

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY 12th June 2023, 7.00pm

PRESENT: John Lamb (JL); N. Armstrong (NA); Kay Hall (KH); H. Thomson (HT Graeme Buckley (GB); Douglas Penman (DP); Richard Campbell-Doughty (RD), : George Cloughley (GC); Cllr E. Collier (EC)); Heather Branley (HB)

Police. No Police Present.

APOLOGIES; Clir Ferguson (TF); PS Mark Semple (MS); Clir Marshal (TM); Clir Hill (AH). Clir Murdoch (IM),

APPROVAL of MINUTES: The March minutes (DP) Approved (KH) Seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer report that the WKCC accounts are up to date and there has been no unexpected expenditure in the last month. The Community Council insurance has been paid £91 and will be reimbursed, also the cost of producing the LPP for which we received a grant of £500 from the Lockhart Trust has been paid.

POLICE SCOTLAND:

The following report on crime for the last month has been supplied by P.Sgt. Semple

The crime statistics from the 8th May to the 12th June were provided – (80) incidents were reported which resulted in (20) crime reports consisting of: (1) Housebreaking; (1) Shoplifting; (1) Vandalism; (1) Breach of bail, (1) RTA. The other (15) crimes details are withheld.

Due to concerns raised regarding the crime report (EC) would contact the Inspector at Largs for an explanation.

Henry will provide details of current scams.

CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS:

Surgery:

This is ongoing. (JL)

The surgery was informed that there would be a face-to-face meeting on the 12th June and they were invited, assuming that there had been improvements as a result of the public meeting in May. If there had been no new developments then we would try again in August.

Significant concern was raised regarding the current situation, it was decided that the outstanding questions need to be resolved by raising a formal complaint

NAC Local Place Plans: (GC/JL) Local Place Plan is now ready for issue to the public for consultation within the next week. The responses will be requested by the 31st August and we will then refine the presentation for issue to NAC. The Timescale of LDP3 is now adoption 2024/5

MAIL CHIMP: Community Council Mailing List. (GC)/(KH)-

This is now in operation, to date we have (93) subscribers registered,

NAC / AMEY Roads:

Various road closures and restrictions which have been circulated to members.

NAC Roads: The Main Street resurfacing is progressing and to date we have had no complaints from residents or traders. (HT) has identified a problem with a sewer inspection cover that has not been seated properly and has brought this up with the contractor before the final surface is applied.

Cllr Collier was attempting to have the pavements maintained along the Main Street.

NAC Licensing: Licence request for a mobile catering facility at the West Kilbride Station has been lodged with NAC Licencing, to which we have responded.

The request to see if a licence could be obtained for another taxi company in WK this would be passed to investigate if there is a reason for only on operator. (EC) will make enquiries, please note, a Licence request has to be initiated by an applicant, **not** the Council.

Hyndman Road Car Park: This is for the Councillors to progress. The area is owned by McTaggart Construction who built Faulds Wynd, and the Planning approval was that a Car Park and Leisure area was to be provided when the development was complete. (TF) will request Legal to look at the agreement. Knotweed at Hyndman Road has been reported to Streetscene. This is on private land, as is the carpark and it will be up to the owners to treat the knotweed and make improvements to the car park surface. Only progress since last month however, McTaggart Construction who built Faulds Wynd Development, has denied responsibility for the car park and it is with NAC to pursue. There was discussion on this problem but was a continuing problem.

Hunterston B;

Hunterston B have arranged a Zoom meeting on Tuesday the 13th June to explain to the Community Councils part 2 of their consultation on the decommissioning of Hunterston B. A public exhibition will be held in the Village Hall on the 21st June 3.00pm to 7.00pm.

Hunterston SSG Meeting (JL):

Hunterston A;

Work on decommissioning is continuing although they have had problems with the roof of reactor 1 after heavy rain. They are planning to have finished emptying Bunker1 by July. The work of reclassifying the waste extracted from bunkers 2-5 is ongoing. There was a fire in a changing room which was dealt with by on site and Scottish Fire and Rescue. They have installed temporary facilities as the damage will require a total rebuild.

Hunterston B:

The defueling of reactor 3 is going to plan and they have exported 47 flasks to Sellafield which is on target. The handling of the fuel from the reactor is improving with experience. Work on the transfer to Magnox is ongoing. There have been no other significant events.

Planning; Pre-Application Notification.

Proposal for a 228-holiday home complex at the disused Oil Storage Site at Montfode has been notified to WKCC prior to them arranging a PAN exhibition – no date as yet. - there has not been an application lodged to NAC for this development. Once the application is lodged, we will respond to Planning.

NCLP:

(JL) Reported that there was little discussion on the presentations given. The main item was the availability of new Revenue and capital expenditure grants available from UK government through the Communities and Place Fund launched in June 2023 to be distributed by Local authorities, full details can be obtained from Shona McAllister (Programme Manager - UK Shared Prosperity Fund | Economic Development, Growth and Regeneration | North Ayrshire Council).

I raised the question regarding funding of transport for pupils to Largs Academy from NAC and was informed that as West Kilbride is not in the Primary School Cluster all pupils going to Largs Academy are by parental request and will not be funded. Also, Largs Academy will not include West Kilbride as it was not built to accommodate future pupils from West Kilbride so there is no guarantee that future pupils from West Kilbride will be accepted even with a parental request. The primary school in West Kilbride will still be designated as part of the Ardrossan Academy cluster NOT Largs.

Friends of Kirktonhall Glen: (KH)

Work is ongoing in the Glen but no new projects at the moment.

Peel Ports / Hunterston Parc: (JL) the planning application for the construction of the XLCC production facility has been approved by the Planning Committee with conditions.

Persimmon Developments: (GC/JL) There has been no change since last month. The section 75 agreement would appear to be still outstanding as the Planning Decision is still listed as pending. Enquiries will be made as to the current status.

Listed building, corner of Main Street and Hunterston Road.

The requested Structural Report from Building Services has not been forthcoming from Cllr Ferguson. Consider a Freedom of Information Request.

Development at Tarbet Hill.

The current planning application is for the removal of the conditions 1-6 on the Planning Approval 19/00351/PPPM which is still listed as pending. However, it would appear that the developer has started the groundworks on the site.

Enquiries will be made as to the status of the Planning Application outstanding.

West Kilbride Community Trust. ---(NA)

The request for applications has been issued and they are to be returned by the end of July. The Trust will meet thereafter to discuss the applications and make its recommendations.

NAC BUSINESS:

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Cllr Collier: Would deal with any outstanding issues and report back after the summer break.

NAC Planning Decisions since 8th May 2023:

Construction of 200 Mega volt amps (MVar), 400 kilovolt (kV) shunt reactor as an extension to the existing substation and ancillary development including construction of new access track and realignment of an existing track, construction of retaining walls and drainage facilities, and installation of security fencing.

Site To West of Campbeltown Farm Hunterston Estate West Kilbride North Ayrshire Ref. No: 23/00148/PP | Received: Wed 01 Mar 2023 | Validated: Mon 20 Mar 2023 | Status: **Approved subject to Conditions**

Erection of 1.5m (5ft) fence and gate onto walkway within front garden area (retrospective) 6 Alton Way West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9JJRef. No: 23/00254/PP | Received: Tue 04 Apr 2023 | Validated: Tue 18 Apr 2023 | Status: Application Refused

Alterations, extension and conversion of existing outbuilding to form ancillary living accommodation and erection of pergola to rear of existing dwelling house 6 Ardrossan Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9LR Ref. No: 23/00200/PP | Received: Fri 17 Mar 2023 | Validated: Tue 18 Apr 2023 | Status: Approved with no Condition

Formation of new vehicular access driveway 37 Bowfield Road West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9LDRef. No: 23/00270/PP | Received: Mon 10 Apr 2023 | Validated: Tue 18 Apr 2023 | Status: Approved No Conditions

Erection of single storey extension to rear of semi-detached dwelling house 10 Glenside Grove West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9ABRef. No: 23/00271/LUP | Received: Tue 11 Apr 2023 | Validated: Wed 12 Apr 2023 | Status: Certificate Issued

NAC Planning applications not yet decided

Erection of 220 dwelling houses and associated infrastructure and landscaping Site To North of Summerlea Road And West Of Snowdon Terrace Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire Ref. No: 21/01174/PPM | Received: Wed 01 Dec 2021 | Validated: Wed 08 Dec 2021 | Status: Approved by NAC Planning Committee with Conditions, subject to section 75 agreement signature.

Approval of matters specified in conditions 1 - 6 of planning permission in principle ref. 19/00351/PPPM for the erection of 35 dwellinghouses and associated infrastructure works Site To South Of 128-130 Meadowfoot Road West Kilbride Ayrshire Ref. No: 22/00703/MSCM | Received: Wed 14 Sep 2022 | Validated: Fri 30 Sep 2022 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear of detached dwelling house 11B Summerlea Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9HP Ref. No: 23/00353/PP | Received: Mon 15 May 2023 | Validated: Tue 16 May 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of fence to rear and side of detached dwelling house (retrospective) 39A Faulds Wynd Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9FARef. No: 23/00412/PP | Received: Mon 05 Jun 2023 | Validated: Tue 06 Jun 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

AOCB:

(KH) Parking is still a problem in the village and will need to be addressed once more, the last detailed examination by NAC Planning and NAC Roads was in 2012.

(GC) In response to a complaint raised, the amount of litter on the beach is not decreasing and the litter bins in the car park at Hyndman Road are overflowing and being raided by Seagulls. A minor request for NAC to instal signage to the public "DO NOT FEED THE SEAGULLS" has been suggested. This will be forwarded to NAC Streetscene to see what can be done. They were also complaining about the state of the disputed car park access at Hyndman Road.

The meeting Closed at 8.55pm.

The next meeting is on the 14th August face-to-face and with luck a Zoom connection.