



## DRAFT MINUTE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7.00pm

### Face to Face and ZOOM

**PRESENT:** John Lamb **(JL)**; H. Thomson **(HT)**; George Cloughley **(GC)** Douglas Penman **(DP)**; Cllr Ferguson **(TF)**, Richard Campbell-Doughty **(RD)**, Cllr Marshal **(TM)** on Zoom - (Had to leave as he could not get audio), Kay Hall **(KH)** – on Zoom – As with (TM) no audio;

**NAC REP:** Heather McVie Branley **(HB)**

**POLICE** Sgt D. Fisher **(DF)**

**PRESS:** Not Present

**VISITOR:** Graham Roos.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Hill **(AH)**, Cllr Murdoch **(IM)**, Graeme Buckley **(GB)**, N. Armstrong **(NA)**, Cllr Collier **(EC)**.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** The February minutes **(RD)** Approved **(DP)** Seconded.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** **(DP)** Treasurer reported the WKCC accounts are up to date and there has been no unexpected expenditure in the last month. Community Council insurance paid £103 but is refunded in full by NAC.

### **POLICE SCOTLAND:**

The figures supplied by Sgt Fisher are as follows: there have been (9) reported offences in the period to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**(3)** fail to comply with Bail Conditions, **(3)** Threats / Abusive behaviour / Breach of the Peace, **(1)** Theft of agricultural trailer. **(1)** Reset of motor vehicle, **(1)** vandalism.

**(JL)** asked about reports in press regarding police attendance, Sgt Fisher replied that each call to the police would be categorised on its merits as to level of response required as has always happened.

### **CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS:**

**Surgery:** **(JL)** spoke with Practice Manager re complaint and was assured that all reports were forwarded to W/K system. The delay appears to be at the Hospital/ Consultant. This was disputed by members.

Cllr Collier had reported the number of complaints she had received and had raised various issues with the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care who subsequently passed my concerns and examples of how bad the service is to Caroline Cameron the Director of the HSCP. the response from AMG is as follows: The Primary Care team have discussed the concerns with Ayrshire Medical Group and they are disappointed to hear of the concerns raised, however, acknowledge the challenges that patients are experiencing.

Ayrshire Medical Group have advised that over recent weeks, there have been multiple staff absences as a result of sickness, which may have affected the patients being able to get through to the practice on the telephone. Despite investing a significant amount of funding into implementing a new telephony system, reduced staffing levels have hindered its effectiveness.

The practice wishes to clarify that it is not their standard practice to divert appointments to the Stevenston site, however, unfortunately there have been times recently where they have struggled to secure Practice Nurse provision at West Kilbride. In such cases, they have offered alternative options to patients, such as offering appointments at their Stevenson site, to ensure continuity of care for their patients. I am pleased to advise that the practice have successfully recruited an additional Practice Nurse who will be joining their team soon.

The practice is keen to address the concerns raised directly with yourself and would like to extend the invite to elected members to go along and visit the practice to see how it runs and engage with the practice team.

**NAC Local Place Plans: (GC/JL)**

We now await the next stage from NAC.

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

This is now in operation, to date we have (130) subscribers registered.

**SCOT GOV. Near Surface disposal of HAW waste**

**(JL)** this was well attended but did not come to any decisions as this is an ongoing project and it was an update as to progress so far.

**NCLP: (JL)** attended the main action discussed that was of interest to WKCC was the request from Persimmon for (7) Seven street names for the development at Summerlea Road. The suggestions agreed by WKCC are as follows. **Wentworth Ave; Yonderfield View; Holland House view; Links Way; Portencross Place; Percy Road; Kellock Place.**

**SSG:**

**(JL) Hunterston A:** The main item is that Bunker 1 is now down to the last box and they will then move onto removing all loose debris working back to Bunker 5 To date they have removed 1208 boxes of waste to the ILW store. They are still having problems with the encapsulating robots in so far as they are looking at a manual system.

**Hunterston B:** The agreement between EDF and NDA / NRS is ongoing. The work on defueling Reactor 4 has been temporarily delayed by stuck fuel channel however a manual

system was developed and freed the stuck tie bar end fitting in two fuel channels, this delayed the defueling process however it is now getting back on track with the agreed programme.

**NAC / AMEY Roads:**

till later in 2024. Various road closures and restrictions which have been circulated to members. Work on a new culvert on the A78 at the Waterside is causing some inconvenience The timescale is indeterminate as it is weather related. It was due to be completed by end February but now looks to be nearer end of March. AMEY Roads has now delayed the implementation of crossing points on the A78 in Seamill

**NAC Roads:**

**(GC)** Ardrossan High Road closed 20-24/3/24. All other road works have been circulated.

**(HT)** "The road gully at the top of the adopted section of Law Brae has yet to be cleared.

Currently the resulting surface water discharge presents a hazard to road users. One car has already been written off due to ice forming on this steep slope."

**Hyndman Road Car Park:** McTaggart Construction agree that they own the site but deny that they have to maintain it. With NAC legal for a decision on what happens now. This is ongoing.

**The Glen (KH) (GC)**

During the last month there has only been minor work done due to holidays and adverse weather. NAC will be cutting the hedges and should be complete by end February (Hedges still not cut). **(TF)** will investigate why.

The Kick-about area in the glen will be in use in the next two weeks but there is no agreement yet as to who will provide maintenance. **(HT)** commented that the old Pitch-and Putt area was now a swamp made worse by the removal of mature trees. a large area of swamp is being formed at the southern end of the Glen south of the main path and adjacent to the YWAM boundary. There is a smell of foul water. Scottish Water should be asked to investigate in case there has been a break or misconnection of drains/sewers in this area."

**Persimmon Developments: (JL)** A submission to NCLP from Persimmon requesting 7 street names for the Development has been received. The proposals are as follows **Wentworth Ave: Yonderfield View: Holland House View: Links Way: Portencross Way: Wildcat Place: Kellock Place.**

**(GC)** Persimmon have added 25 drawings relating to Transport Scotland requirements. These are on the NAC website but it is noted that do not comply as completion of some of the terms of the Planning approval as they have not been approved by transport Scotland and are therefore only on the website for information.

**Listed building at corner of Main Street and Hunterston Road.**

To date no further information has been made available. Scaffolding and traffic control are in place has now been erected presumably in order that the roof can be repaired. Cllr Collier has requested that fallout protection is put in place to protect the general public.

### **Crosbie Wind Farm;**

Crosbie windfarm company requested a meeting with the Community Council prior to a second public exhibition. They were given tonight, as a possibility, but now say they cannot attend. They proposed the 8<sup>th</sup> April along with Fairlie CC on the same night.

Unless they come to us first and we start the meeting at 6.30pm it is not practicable.

**(JL)** will contact Galileo.

### **Development at Tarbert Hill.**

There have been no further actions from the CC in the last month .

**Office of Nuclear Regulation** Consultation on Hunterston B: this is a significant document and will be addressed by GB / JL as to our response. This is due by the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### **MUGA pitch Update: (KH) (GC)**

Work on the Blaise pitch scenario is ongoing. (GC) has been investigating the feasibility and costs which need to be budgeted to provide the facility of a grass pitch which has now been agreed with the groups concerned.

### **NAC BUSINESS:**

#### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

##### **Cllr Ferguson:**

Amey Roads were looking at a solution to the lack of pavement in front at the garage in Seamill.

He had requested new signage at the foot of Yerton Brae advising pedestrians to use another route to the village.

There was no way that NAC could put a weight limit on Yerton Brae let alone police it.

There is also no way that it can be made one way.

He would pursue both the continued Drainage problems on Law Brae, and the Hedge cutting in the glen.

**There were no other Councillors present.**

### **NAC Planning Decisions since 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023:**

**Erection of 3 externally illuminated trough lighting to front of public house** The Twa Dugs 71 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AWRef. No: 23/00934/ADC | Received: Fri 22 Dec 2023 | Validated: Fri 12 Jan 2024 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

**Alterations to frontage of public house** The Twa Dugs 71 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AWRef. No: 23/00933/PP | Received: Fri 22 Dec 2023 | Validated: Fri 12 Jan 2024 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

**Formation of dormer window to the rear of semi-detached dwelling house 9**, Merlewood Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9HRRef. No: 23/00921/PP | Received: Tue 19 Dec 2023 | Validated: Wed 03 Jan 2024 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

**Alterations to shopfront** 99A Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9APRef. No: 23/00935/PP | Received: Fri 22 Dec 2023 | Validated: Mon 29 Jan 2024 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

**Erection of 1 non illuminated fascia sign to front of shop**  
99A Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9APRef. No: 23/00937/ADC | Received: Fri 22 Dec 2023 | Validated: Mon 29 Jan 2024 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

**Erection of two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear of detached dwelling house and extension to porch**\_11B Summerlea Road Seamill West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9HP Ref. No: 24/00057/PP | Received: Tue 23 Jan 2024 | Validated: Tue 23 Jan 2024 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

**Request for EIA Scoping Opinion on development comprising of a new processed waste package interim store and clean waste package storage facility which are required to facilitate the operation of the Decommissioning Waste Processing Facility (DWPF)** Hunterston B Power Station West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9QXRef. No: 24/00036/EIA | Received: Mon 15 Jan 2024 | Validated: Tue 16 Jan 2024 | Status: **Scoping Agreed**

**EIA screening opinion for erection of 228 holiday homes with village hub including access, landscaping, open space and associated works** Montfode Oil Storage Depot Ardrossan North Ayrshire Ref. No: 24/00141/EIA | Received: Tue 20 Feb 2024 | Validated: Wed 21 Feb 2024 | Status: Withdrawn

## **NAC Planning applications not yet decided**

**Repositioning of existing 1.8m high fence to increase rear garden area (retrospective)** 6 Sharlee Wynd West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9FDRRef. No: 23/00912/PP | Received: Mon 11 Dec 2023 | Validated: Wed 17 Jan 2024 | Status; **Pending Consideration**

**AOCB:** (HB) informed the Community Council that she was moving to cover the Garnock Valley and a new NAC representative would be appointed for North Coast. (JL) Our thanks to Helen for her work with the Community Council and we wish her well in her new position. Also noting the passing of Wendy McNab who carried out background research especially on the Persimmon Development.

**The meeting Closed at 9.00 pm.**

**The next meeting is on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

