of Economy and Communities Ms Karen Yeomans is organising an event feat. all Hunters shareholders; FCC was not consulted. She will consider allowing 2 representatives from local communities as long as they are experts (proposal: DN as a marine expert, Jackie Pearson and/or AHo as technical/engineering professionals). MoP Can FCC ask what will be done to maintain tree screening at Southannan, as the pines initially planted are visibly reaching the end of their life cycle?

DN could there be a coastal path?

6. Highview Power Cryogenic energy storage (on PeelPorts land)

The cryogenic storage facility would be in full view of Fairlie

Pre-app consultation was run (it is mandatory); IM and DT were unable to access; IM reports that several NA Cllrs were unable to. IM filed formal complaint to Planning saying that pre planning consultation was not done correctly and should be repeated in a different way (via Zoom/Teams)

DT shouldn't a screening opinion have been done first, to verify the necessity of an EIA? RH impression that NAC didn't require EIA

DT company that would build storage is brand new, old company was struck off DN (who attended the pre-app consultation) this question was asked by Jackie Pearson, but there was no answer

RH will ask for a minuted meeting, making sure that this is not considered to be the pre-app consultation (it should take place before the consult)

DN will ask for a site visit; has the impression that Ayrshire Growth Fund will pay a great sum of money for not too many jobs

IM had asked, in the past, how many jobs would be created. Kenny Gibson MSP mentioned around one thousand, Cllr Alex Gallagher spoke of some hundreds

AHo grid stabilisers would necessarily work on liquid nitrogen (it was mentioned that this one would run on air, but it doesn't make sense technically). It would be a good use for HuntB site, where there already are nitrogen tanks and that is v close to the grid RH there will be a similar project in Thurso, but the structure will be built inside a quarry **7. A78**

KT reported that nothing will be done until at least Sept, no other upd

8. 21/00542/PPP Application for Planning in Principle/Lilybank Lane

RH sent a comment to NAC saying that we must not lose right of way. Local residents are unhappy. It's pre-planning, so there are no visible plans for the building itself, only for its location

DT the elevation is excessive, doesn't make sense

9. Slipway at Jerry Rd (e-mail from MoP)

MoP nothing was mentioned re slipways during planning?

DN what's there is actually fine for a small boat, a bigger boat can be launched from other

more suitable slips

DT MoP should be referred to Community Trust

AOB

+Res3:

Awaiting an answer from Mr. David Boyle (Kelburn Castle and Estate); RH will chase

+ Ladies' Walk/Dawn Homes:

Mound from excavations still present

+ Dawn Homes:

Second block of flats supposed to be built where SUDS pond is, along Main Rd (not before completion of first block)

+ Clyde Marine Planning Partnership:

DN: an association of Clyde Coast CC (WK, Cumbrae, Fairlie, Largs, Skelmorlie) applied to become members of CMPP; rejected. Legal ways to appeal against rejection are being looked into DT a marine plan for Clyde has to be produced, for Scot Ministers

+ Foul odour along beach path:

MoP reports that for years (it was reported to SEPA about 3 yrs ago), in some occasions, along shore path, near the "turret", a foul odour can be smelled.

DN noticed bright green seaweed that almost surely means that there is a seepage of nitrates from nearby sewage pipes. SEPA needs to be involved, as well as Scottish Water (to check the pipes), DN will contact them

MoP are the beaches safe for children to play on?

DN we have been advised not to go into the sea the day after a heavy rain due to likely overflowing of pipes

+ Bins at layby on Main Rd (W side)

The bins have disappeared a few months ago, a MoP highlighted this to MP. RH will find out

+ SSSI

DN reports that some fishing nets, illegally used on SSSI, have been confiscated + **Civil Nuclear Constabulary**

Civil Nuclear Constabulary (who are armed), who have jurisdiction 3.5km around nuclear power stations, may be hired out to other companies; there is a consultation. RH disagrees. DN disagrees.

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 2nd of August 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)