

Fairlie Community Council minutes 2/8/21

Apologies: Alan Holden, David Nairn, Marco Piva (CC members)

Present: Rita Holmes (chair), Ian Hunter (treasurer), Karla Tully, David Telford, Councillors Murdoch and Marshall, Dominic Murphy of Police Scotland and six members of the public.

Minutes of 6/7/21 proposed by DT seconded by RH

KT left the meeting.

Police Report (written report for 6/7/21-30/7/21 sent to fcc)

Number of incidents reported 18 (29 last year)

Number of crimes 2 (2 last year)

Police will continue to actively target drug use and dealing and would encourage public to report any concerns to 101 or Crimestoppers online, or 0800555111

Vandalism...1 report of house window smashed. Enquiries ongoing.

Fraud...1 report of online fraud believed to be perpetrated elsewhere in UK.

Action Plans....No specific AP carried out, but police continue to carry out high visibility patrols in the area and Scottish Safety Camera Partnership vehicle has visited Fairlie on a number of occasions.

Matters from last meeting:

Camping and causing annoyance near rear of Castlepark Drive.

PC Murphy referred to local concerns regarding people feeling unsafe going to Fairlie Glen due to groups camping/ drinking etc.

He said the police were checking using high visibility and plain clothes patrols, but were unable to be there regularly and depended on local information. He said that patrols had not detected any issues.

A member of the public, referred to incidents over the weekend when he had had to speak to children, some about 12 years old who were drinking and invading his property. He himself had had to call the police.

PC Murphy to check on any record of incidents reported.

1 Garden Centre and Restaurant (21/00596/PP)

RH reported that the Bowling Club had sent an e mail stating that it had come to an agreement with BK , and that it now fully supported the development. RH welcomed the agreement.

Tennis Courts

The Chair reported that there had been two e mail complaints to her regarding the state of the Tennis Courts. A villager(Mairi) has been

caring for the lower court, clearing pine cones etc and checking it regularly. The resident intimated that really she had no real responsibility or authority re the courts, but was concerned, and did not want them to get any worse. She was disappointed that very few people used the court for tennis. The upper court is in a sorry state with trees and weeds taking over. There is concern about the rampant foliage adjacent to the fencing at the upper court and at the all weather pitch. This makes it impossible to get near fencing and weeds are invading round edges threatening the integrity of the pitch. There was discussion, as to who is responsible for what. NAC still cuts the grass and checks on the safety of the swings. The courts are leased to the Sports Club who is meeting soon to discuss. BK offered to supply leaflets to those wanting to distribute within the village re the Sports Club. MOP offered to help with any leaflet distribution. Councillor Murdoch said it was important to establish who was responsible for the foliage adjacent to the courts and Councillor Marshall suggested putting article in local press regarding the tennis as Largs tennis Club was growing in numbers.

3 Rigghill Wind Turbines (PPA-310-2034)

RH reported that Burcote had gone to appeal on their refused planning permission. FCC had asked for a Public Hearing on all issues. NAC were in favour of avoiding a Public Inquiry which would be costly and it opted for document only for most issues and a hearing on heritage. A third party group has asked that there be hearings on noise (including ILFN) and visual amenity. FCC would be resubmitting its objection documents to the DPEA in due course. The case officer is Jayne Anderson and the Reporter is still to be appointed. Deadline for submissions is 23rd August.

4 Cryogenic Energy Storage

There was discussion about the actual number of synchronous compensators and storage facilities necessary to stabilise the grid. RH said she was confused as to how many are being applied for.

A member of the public voiced concern about the Highview CES facility's proximity to water and another MOP stated concern about its proximity to the two nuclear facilities. FCC members along with local advisers, will participate in the online presentation on the 25th August. Largs CC , West Kilbride CC and Cumbrae CC members will also join that meeting.

5 Subsea cable manufacturing

One of FCC members (AH) who has been to a similar facility (albeit older) remarked on the noise and smell from that manufacturing facility. The extrusion tower will be 180M ie 40M higher than Goldenberry Hill. The cable laying ships we had in at Hunterston Jetty were a noise nuisance (ILFN and audible noise above limits) NAC allowed this saying it was temporary but 3 weeks of 24/7 noise is harmful.

