

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 04/09/2023, h. 07:30pm, Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd, Fairlie

The meeting is declared open at **07:40pm**

Attending:

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

NAC: Cllr Alan Hill

Police: *none*

5 MoP

Apologies: Mairi Wyatt; Arran Hewlett (FCC); Cllr Todd Ferguson; Cllr Ian Murdoch; Cllr Tom Marshall; Cllr Eleanor Collier (NAC)

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

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

NA Cllrs' report: AHill will intervene on individual points on the agenda

Overgrown bushes (point raised at the Aug meeting): RH met AMEY workers clearing roadside, pointed out the issue. No action has been taken by AMEY yet

1. North Southannan Farm forestry update

AHill visited the site with the site manager. The 1st section that will be felled, along Fairlie Glen, consists in about 120 trees that are overgrown to the point of collapse. The proposal is to carry them by tractor and store them past the railway underpass, by Montgomerie Dr., in small batches to be then taken away by a small lorry. This process should take no more than 2 months. The whole process will take about 1 year, but all further sections are to be carried away along the Dalry road. What will be cut will be replaced by native trees. Please keep in mind that this is a proposal that has not been approved yet.

MoP (resident of Montgomerie Dr, adjacent to the proposed location where the trees would be stored): Will the trees be cut on location or at the roadside? This MoP runs a business from home that requires a low noise environment, and this all is shaping to be a severe disruption to their business in any case; if the trees were to be cut at the roadside, they'd simply lose months of work.

AHill It would make sense to cut them where they are felled in order to allow them to be taken down the farm road, but there is no official statement on this. The Forestry Commission is in charge of approving the proposal.

RH: Friends of the Regional Park may have filed an objection on the number of trees being felled – to be verified

2. Hunterston SSG

Next meeting on Thur 14th of Sept at the Waterside Inn, at 1pm. Open to the public.

RH ONR and SEPA have criticised MAGNOX (Hunt. A) for not having accurately characterised the contents of the near surface disposal site. For this reason, it may not be grouted.

DT Are there any updates on the cladding?

RH At the moment the focus is on roof repairs (nearly completed); no word on cladding. Height reduction has been mentioned instead.

MP At public meeting in the Village Hall, in June this year, when explicitly asked re the cladding, the people responsible for the presentation mentioned that a reduction in height of the building may happen instead, but this is all pending Planning Permission after the

relevant plans have been made.

3. Hunterston Parc Liaison Committee meeting

The meeting is scheduled for Mon 25th of Sept at Hunterston Peel Ports; not open to the public.

The independent chairperson of the Committee, Dr. John Riddell, is present at this meeting as a MoP but specifies that, for reasons of privacy and fairness, he will not be answering to any questions concerning the Committee or the scheduled meeting

XLCC representatives will be present

DN proposes that FCC withdraws from the Liaison Committee as conditions are not being held

DT seconds this proposal

RH is opposed. She however asks Dr. Riddell to propose that HPLC meetings are recorded, as the minutes circulated are not accurate enough. For the reasons stated above, Dr. Riddell declines any comment

DN withdraws his proposal with the intention to bring it up again next month

4. Coastal path

RH It has gone to tender

AHill believes that it will be built by the same company that built the previous section. Works should be starting by the end of the month

AHill Should any decorations be added at either end of the path, once completed?

MoP The Community Trust has funding available. Maybe a board explaining the history of Fife Yachts?

All to be discussed in the future

DT Brian Flanagan of the Village Inn offers brushes for residents to clear the path when it's invaded by seaweed

5. Bakkafrost RAS

RH Bakkaf. intend to build foundations before they get planning permission and before a water supply has been secured

DN They may use desalinated sea water

JP Knockendon Reservoir has been mentioned, but the infrastructures to bring the water to the planned site are incomplete, given the intervening high ground

DN There is a new vision re. aquacultures, and new guidelines for the release of smolt. Potential pollution created by the site is to be reviewed, as there may be cross-contamination with other sites

RH has heard that the compressors used to ensure recirculation of water may cause high levels of noise

DN This project seems to be a case of "salami slicing", a series of partial planning permissions sought instead of a complete one

RH Has this issue been mentioned at all?

AHill Please refer to the Planning Committee. A visit to Bakkafrost's Applecross site (Western Ross, Highlands) has been proposed

DN The Applecross site has a very poor record

DT There has been a recent court case re. salami slicing in England, suggests the NAC to read the relevant documents for information

DN It's FCC duty to examine this issue due to environmental concerns

6. XLCC cable factory

RH No updates, will probably find out more at Hunterston Parc Liaison Committee meeting

on 25/09.

XLCC have a new Community Liaison officer.

7. Synchronous compensator/stability island

It will be built at the South end of the coal yard

8. Battery storage at Hunterston estate/heavy traffic complaints

RH Complaints re. heavy traffic have been received

DT Condition 8 of the planning consent states that NAC should have agreed a traffic management plan; has been unable to find it on NAC official sources.

RH Deliveries are coming both from the North and from the South

DT asked Cllr Tom Marchall and Cllr Ian Murdoch for further information, no answer has been received yet

RH to ask the agent who dealt with it.

9. Clyde Marine Planning Partnership/Clyde Coastal Communities

DN It's important that FCC formally declare non-partisanship and that FCC as a whole do not officially associate with any possible side (environmental agencies, fisheries...), which would be cause for refusal of membership of CMPP and of any related working groups.

DN to draft a letter stating this.

AOB

+ Biglees quarry

MM has seen lorries driving to and from the quarry

AHold They have been carrying material to the quarry. They have planning consent to store and mix material. The consent states that "All transport will happen via the A78", with no further details

RH believes that it will go South; will double-check

+ National Coastal Park

DT It has been mentioned in the press. Any chance that the Clyde area may be considered?

DN Unlikely; thinking to propose a Regional Park.

The meeting is declared closed at **08:44pm**

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 2nd of October 2023 at 0730 pm at the Seemple Centre, 45 Main Rd