

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 06/02/2023, h. 07:30pm, Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd, Fairlie

The meeting is declared open at **07:31pm**

Attending:

FCC: Rita Holmes (chair), Marco Piva (minutes secretary), David Nairn, David Telford, Alan Holden, Malcolm Milne, Ian Hunter

NAC: Cllr Tom Marshall, Cllr Ian Murdoch

Police: *none*

6 MoP

Apologies: Jackie Pearson, Mairi Wyatt, Arran Hewlett (FCC); Cllr Todd Ferguson (NAC)

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

Police Report: No Police present, the report was not received

MP to contact Police to ask for Police report for Dec 22 and Jan 23

NA Cllrs' report: The Cllrs will intervene in individual points

Funding:

£750 were paid to Grosvenor Consultancy for a noise report

£150 were paid to Largs Printers for the leaflets re XLCC (in Dec)

DT Can we ask NAC to finance them as bona fide expenses?

IH We can ask

TM It's unlikely that it will be approved, but there's no harm in asking

RH will write to Chief Executive

1. Aquaculture pre-application consultation

Not much information can be found

TM It's a pre-appl for an EIA

There will be a public event on Wed 01/03 between 12 noon and 8 pm at the Village Hall

DN The company making the appl are an existing company increasing their production. It's possible that there will be an increase in effluents in the Clyde. DN will participate in a meeting on 07/02 for clarifications. It will be near the effluent from the nuclear power stations; the filtration systems should be able to deal with this.

RH doubts that the latter point is possible.

IM was told about this pre-appl last July 2022 by a MoP, even though it's only being filed now

DN Can we find out what exactly is expected to come out of the effluent pipe?

2. Fastrig wing sail test facility yard

Screening opinion (22/00981/EIA, filed on 23/01); couldn't find any specific information

TM It seems to be a research facility. There are 17 documents that can be consulted on the Planning website

RH to find more information, specifically how it will be powered

3. Scottish Green Battery Storage at Hunterston Estate

There was a press release

MoP, representative of Hunterston Estate: There will be very little lithium, the batteries will mostly contain iron. They are expecting to break ground between late Mar and early Apr.

The land on which it will be built is a swamp, it is brown field. The battery storage will save the Govt from having to spend money to switch off wind turbines when there is an excess of production

DT Can we have more info re. the technology used?

MoP (Hunterston): it will be the flagship project for the company that also runs similar facilities in Kincardine (Edinburgh) and Windy Hill (Glasgow/Paisley)

4. **XLCC cable factory update**

There has been an appl (22/00133/PPPM) for a variation to conditions 9 and 18, requesting a variation of floor levels, to make them slightly lower; this also relates to flooding (NAC have their own flooding officer).

The representation of conveyor and structure to the jetty shown in Millport bore a disclaimer stating that the finished structure may not resemble the representation

IM reminds that the jetty is not under the remit of NAC as it is under the port authority

DT Any news about the application for a variation of conditions 11 and 12 about removing the bonds?

RH Mr. Mathers of XLCC seems to have said that he thinks it will be withdrawn, but this hasn't happened yet

MoP At the XLCC meeting in Millport, he was told that the issues with the bonds has been solved with PeelPort

RH will ask for clarifications re the bonds

TM will ask Mr Jim Millar for information

5. **Hunterston SSG and HSSG response to NDA draft business plan 2023/2026**

A response has been circulated by RH

A station will be entering end state in 2050 as opposed to interim care and maintenance (scheduled for 2028)

Contents of Vaults 2-5 are in stainless steel boxes inside ILW storage facility. They are currently ungrouted; the intention was to remove them to the Intermediate Level Waste Retrieval and Encapsulation Plant WILREP. ScoGovt and SEPA are reviewing the Scottish Higher Active Waste Policy to examine the categorisation of the waste from Bunkers 2-5 with a view to not grouting and using near surface disposal rather than the storage facility. Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) geologist in the past has told RH that Hunterston geology is unsuitable for near surface disposal. The ILW from Bunker 1 is mainly Fuel Element Debris (FED) and unsuitable for near surface disposal, so this will continue to go into the ILW store until Vault 1 is emptied, then it will eventually be grouted in the WILWREP facility and returned to the ILW store.

Due to concern from a MoP at Jan FCC meeting, RH has requested Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) to attend the next SSG (*date and time below*) to provide an update on the recent Court case re. bullying.

Socioeconomics: Isle of Arran applied for £50,000 for hydroponics for a sustainable forestry project. Socioeconomic support available for the area "within travelling distance". Is Arran within travelling distance? It probably is.

Next SSG on Thursday March 2nd at 1:30 pm at the Waterside Inn; open to the public.

6. **Swing Park and Tennis Courts update**

The demolition of the hazardous shed will be done as soon as a letter of confirmation from Alan Hill on behalf of the tennis club is received. This has been promised several months ago

RH to phone Cll Hill

7. **Dawn Homes and RES3**

DT: it was previously agreed that he (DT) would formally write Cllr IM asking for a copy of RES3 accounts under the criteria of “open book accounting”

IM This was passed on to Head of Legal (NAC Chief Solicitor) for action

DT RES3 required that housing development be completed in full; failure to do so means that the drainage system still includes a temporary SUDS pond; as it is temporary, Scottish Water are not willing to adopt it. Allegedly, NAC have taken charge of funding for maintenance to the (temporary) drainage system. As NAC are cash-strapped (as mentioned by the NACllrs), this position is hard to understand.

AOB

+ Traffic lights at the top of The Causeway

MoP The speed activated traffic lights aren't activating when cars are speeding through; this has been happening for at least a few weeks

MP to contact Amey

IM will also ask for info

+ Community Map Scotland webinar for Community Council members

It will be held on Wed 15/02 at 6pm; participation is free for CC members

+ CMPP

CMPP are writing a document to present to the Minister to bring forward their request to become members of the Board. MSPs are supporting them.

+ Warm bank

One day per week at the church and one at the Village Hall

IM will double-check if anything else has been done or is in the pipeline

+ Fairlie Pharmacy

In the next few weeks, the application will be formally discussed. There were 410 responses, well over 80% from people in the area, mostly positive.

RH will be invited to speak on behalf of FCC at the discussion meeting

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

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 6th of March 2023 at 07:30 pm at the Seemple Centre, 45 Main Rd