XLCC has said that they will be ordering new cable laying ships, but the Maersk Connector, which was one of the two offending ships, was a brand new ship. It had been banned from a large Italian Port due to its noise nuisance. So, very likely, that new ship for XLCC will have same problem.

6 PAN for Synchronous compensator

1.3km NE of Hunterston.

How many do we need to stabilise the grid? There is now an application in to Scottish Government, for compensator and storage on Hunterston Estate. Hunterston Estate has offered view of the plans.

7 Drillships/ Peel Ports

The drillships continue to be noisy, especially in windy weather when they are at more risk of going adrift. They have to use their thrusters to maintain position. The light and air pollution continues and it makes a mockery of NAC's Climate Change and Sustainability Efforts as well as of the Scottish Government's.

There was no information as to whether the Marshall Islands have completed their report into the incident of the 2nd February. There is the hope, that it may lead to MCA or MAIB recommending that Hunterston Jetty is an unsuitable mooring for them. In the meantime, Peel Ports reported that an agreement had been reached for another year of mooring here.

8 Hunterston SSG (next meeting 2/9/21 by zoom)

RH reported that she had met with the NDA Communications/ socio economic director Scotland face to face and discussed various issues. Both agreed, that although there would be jobs lost in approximately four years time through the closure of Hunterston B, the situation was not as dire as made out. There would be many jobs for decades dealing with initially defuelling and then decommissioning of both stations. There

was a shortage of people suitably skilled to fill these future jobs. There would be apprenticeships (40) at Hunterston A, and because of the lack of trainers/ tutors at colleges in North Ayrshire, then it looked like it would need to be “ in house” apprenticeships. The Office of Nuclear Regulation would ensure that EDF keep the required number of its current workforce of suitably trained people until defuelling is complete.

Hunterston A has given contract for refurbishment of the reactor roofs and removal of a cradle rail which was in danger of falling.

Talks have started between B station and A station regarding working collaboratively, as after defuelling the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority will take on liability for the B station from EDF.

At the end of the year, Hunterston B will consult on its plans for additional storage and treatment facilities necessary to its defuelling and preparation for decommissioning.

NAC has asked for £25000 from NDA/ Magnox Fund to have consultant provide report on impact of HNB ceasing generation.

9 Clyde Marine Planning Partnership

David N was not in attendance, so there was no update , but all agreed that it was important that local coastal communities have representation on the CMPP. There is nobody safeguarding the interests of the people who live on the Clyde Coast and this is wrong and undemocratic.

10 Dawn Homes/ RES 3

There was nothing to report on RES 3. Feeling was that the new flats do nothing to enhance the village. They hide the view of the craggy rockface which was much loved. MOP asked why nothing can be done to stop such a development being permissioned.

11 Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park

As the three Local Authorities have reneged on support of the Clyde Muirshiel Regional |Park Forum, for financial reasons, Friends of the CMRP are picking things up. FCC is continuing to be a member and will participate in meetings, as it is important that some Body looks out for inappropriate developments within the Park and supports suitable projects, which will contribute to the wellbeing of people, creatures and the environment. RH asked for volunteer to attend meetings of the Forum.

AOB

BK raised 3 points

1 the stonemason was making progress with his work on the castle . BK kindly invited the members present to come and see for themselves, if they were interested.

2 he reiterated his offer to Mairi to provide any leaflets re the tennis club.

3 he asked that FCC write in support of the Garden Centre development, given that the issue with the Bowling Green parking had been resolved, and the BC were now in support.

RH said that FCC still wanted to know, if Scottish water could cope with the additional sewage capacity, and Transport Scotland`s views on the safety re traffic and access.

BK said he had a letter assuring him that the sewage facility could cope.

RH: FCC could not fully support the development as numerous villagers, particularly those closest and most affected were not in favour. FCC was also keen to preserve the green coastal strip separating Largs and Fairlie, as it was the last remaining undeveloped area. It had lost all the coastal strip to the south of the village to industry.

Next meeting (zoom) is Monday 6th September 2021 at 7:30pm.