

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 03/04/2023, h. 07:30pm, Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd, Fairlie

The meeting is declared open at **07:33pm**

Attending:

FCC: Rita Holmes (chair), Marco Piva (minutes secretary), Arran Hewlett, Ian Hunter, Mairi Wyatt, Malcolm Milne, David Nairn, David Telford

NAC: Cllr Ian Murdoch, Cllr Tom Marshall

Police: *none*

2 MoP

Apologies: Alan Holden; Jackie Person; NAC Cllr Todd Ferguson

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

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

NA Cllrs' report: IM: the works on the A78 S of Southannan Roundabout will be completed tonight 03/04.

The Cllrs will intervene on individual points on the agenda..

1. XLCC 22/00712/MSCM and variation of financial bond application

RH has shared an update prior to the meeting:

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22/00712/MSCM is due to be on the Planning Committee Agenda for Wed 26th April. I believe the Cumbrae Solar Farm is on same agenda. Also is 23/00131/PP Variation of the financial bond re cable factory tower. NAC , when I asked, said that the Variation to Bond had no relevance to PA 22/00712/MSCM... This I do not understand and will ask again as unless changed, tower construction cannot start until bond is in place. Also, probably no chance of XLCC seeking further investment until tower started and 22/00712/MSCM approved. I wrote to complain about 1 not being allowed to speak at PlanComm and behaviour of planning committee member towards NA Councillor Murdoch when he was speaking. This was the meeting which approved the Variation to Conditions 9 and 18 re finished floor level and flooding. No response as yet.

We have asked about update on Noise Report re baseline monitoring for Cumbrae and insubstantial NAC EHO Noise Document which appears to ignore everything raised in our Noise Consultant's report.

This Planning Committee displays no interest in challenging anything to do with the XLCC Application and it leads one to believe that ever since tower was approved 5 to 3, there is little interest from most PC members other than to approve despite the obvious health and amenity detriment.

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RH there is a possibility that the discussion will be delayed to a later date, but it's not likely. IM FCC representatives were not allowed to speak as a 10 days' notice needs to be given in order to be allowed to speak. But the agenda stating that the issue would be discussed on that date was shared less than 10 days from the date of the meeting.

RH will be speaking at next PlanComm meeting; an independent noise consultant created a report stating that the XLCC report was not enough; the new XLCC report (uploaded today 03/04) still doesn't address the main concerns.

IH the variation to financial bond is not technically relevant to the building of the structure; this is what they are saying (as it is link to its eventual demolition).

DT The bond is necessary to ensure that, in case of insolvency, money is available to remove

the tower and the cable factory.

IH What is being said is that the bond doesn't change the way in which the structure will be built.

TM Cumbrae CC asked for support from the North Coast Cllrs re their opposition to the solar farm; they have received it.

2. **Hunterston SSG Update**

Next meeting on Thur 1st of June, 01:30pm at The Waterside Inn

RH has shared an update prior to the meeting:

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There was an overnight fire in the new shower block at Hunterston A in February. Shower block total write off. No risk of radioactive leak as outside radioactively contaminated area. Guards alerted the fire service and five tenders arrived, as is usual. Looking at faulty installation or product malfunction.

The Station Director e mailed and phoned the SSG Chair and Vice Chair the following morning to inform us.

We continue to have monthly update meetings with HNA, and Hunterston B (EDF) has now initiated monthly update meetings.

There is a new NDA website for all the decommissioning stations.

We were informed that close liaison between HNA and HNB regarding decommissioning is on hold to enable HNB to concentrate on defueling.

There is a new Nuclear Inspector for HNA. Stuart Fannin continues as site inspector for HNB. After meetings with NDA/NGO Forum and the Chairs and Vice chairs of all the decommissioning civil nuclear stations, as well as those of Sellafield and Dounreay, it is clear from that DESNZ (which was DEFRA, then DECC then BEIS), the Department of energy security and Net Zero, that the latest consultation on radioactive waste management is looking to have near surface disposal of certain types of Intermediate Level Waste. It is to save money. DesNZ is suggesting one site (no location given) for England and Wales with Scotland already having near surface near site disposal as its current policy option already. The new proposal will see permission granted under Town and Country Planning rather than as a National Infrastructure Plan.

Reprocessing has ended at Sellafield and we thought this would see an end to discharges from reprocessing however, it would appear that the Government is not excluding developers of new nuclear power stations applying to build their own reprocessing facilities. This policy consultation needs close scrutiny from local communities, as well as the SSGs, as it could have potential implications for the area. I think we can say goodbye to any notion of the end state being greenfield. As we are, supposedly, next in line for HNA reactor dismantling, after Transfynnd, one might expect to see early signs of a change in the profile of the reactor buildings here.

From information at the NDA/NGO Forum it would appear that Transfynnd will be height reduced by 2/3rds before the reactor core is broken into. This will be in 2035 for actually dealing with the reactor core at Transfynnd. Hopefully, HNA reactor buildings will see at least some height reduction and decommissioning started before 2035!

The Government wish for 24GW electricity production from new nuclear is likely not achievable. The Geological Disposal facility will not be for radwaste from new stations. It is solely for legacy waste and government is looking at limiting the volume of ILW going into it, so near surface looks like its best option. Radioactive decommissioning and waste disposal is extremely costly for legacy waste and probably even more costly for new nuclear radwaste. See [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) website and look for open consultation on "Managing Radioactive Substances and nuclear decommissioning."

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MoP There is a strong argument to support the statement that iodine tablets will no longer be required in any case

DT wishes we would receive a formal confirmation of this

MoP Will the nuclear police be at the meeting?

RH Was told that they will not, but they may have private meetings.

MoP We need updates re. Nuclear Police. Will station managers be able to give any?

RH Unlikely.

MM How near to the surface will be the near surface storage facility?

RH 50/100 metres. In Eng and Wal, they will also be used from now on for mildly radioactive medical and MoD waste; it is not known if Sco will do the same.

3. **Hunterston Parc liaison committee**

Next meeting on Wed 19th of Apr via Zoom

RH has shared an update prior to the meeting:

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This is by zoom on the 19th April. 14:30-16:30. No Agenda from Peelports as yet.

JP and DN to attend for FCC, as RH will be at ONR meeting in London. The NA councillors will be IM and TM, as Robert Barr is no longer a NA Councillor.

Anything you want raised, please let JP or DN know.

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DT There was a national (Sco) meeting for Heads of Planning last Fri 31/03 in NA

DN Was present for part of it. Not too much was said. Carbon reduction policies were mentioned. No Cllrs and no Community reps were present.

IM I was unable to attend; other NACllrs seemed unaware of it.

MoP Any tangible community benefit mentioned?

IM Benches and "football strips" were mentioned

DN There may be some support for the SSSI.

RH Peel mentioned that the companies in their land will decide where the money will go; XLCC said that in their case the workers will decide (likely to a charity).

4. **Aquaculture RAS preconsultation**

The preconsultation period has finished. How shall we answer?

DN suggests to oppose. Salmon aquaculture is not a sustainable industry, despite what Bakka Frost state. It's likely that there will be repercussions on the Clyde by way of pollution. Also, the reservoir Bakka said they will draw their water from seems not to be holding enough water.

RH ScotWat stated it is enough.

DT What could be leaked in the Clyde?

DN Various chemicals. Bakka mentioned a filtering system, but chemicals in water can't be filtered (or can only be in a very limited way).

MW They never mentioned any contribution to community

DN It is not sustainable. The food pellets they'd feed the smolt with would be imported from the W coast of Africa, which creates issues to environment and livelihoods there.

DN and MW to work on wording a response.

DN will also ask for an EIA.

5. **Coastal path**

RH has shared an update prior to the meeting:

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Nothing new to report. Looks like it will commence after the school summer holiday period ends, mid August. They have not decided where to access for works. It will definitely not be

at the Causeway.

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Access to works likely to be via Bay Str or South car park

6. **Swing park/tennis court**

MW met with StreetScene; agreed the positioning of 3 benches and possibly an accessible picnic table. Still waiting for a letter from Tennis Committee for demolition of shed

MP met Cllr Alan Hill (who is also a Committee Member at the Tennis Club), who mentioned that the Committee hasn't been quorate for some time

7. **Res 3**

DT requested accounts under FIA (Freedom of Information Act)

IM had asked for updates; Kelburn Trust could answer, but Trust hasn't met since at least May 2022

8. **Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park**

DN will go to next meeting

Used to be run by Inverclyde, now it's run by Friends of CMRP (volunteers).

AOB

+ Coastal Communities Workshop

DN: 12 to 14 May in Gartmore. Contact DN if interested.

+ Stop sign on Highfield Terrace

DT: still not there. It is dangerous.

IM: Several road signing intervention are planned in the area; looking into it.

+ Insurance

RH: from next year, FCC will need to pay insurance and only then can apply for reimbursement by NAC

IH is aware of that; suggestion to close Trust Account to only maintain a Savings Account, and will do that

+ Abandoned vehicle

MM: suspect abandoned vehicle in South car park; will report to Police (101)

The meeting is declared closed at **09:05pm**

The next FCC meeting is on Monday **8th** of May 2023 at 07:30 pm at the Seemple Centre, 45 Main Rd