

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 10/01/2022, h. 07:30pm, Zoom meeting

The meeting is declared open at **07:35pm**

Attending:

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

NAC: Cllr Ian Murdoch; Cllr Tom Marshall

Police: PC Dominic Murphy

2 MoP

Apologies: Mairi Wyatt (FCC); Cllr Alan Hill (NAC)

Approval of December minutes: proposed by RH, seconded by AHo

Police report: Between the 6th of Dec and the 10th of Jan, 29 incidents (compared to 29 in the same period in 2020/21). 2 : 1 assault (there is a positive line of enquiry), 1 damage to a vehicle (in Keppenburn Ave.; a brick was thrown at the vehicle).

Councillor's updates: TM will comment on individual agenda items as suitable
IM will comment on individual agenda items as suitable
IM highlights flooding at the back of petrol station; the car wash and all the businesses near it have been heavily impacted. The burn will need to be incorporated in the culvert we are waiting to be built
RH: shouldn't that be paid for by the developer?
TM: the flooding problem existed before Dawn begun developing; there is a scheme in place, waiting for ScotGovt to fund.
DT: planning condition required flooding issue to be solved
TM: not sure it was a planning cond, will check; Dawn was already served a notice for not having built the playpark mentioned in the conditions; will clarify this under item 10, re. Dawn Homes.
DT will double-check planning consent

1. Planning application for garden centre and restaurant

A proposed letter to oppose the plan was circulated, mostly focussing on protection of the green area. MM votes against sending it. RH, AHo, DN, DT, MP are in favour of sending it. The Bowling Club seems to have accepted the development (as per article on The Largs & Millport News)

MoP pointing out that hospitality businesses in Fairlie (pub, Michelle's, possibly even Fins and Largs Marina) are likely to be impacted by it.

MoP: who is in charge of protecting the green area?

2. Hunterston SSG reports for A and B station

Notes have been circulated.

AHo: everything happened as scheduled, the cooling systems are functioning, no major problems with cooling. Expected valuable pieces to become "National Spares" (spare parts available for all power stations in Britain), but ONR only allows that at the start of decommissioning, not defueling; therefore, it won't happen before 3 or 4 years.

We will have updates on A station on 18/01

DT: when will the cladding be replaced?

It's unlikely that it will happen

3. National Planning Framework 4

DT: how are we meant to comment on NatPlanFramework if most of what's happening is covered by privacy (or rather, by "commercial sensitivity")? We should raise a point stating that it doesn't make much sense. As a CC, we have the statutory right to be consulted.

Maybe we should write ScotGovt for clarifications

IM: as an elected Cllr, sometimes updates aren't shared in a timely fashion even to NACllrs

TM: not aware of any secrecy except for commercial sensitivities; discussions are not open to Cllrs. Plans will enter the public domain and go to Planning when ready. Developments will be made, authorities need to (and will) make sure it's positive developments.

RH has responded on behalf of FCC; consultations will continue until March.

4. Clyde Marine Planning Partnership

Despite appeals, CCs are still not allowed to join. Frustration is growing.

5. Fish farm applications

No updates

6. Hunterston Estate battery storage project

It has been consented to Campbellton Farm; 3 months until they get the full go ahead.

Shouldn't one compensator be enough? One is in planning appl.

TM There will be one, ScotGovt will pick which one

MM Weren't there to be 5 to 7 in the whole of Scotland?

TM One of those will be in Hunterston. Will check to confirm.

IM had applied to join the discussions, but his application was rejected.

7. Hunterston jetty (DS8 and coal shipments)

DS8 should be leaving by the end of Jan; this was reported by Katy Clark MSP after talking with Mr. McSporran; Mr McSporran was asked for information, no replies yet

DT: nothing has been heard from the Marshall Islands.

8. Hunterston Parc proposed projects

Not much has been heard except for synchronous compensator and sub-sea cable manufacturing

DT: is there still the plan to bringing the sub-sea cables all the way from Morocco? NAC should not be spending public money funding projects that rely on technology that doesn't exist yet

TM: this doesn't depend on NAC, it is a commercial decision on which NAC has no influence

9. Rigghill Wind Farm

A site visit is planned, probably at the end of Jan; IM will be present with the consultants.

The Reporter will reach a decision within 2 months

Worries because in Winter it's harder to notice the impact a widening of the road would have on the vegetation.

10. Dawn Homes and Res3

DT: there are outstanding actions. Cllr Gallagher has promised to send some info that has not been received; the same goes for Viscount Kelburn

RH will remind Viscount Kelburn.

TM, forwarding an excerpt of the minutes of the PlanComm: "Notice under Section 145 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997: Site to East of Castlepark Gardens, Fairlie

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) seeking approval to serve a Notice under Section 145 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 requiring compliance with Condition 7 of planning permission 19/00506/PP on the installation of play facilities at the site to the east of Castlepark Garden, Fairlie.

The Chief Planning Officer advised the Committee that Condition 7 required the play

facilities to be installed prior to the occupation of Plot 25 or 26 of the development and both plots had now been occupied for approximately 9 months
The Committee unanimously agreed, in the interest of the amenity of the area and to ensure appropriate play facilities, to approve the service of a Notice under Section 145 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to require the installation of the play facilities.”

AOB

+ Library closure:

IM: many libraries are temporarily closed (eg Skelmorlie, with Largs running a reduced schedule) due to a shortage of staff. No date for reopening has been set

TM confirms this. Many libraries in Glasgow City are also closed.

+ A78 pedestrian crossing:

No updates. The same is happening in Skelmorlie

+ Coastal swing parks

Funding is available for “coastal swing parks”. What do they mean by it? Do such swing parks need to be on the coast or does the swing park up the hill count? The swing park at the Community Gardens has been dismantled.

DN: Money has come from Crown Estates, how was it spent?

TM: the Cabinet decided to spend it elsewhere. Possibly WK and Largs may get money from this project

The meeting is declared closed at **09:07pm**

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 7th of February 2022 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)