

## **Fairlie Community Council – Monday 07/03/2022, h. 07:30pm, Zoom meeting**

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

### *Attending:*

FCC: Rita Holmes (chairperson); Marco Piva (minutes taker); David Telford; Mairi Wyatt; Alan Holden; David Nairn; Arran Hewlett

NAC: Cllr Ian Murdoch; Cllr Tom Marshall

Press: Calum Corral (The Largs and Millport News)

2 MoP

*Apologies:* Karla Tully; Ian Hunter; Malcolm Milne (FCC)

Approval of February minutes: proposed by DT, seconded by DN

*Police report:* Between the 8<sup>th</sup> of Feb and the 6<sup>th</sup> of Mar, 22 incidents (compared to 37 in the same period in 2020/21). 4 crimes reported (compared to 4 in the same period in 2021): 2 thefts (1 person drove away from the petrol station without paying, 1 theft of an aluminium boat mast); 1 suspected dog attack on livestock; 1 breach of non-harassment order, a male was arrested

MoP: the aluminium mast was found at sea, manually bent. Clear human action, likely vandalism

*Councillor's updates:* TM will comment on individual agenda items as suitable

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IM confirms that double yellows at top of Causeway will be refreshed

### **1. Hunterston SSG**

A meeting was held last week, on Thur 03/03. 2 new members, 1 from Largs and 1 from Cumbrae, who asked pertinent questions. Nothing new strategy-wise; decommissioning will be continuing as expected. Only 2 MoP (incl AHewl)

DT: Any updates on off site emergency plan?

RH: Information Commissioner asked for an unredacted copy, allegedly it has been sent. There were complaints to the fact that the info was not fit for purpose. InfoComm will decide whether it is or not. No official comments were made.

ONR Inspector said that, after 120 days from closure of production, Iodine 131 stops being present, so no potassium tablets will be required any longer. RH will ask if they may be needed during transportation of fuel

AHold confirms that Iodine decays in the mentioned period of time

### **2. Swing park**

Good progress has been made. A meeting was held last week, Tue 01/03. Got the suggestion to get in touch with StreetScene, who were supportive. Benches/seats for playpark earmarked for next financial year. The grass behind the tennis court will not be cut so it can grow. Cllr Alan Hill got in touch with Headmistress of Primary School as there was a plan to have children to plant flowers, but not this year. There are clear plans to replace the ruined shed; the steps next to it will be cleared up

IM was unable to attend the meeting but offers assistance

### **3. Subsea cable manufacturing facility: planning application**

DT had a chance to consult the plans, which don't seem to tell much. Worries about the fact that the company was opened only 9 months ago and therefore hasn't produced any accounts yet

RH will also look at the plans; info will need to be circulated in Fairlie. Largs representatives seem worried.

TM It is an outlining planning permission, most documents relate to EIA (mostly focussing on the tower, which would be 185 mt tall) and to noise. The company doesn't have a supply contract yet, it's all speculative right now

DN the scale of the development is big, so a thorough EIA is required; many issues will need to be addressed.

DT the plans don't seem to be specific enough yet

IM in most meetings on this topic it has been specified that no less than 90% of the plant traffic will be southbound

#### **4. Clyde Marine Planning Partnership update**

DN There was a meeting last week to decide new governance structure. DN sent an e-mail to enquire about how the decision has been reached; no reply yet. The main issue is that surely there will be commercial invested interest (PeelPorts, Clyde Harbour, fish farms, MoD) which will make the CMPP act as a public authority; should be kept to a broad contingent of elected members w. input from CCs, looks like they plan to have CCs and elected NAC members only as advisors. No issues with contents of Marine Plan, but have been asking to have an input since 2016; level of consultation is too low. If they won't clarify what the new governance structure will be, may campaign to have Scottish Ministers to look into it.

#### **5. RES3 and Dawn Homes**

DT information is not forthcoming. Other residents are involved. A copy of the original planning consent was recently shared by DT, focussing on drainage and culvert works [*Attachment 1*]. A planning condition was to stop the flooding of the Keppen Burn.

IM Apparently, only funding from NAC is missing

DT Planning permission seems to suggest that it is Dawn's responsibility.

TM Condition in permission say that culvert needs to be upgraded, doesn't specify that Dawn needs to upgrade it. It's up to Transport Scotland, Network Rail and NAC. Dawn are in breach of a condition (providing a playpark); NAC took enforcement powers asking Dawn to comply or they may be reported to Procurator Fiscal. No answers yet. Personal impression is that Dawn may be in the process of selling the land to other developers.

DT it seems strange that a planning condition is linked to someone different from the applicant/developer.

DT Apparently, Cllr Alex Gallagher is not seeking re-election; he is, at present, a member of the trust. Can we have any influence on who the new trust member will be, after NAC elections?

#### **6. Dawn Fresh proposed fish farms**

DawnFresh is going into receivership

DN They have closed only one processing factory (in Uddingston); won't exclude the possibility that applications may still be filed. No staff layoffs, so production is ongoing

#### **AOB**

##### **+ Wild oyster project:**

DN The local situation is unique. They will hold a meeting in April w the community to see how they can support. The choice will probably be an oyster hatchery. £40,000/50,000 may be available for funding

##### **+ NAC update:**

IM Latest full meeting on 16/02, lasted over 6h, very full agenda; next one on 16/03. Budget meeting

held on 02/03, budget was passed. An amendment was proposed to avoid 3% raise in CT, amendment not passed. All 4 N Coast Cllrs took part in the NA Tourism Forum (actually, TM chaired it)

TM The attempt to stop the raise in CT failed. Most money will be invested on wind farms, especially in the South of the County

IM PPP contract can't be renegotiated until 2038 the earliest, over £1 million per month

DT public seems to have been misled on this

**+ NAC elections**

DN communicates that he has been chosen by the Green Party to run for election

IM: many libraries are temporarily closed (eg Skelmorlie, with Largs running a reduced schedule) due

The meeting is declared closed at **08:43pm**

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 at 07:30 pm in the Village Hall or at the Semple Centre; confirmation of the venue will be shared closer to the date.