

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 07/11/2022, h. 07:30pm, Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd, Fairlie
The meeting is declared open at **07:32pm**

Attending:

FCC: Rita Holmes (chair), Marco Piva (minutes secretary), Alan Holden, David Nairn, David Telford, Mairi Wyatt

NAC: Cllr Ian Murdoch

Police: PC Simon Winsor, PC Tom Arthur

5 MoP

Apologies: Jackie Pearson, Ian Hunter, Malcolm Milne, Arran Hewlett (FCC); Cllr Tom Marshall, Cllr Todd Ferguson, Cllr Eleanor Collier (NAC); Karla Tully (MoP)

Approval of October minutes: proposed by RH, seconded by AHold

Police Report: 1 crime, however serious: housebreaking in Bay Str. A couple of similar crimes happened in Largs, Police suspect they are linked; looks like the properties have been scouted, not a crime of opportunity. Enquiries are ongoing.

34 incidents, slightly up from the same period last year, but many calls were related to one single instance.

DN There have been numerous road accidents in the last weeks

PoI Agreed. No clear reason for this increase has been identified. Some of them were serious.

DT New traffic light on A78 seems too often out of order

IM Was reported to him as a local Cllr; the call button was deliberately jammed in several occasions

MoP The Haylie Brae is closed for roadworks until next Fri but was supposed to be opened on weekends; why was it closed yesterday, Sun 6th?

PoI Due to a severe road accident

As there are no further questions to the Police, the two officers leave the meeting

NA Cllrs' report: IM the only Cllr present.

IM On Wed 2nd, the burn between The Causeway and School Brae overflowed, causing a severe flood on Main Rd.; called Amey that intervened promptly.

IM There is a hole in a BT cover on pavement in front of Village Hall. Amey put a barrier on it.

DT The flooding at the garage is still too frequent; is anything being done about it? It's due to the "temporary" SUDS pond

IM It's caused by the Keppen Burn, not by the SUDS pond

DT The SUDS pond empties in the burn. Section 75 states that the landowner (Dawn Homes) would set up "debris traps"

RH If the culvert were to be thoroughly cleaned, would the problem be solved?

IM The situation would improve, but it would not be solved. Will try to find out who exactly is holding up construction of the new culvert (was initially told it was ScotRail, apparently it's actually NAC, will investigate)

MoP To be noted that the construction would include digging up of a private property. NAC started a Flood Prevention Scheme in order to gain authorisation to do so and funds from ScotGovt, but ScotGovt put a moratorium on FPSs due to lack of funding; also, if and when the moratorium will be lifted, there will be priorities, and Fairlie is not high.

MoP Any information re. continuous flooding in Montgomery Dr. since resurfacing works held a few years ago?

IM The gulleys needed cleaning, and they have been.

MoP There are dips between the grids, where the water stagnates. The water can't reach the gulleys.

IM Not the only instance of the same issue in NA. Trying to find out what happened.

1. **Pharmacy Application**

RH Umar Razzaq, who is leading the appl, phoned. He had about 400 positive responses from Fairlie. The appl will probably be discussed in Jan 2023; representative from FCC will be invited to speak

2. **Fairlie Warmbank**

To be set up for people who may be suffering due to lack of heating during the coming Winter

The Church does coffee and often lunches on Thu mornings

Brian from the Village Inn is interested in helping (provided that this doesn't damage his business, as is understandable). Louise Riddex of NAC will be in Fairlie at 9:30am on Mon 14th Nov to discuss options

IM The Men's Shed in Largs found premises, which will be used as a Warmbank for local men (also providing activities)

RH Looking for something in Fairlie too

MoP At the Community Gardens there is a space and a wood-burning stove

RH Nancy MacQueen of the Community Gardens will be invited at the Nov 14th meeting

3. **Dementia tubs**

Tubs to be left in the fridge by/for dementia sufferers so emergency services, if called, know where to find all info re the patient. RH has been given about 50 for Fairlie. They will be left, for collection by the families of people who may need them, at church, petrol station and pub.

4. **Hunterston SSG**

Next meeting on Thu 1st Dec at Seamill Hydro

5. **XLCC latest application**

Application for modification of conditions 11 and 12, both related to the duty by landowner to removal of tower if redundant. Not clear what the contents of such proposed modifications are.

A condition in approval of tower states that the next applications would need to be full; the appl just filed is not: noise levels aren't even mentioned in it (they don't know what machinery will be in the building, so it's impossible to even give a ballpark figure).

Cables to be moved from factory to ships by rollers along the length of the jetty. Severe noise concerns.

DN Collecting info re pollution that will be caused by vessels

IM They mention Net Zero. They can't do that if they have diesel vessels running.

There is a consultation on Tue 15th Nov; 1:30pm to 4:30pm at Village Hall, 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Semple Centre

Responses to appl to be logged by 24th Nov

6. **Clyde Marine Planning Partnership**

DN Had a meeting in the morning with Flora & Fauna International and with Coastal Communities Network to discuss CCs role in CMPP. Will circulate updates.

Waiting for a letter of support from Largs CC for DN

DN National Marine Plan is going through general consultation phase. Only a pro forma, but will see if it can be of any interest

7. **Hunterston Parc Liaison Committee**

Next meeting in Spring 2023

IM Wasn't it supposed to become quarterly?

RH Yes, but never said from when; looks like someone is procrastinating. Still looking for an independent chair.

DT Still waiting for an answer re. Foinhaven being berthed w/o an EIA

AOB

+ RES3

IM Still no meetings scheduled

DT ScotGovt Public Audit Committee are taking an interest: why are there no accounts available for NAC policy RES3? Ms Katy Clark MSP is a "substitute member" of such committee (convenor is Mr Richard Leonard MSP).

+ Tennis hut

MW The hut is still there, derelict and hazardous (at least, due to the humidity permeating the wood, it is not a fire hazard at the moment; fires have in the past been extinguished inside the hut in more than one occasion). Youths have been spotted climbing on top of it (risk of the roof giving in causing severe injury as the inside of the hut is cluttered); it has evidently been used as a toilet too. It must be removed ASAP. Cllr Alan Hill, also a director of the Tennis Club, promised to take care of the matter several months ago, but no progress has been made

IM The Club needs to decide what to replace it with

MoP For removal, it would be enough to receive a letter from an official representative of the Club clearly stating that the Tennis Club agrees to the removal of the hut.

MW Will e-mail all directors of TC asking for this

+ Coastal path

MoP When will the next stage be started and completed?

RH Was told that it would begin in Jan 23

AHold Was told it would begin in Spring 23

IM Should be started by Mar 23, Apr at the latest

MoP The money has been allocated by TransportScotland, but there are talks of budget cuts

+ Countess Steps

IM The excess vegetation along Countess Steps and alongside tennis courts has been trimmed.

+ Leaves on the road

IM Please contact Amey

+ Path atop the Mound

MoP It is pedestrian only, often seen bicycles on it. "Pedestrian only" signs used to be present, aren't

any longer.

RH PeelPorts are in charge of that

+ “Fairtrade Village” signs

MoP The “First Fairtrade Village” signs S of Fairlie has not been restored after the 30mph zone was extended

- No information

The meeting is declared closed at **08:52pm**

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 5rd of December 2022 at 07:30 pm at the Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd