

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 06/11/2023, 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), David Telford, Alan Holden, Mairi Wyatt, Arran Hewlett, Ian Hunter

NAC: Cllr Ian Murdoch

Police: *none*

3 MoP

Apologies: Malcolm Milne; Jackie Pearson; David Nairn (FCC); Cllr Alan Hill; Cllr Todd Ferguson; Cllr Tom Marshall; Cllr Eleanor Collier (NAC)

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

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

NA Cllrs' report: IM will intervene on points on the agenda

1. Peel Ports pre-application consultation re. works at the Marine Construction Yard

Second pre-appl. consult. to be held on Wed 8th of Nov at Village Hall, 3pm to 7pm

PP will be applying for a Marine Scotland licence for dredging, infilling of basin and works on quay

Appl. for scoping opinion # 23/00787/MP

DT What do they plan to dredge, exactly?

RH To be clarified.

Plan to upgrade existing construction yard into a harbour facility with a large working platform.

DT dredging will be dangerous to SSSI: even if the dredging operation will not touch the SSSI, the impact of the dredging will definitely be felt there.

DT Is it possible that FCC will be a party to the EIA?

RH will contact David Nairn for assistance on the matter.

DT Allegedly, 1mill£ have been invested on this project by Scottish Enterprise

2. Recycled aquaculture system

No updates; the application should be filed soon. No info on whether a suitable source of fresh water has been identified. Knockendon reservoir was mentioned, but Jackie Pearson mentioned [*as per Sept 2023 minutes*] that the infrastructures to bring the water to the planned site are incomplete and that the capacity of the reservoir may be insufficient

3. Stability island/synchronous compensator

Application No. 23/00744/PP

4. XLCC

AlHold The presentation at the public meeting was well run; it was followed by a Q&A where a majority of questions were answered

DT had the impression that XLCC were trying to move away from the previously planned complete reliance on the Moroccan source

5. Hunterston SSG

Next meeting on Thu 7th Dec at 01:30 pm at Waterside Inn; open to the public
Paul Dale of SEPA will be attending to discuss ILW bunker waste
Apparently, they seem to want to recharacterise the waste already stored in steel containers

6. Coastal Path

No specific news.

Contrarily to what had been mentioned in the past, the planned access route seems to be The Causeway, which might be closed to vehicular traffic for up to 4 months. No notice has been given to the residents.

It seems that the delay in starting the works may be due to the fact that one landowner, allegedly Lord Glasgow, hasn't signed the agreement due to bureaucratic reasons
IM waiting for a start date

7. Hunterston Parc Liaison Group/NPF4 "Clyde Mission"

"Clyde Mission" was mentioned at a CND event in Glasgow last week

ArHewl Cruise ships possibly berthing locally seem to have been mentioned by participants to the meeting. Any further detail?

RH It was mentioned in passing by Mr. McSporran

ArHewl This may be linked to the planned works on harbour quay

MW Pollution caused by cruise ships needs to be considered

8. Remembrance Day wreath

It is in the possession of IM, who will provide it to IH for laying on Remembrance Day.

9. Lighting of Christmas tree and Young Citizen of the Year

The Church and the school to identify the recipient, as no names were put forward by FCC
IH will provide the agreed 50£ cheque.

10. Locality Partnership Meeting

Next meeting on Tue 5th of Dec at 6pm at Clark Memorial Church (Main Hall) in Largs

11. "Democracy Matters"

Meeting on Thur 16th Nov at Barony Centre, West Kilbride, 7pm to 9pm

AOB

+ RES3

DT advised that the Scottish Information Commissioner had recently ruled that NAC could not transfer their responsibilities under FOI to the RES3 Trust. Katy Clark MSP (who had a recent involvement with the Scottish Audit Committee) has recently agreed to request of NAC that they provide her with a copy of the RES3 Accounts. She has agreed to pass a copy of these accounts to FCC on receipt.

IM No meeting of the Trust has been held in years. He is the NAC representative on the Trust, and has never been contacted. IT's not NAC responsibility to call meetings.

DT It is however up to NAC to ensure that open book accounting is done regularly and appropriately

RH We need to know where the money has been invested

IM Extensive repairs have been made to Kelburn Castle

+ SUDS pond

MW noted that the safety fence around the "temporary" SUDS pond was in need of repair, and volunteered to personally take care of the issue.

DT stated that NAC had previously advised that they had taken over responsibility for the maintenance of the Dawn Homes RES3 temporary drainage including the temporary SUDS pond.

IM thought that this was not the case but would investigate and advise.

DT stated that it was critical that responsibility for this maintenance was clearly known as this temporary pond could be extremely dangerous to young children if safety fences etc aren't properly maintained.

+ "Ho Chi Minh Trail"

MoP Whose responsibility is its maintenance? Also, the lighting on it is very low.

DT The homeowners'; this has been told to us for a long time

MW The Trail has been recently cleaned

IM confirms that he was told that, it being private property, it has to be maintained by the local residents.

+ Access to Diamond Hill

MoP Has it been closed?

DT We have been promised that the access would be maintained during the tree felling; will ask for information

RH Will check with the agent.

+ Overgrown vegetation

MoP Who is responsible for the maintenance of the lanes going downhill from Main Rd? Is it the homeowners'?

IM Since the lowering of the curbs during the last round of roadwork, rainwater washes down the lanes. The AMEY Maintenance Mgr left their position, a new one should be appointed soon. Also, AMEY have 9 workers in total on their books for the North Coast, 5 of them having to cover Skelmorlie, Largs and Fairlie.

+ School Brae pavement

MoP They are so narrow that it's impossible to walk them safely, especially downhill. This is part due to the shrubbery and part to the walls being pushed in by the weight of the earth sliding down the hill.

IM Waiting for this to be looked at, but the NAC Head of Roads recently retired

+ Millport flood defence

MoP: the rocks used for it are imported from Norway as, apparently, Scottish quarries are unable to produce rocks of the right quality

The noise from the offloading of such rocks is audible but bearable.

+ Island in Southannan wildlife sanctuary

MoP: RSPB volunteers have been reinforcing the islands (in crews respecting all H&S regulations as requested by Peel). Funding is needed

RH Contact Magnox. Note that Magnox was renamed Nuclear Restoration Services (although their logo won't change)

IM Maybe Peel Ports; contact Mr. McSparran

The meeting is declared closed at **08:46pm**

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 4th of December 2023 at 0730 pm at the Seiple Centre, 45 Main Rd