

**Fairlie Community Council – Monday 04/04/2022, h. 07:30pm, Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd, Fairlie**

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

*Attending:*

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

NAC: ///

Press: Calum Corral (The Largs and Millport News)

3 MoP

*Apologies:* Cllr Tom Marshall (NAC); Jackie Pearson (local expert)

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

*Police report* (forwarded via e-mail by PC Dominic Murphy to RH): timeframe 07/03/2022 to 01/04/2022. Total incidents: 22 (same period in 2021, 32); total crimes: 1 (same period in 2021, 3). The only crime identified is a theft from Kelburn Ave; no positive lines of enquiry at this time.

*Councillor's updates:* No Councillors present

**1. Hunterston SSG and nuclear stations update**

Hunterston Park liaison meeting will be held on 26/04/2022. NAC will be in purdah, but Cllr Ian Murdoch promised he'll do what he can to be there anyway.

Next SSG will be held on 01/06/2022, probably at the Waterside Inn.

There will be a meeting in May (no set date yet) with the new director of Hunterston B about defueling.

DT suggests to insist in order to make sure that the site does NOT become a nuclear waste storage facility.

**2. Rigghill wind turbines update**

National Heritage will send their reply not before September.

There is hope that, in case of approval, the residents of Skelmorlie will go to Court about it.

**3. Dawn Homes/Res 3**

The flats are open for viewing (some are already sold).

RH visited one of the flats; during her visit, she was told by the sales representative that the second block of flat will not be built, and that Dawn is likely to move out from Phase 3 while possibly keeping the space behind Castlepark Drive, hopefully to build a second access route to Craig Hill Place.

There is a condition that states that the only access to the area would be through Craig Hill Place

Questions are asked about local representation in the trust, as Cllr Alex Gallagher, the current local representative, announced that he will not stand for re-election. IH will gather information on what can be done on this regard.

MoP: on the side of Main Rd, the new flats are now protected by a fence destined to be eventually covered by a beech hedge. The beeches have been planted between the fence and the pavement, mere inches away from the latter. Their eventual growth will reduce the width of the pavement and cause hazardous conditions when they will shed their leaves. FCC are still waiting for an answer from Viscount Boyle about Res 3, as asked at the March 2021 meeting

#### 4. Garden centre update

Nothing is happening on that front at present

#### 5. Application 22/00133/PPPM for Planning Permission in Principle for a cable manufacturing facility including a 185-metre high extrusion tower

Such tower would be more than 5 times higher than the existing Peel Ports control centre tower.

A letter to alert the residents about this has been circulated amongst the FCC members and will be delivered to each house in Fairlie. It invites everyone to add comments on the FCC website.

DT The company applying for permission is new, it hasn't produced any accounts yet; can they really be trusted to deliver a billion Pound project?

MoP: are there fire emergency plans in place for the tower? Fire Brigade to be contacted for this info

MoP: suggestion to ask to blow a balloon at the height the tower would reach; it has been done in other locations

Keep in mind that the contract for the submarine cabling is only for 4 years

700 jobs have been promised: is that true? Will those be jobs the local population are trained for?

The facility is expected to operate 24/7, 250 days a year, very likely causing continuous light and noise pollution.

NAC noise experts haven't given any response

RH is completing a lengthy and detailed document to send to NAC, highlighting all concerns.

#### AOB

##### + FCC insurance cover and accounts

The insurance cover for FCC has been renewed and the accounts have been submitted by IH

##### + Jetty extension?

AHew There have been talks of an application for an extension of the jetty

Apparently there have been works done on the seaward side of the jetty

##### + Double yellow lines on The Causeway

Last month, Cllr Ian Murdoch stated that double yellow lines will be retraced on The Causeway near the junction with Main Rd

MoP Also asked for double yellow lines at the junction between The Causeway and Kelburn Terrace

The problem will be having them patrolled/respected

##### + A78 crossing

No news, but it will be installed

##### + Junction between Irvine Rd and Haylie Brae

MoP The lines for those who are turning up the Haylie Brae coming from the South need to be completed and the old cats' eyes removed; Largs CC to be contacted on this regard

The meeting is declared closed at **08:40pm**

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2022 at 07:30 pm at the Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd