

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 05/06/2023, 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), Malcolm Milne, David Telford, Alan Holden, Mairi Wyatt, Ian Hunter

NAC: *none*

Police: *none*

4 MoP

Apologies: Jackie Pearson (FCC); Cllr Tom Marshall, Cllr Todd Ferguson, Cllr Eleanor Collier (NAC)

Approval of May minutes: proposed by MM, seconded by MW

Police Report: No Police present, the report was not received. Sgt Semple was contacted last month, no reply was received

NA Cllrs' report: No Councillors present

1. Hunterston SSG (01/06/2023) and EDF consultation (14/06/2023 at the Village Hall)

EDF will run a second round of consultations re. the next phase. Possible that the height of B Station may be reduced from 65 to 35 metres.

[note from RH follows]

On May 24th, the UK Government Consultation on draft policy on Managing nuclear materials closed. It makes some significant changes to its current policy. It is in two parts and both documents are very lengthy. It proposes adoption in England and Wales of the Scottish Government Higher Activity Waste Policy's line on near surface disposal for certain categories of ILW.

In the case of Hunterston A's Intermediate Level Waste, as it was for valid reasons, not categorised before removal from the five old vaults, it has almost gone into flasks and into the Hunterston A ILW store.

SG and SEPA are currently investigating possible recategorisation of Vault Waste, but highly unlikely that it will decide to remove waste from flasks to do so.

It is positive for us in one way, all the ILW has been removed and safely stored.

It conforms to what is acceptable packaging for a Geological Disposal Facility (Scottish Govt Policy currently does not allow for GDF, but it is sensible to have adequate packaging if this Policy changes in the future).

To save money and resources, the proposed policy wants only Fuel Element Debris (FED) ILW to be stored as it is in HNA store and the same at other sites, and the rest of the ILW to be recategorised as LLW.

The huge volumes of radioactive wastes, as currently categorised, do not have suitable disposal or storage facilities to accommodate them.

Neither can more of these facilities be afforded financially.

So what would previously go to Low Level Waste Facility at Drigg in Cumbria or the Dounreay LLWF from the nuclear sites as LLW, will be separated and recategorised to go to new near surface disposal facilities or landfill.

SG and SEPA as well as UK Gov looking at possibility that some ILW in HNA store (recategorisation would be necessary) would be suitable for near surface disposal, if there was a near surface disposal facility on the Hunterston site.

The proposed draft policy would allow ILW from other developers, industrial, commercial and medical as well as the defence waste to go to near surface disposal facilities.

An English or Welsh national/regional near surface disposal site or store would have to accept defence waste.

I was told by Department of Energy Security and Net Zero Officials that Scotland would only take Rosyth radioactive waste under EASR.

I have asked SG, to advise at next Scottish Sites Stakeholder Group meeting on volumes and activity of such wastes.

So, basically, it looks like we will be revisited by proposal for Hunterston to become Regional Store for all that radioactive waste (boundary waste).

In the past, locally, we were united in opposition, all the North Coast Councillors and North Coast Community Councils, as well as National Farmers` Union , Hunterston Estate landowner and unions to this proposal, which, in our opinion would have opened the floodgates to Hunterston becoming a dump/facility, taking all Scottish (apart from Dounreay`s) civil nuclear, medical, commercial, industrial and defence radioactive waste *[/note ends]*

Scottish Nuclear Sites meeting will take place in July.

Inspector Gilmartin of Civil Nuclear Police was present at meeting; it was stated that CNP will, in the future, support non-Nuclear emergencies, no further details.

2. Coastal path

No news or updates. Construction expected to begin mid Aug, after school holidays. The people residing along the path will be consulted, but haven`t been contacted yet (this was confirmed by a MoP residing on Ferry Row).

3. Recycled Aquaculture System

MW has been in touch with David Nairn about this, nothing to report

4. Tennis court and swing park

MW The hut has been finally taken down; the debris is still there, covered and held together by a tarp.

DT suspects the presence of asbestos in the debris of the hut

MW to contact NAC as a matter of urgency to check this

MW There are still weeds on the tennis court, some work has been personally done by her to help solve the issues. Also took charge of clearing the Countess Steps. Helen from StreetScene visited the swing park with 2 contractors; 2 benches and (possibly) an accessible table will be installed very soon (probably within the month).

5. RES 3

DT The Information Commissioner is still investigating NAC statement that RES 3 Accounts are held by Trust who are represented by MacRoberts Solicitors. MacRoberts have now also been asked by DT for accounts under Freedom of Information. A reply has not been received yet.

6. 22/00712/MSCM Cable Factory

It was approved by NAC PlanComm on 23/05/2023.

Jackie Pearson asked to contact NAC as one of the plans seems to show the presence of 2 jetties, which has never even been under discussion.

MW Is there a way to object to the decision or appeal against it?

DT It appears that PlanComm may have been misled by imprecise reports

[note from RH follows]

RH tried to make the point several times at the Planning Committee meeting that there was a condition in place which stated that there was to be a Noise Monitoring Plan in place

before the cable factory 22/00712/MSCM was approved. This had been ignored by Officers and the Planning Committee also ignored it. It would appear that they are more than happy to ignore conditions set by themselves to protect the public.

[/note ends]

RH will contact Crawford Hume (XLCC facilities manager) for an update on the process
MoP Dr John Riddell, Fairlie resident and Hunterston Parc Liaison Group chair, mentioned a revised noise level condition stating that no property in Fairlie will be exposed to night-time noise above the 23 db threshold. This sounds unlikely to be possible

RH to collect all complaints and issues

7. Hunterston Parc Liaison Group

The next meeting has not been scheduled yet

It has been promised that FCC will be told what vessels will be berthed and when, and if possible for how long

8. Place plans

Communities are entitled to suggest Place Plans, improvement to the local amenities

RH will share information as soon as she receives them

MP What about asking for public toilets?

MW will receive the handbook and read through it

9. Kelburn forestry plans

MW an EIA determination will be done before proceeding with an application

MP volunteers to help with this

AOB

+ Overhanging branches

MoP Like every year in this period, there are branches and brambles overhanging the pavement, forcing walkers to step on the road. Especially on Main Str between Countess Steps and Glen Rd (East side) and approaching South Car Park (West side)

MM AMEY are in charge of enforcing pruning on Main Str, NAC on other areas. But the responsibility of doing it is the residents'/owners'

+ Chestnut tree in front of Village Hall

MoP residing near VillHall has been told that some of the branches of the chestnut tree may be dangerous.

RH to contact VillHall Committee

The tree is protected, but this still allows pruning for public safety

+ Traffic

MoP The speed activated lights are not working

Issue already forwarded to relevant agency last month, no news

The meeting is declared closed at **08:45pm**

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 3rd of July 2023 at 07:30 pm at the Seemple Centre, 45 Main Rd