

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 3rd October 2022.

The meeting opened at 7-30pm.

Attending

FCC Rita Holmes (chairperson), Alan Holden (minute taker), David Telford, Malcolm Milne, Ian Hunter, Mairi Wyatt,

Councillors -- Ian Murdoch.

PC – Tom Arthur.

Members of public --- 3 members of public.

Apologies --- Councillor Tom Marshall, Marco Piva., Karla Tully, Jackie Pearson, Councillor Todd Ferguson.

Approval of September 2022 minutes -- proposed by M Milne , Seconded by D Telford.

NAC councillors report. --- IM would comment on issues as raised at this meeting.

Police Report. 1 crime, driving when under influence of cannabis. There have been 31 crime reports so far this year.

MoP asked about parking on yellow lines at top of Causeway. Newly painted lines still being parked on. PC said we do no longer have traffic wardens, so police will have to make a few visits.

NAC aim to have a Department of Parking Enforcement DPE once in operation the staff from this should enforce restrictions.

Traffic speeding at South end of village? The radar van has made a few visits and will continue checks.

School brae --- Top part has been resurfaced but has left very high curb at the junction. IM said he would enquire about need for corrective action.

1. Hunterston Parc

See separate notes already issued.

Clydeport said that oil processing ship Petrojarl Foinhaven should be leaving later this month. Intent had been to break it up at Inchgreen but permission had not been granted for this action. So now the owners intend to take it elsewhere. (NOTE it left behind a tug on 13th October.) During September there had been several complaints locally and on Cumbrae about smell and black smoke and noise from the ship . DT had consulted OPRED the offshore decommissioning authority about actions at Hunterston jetty.

Solar farm --- proposals have been indicated to install a solar farm up at the area originally covered by the rail loading area and sidings alongside the train line to West Kilbride. This area and all the tree covered area between A78 and the main rail line is land belonging to Clydeport/ Peel Port.

Aqua Culture proposals also being discussed for the old oil rig construction yard area.

There has been some talk about public money being made available for various schemes and proposals for Hunterston PARC area proposals (and dreams!),

The existing rail lines within Clydeport area are planned to be reorganised and some type of visible shielding is proposed for the Nuclear Flask loading area.

2. Hunterston SSG.

At the recent SSG meeting Rita Holmes has been re-elected as chairperson.

Very few new issues discussed at last meeting.

A new group has been set up by NDA/NGO aimed at reviewing site activities, meetings will be only a few times each year.

HNB Post Refuelling plans --- comments on the plans sent in from FCC as requested.

HNB Emergency Planning ---- ONR are still reviewing the issues raised by DT about the DEPZ plans. The APPENDIX to the plan was missing from the initial copy which he received. DT eventually received a copy of the redacted APPENDIX, which in his opinion is a rubbish document. It does not even recognise Cumbrae as being a nearby island.

The next SSG is on Thursday 1st December 2022.

3 Proposals for Pharmacy in Fairlie. No word received about the progress of this plan. NAC Health Board mtg due in future for this consideration. Joyce and Marie will go to mtg representing FCC.

4. Coastal Path.

The next section is due to start building work next Spring.

5. Clyde Marine Planning Partnership.

A local meeting is due in Village Inn at 2pm Wednesday 5 October 2022.

6. North Coast and Cumbrae Locality Planning Partnership.

Next mtg is Tuesday 6th December and will be on Teams.

7. Battery Storage Energy site on Hunterston Estate.

The plans for this have been approved by Scottish Government.

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Plans for Solar Farm on Cumbrae --- plans withdrawn and will be revised and resubmitted in future.

Proposals for Fusion Plant in North Ayrshire (Stevenson area) this is now planned for West Burton in England.

Countess Steps path --- Complaint about overgrown bushes hiding lighting. Land owner is responsible.

Overgrown bushes at Tennis Courts --- require cutting back.

IM says he will ask NAC to attend overgrown bushes – but unlikely to get any progress.

Local Tennis Courts ---- no new seating yet, also the old CONTAINER storage unit is a disgrace and so far not been removed. Children are playing in it and climbing on it.. A Hill / Tennis committee please deal with this as promised in past.

RES3/ Dawn Homes --- nothing known about this issue by IM who is now Councillor on the committee.

Meeting closed at 2130 hrs.

Next FCC meeting is on Monday 7th November at 7-30pm.