

**Fairlie Community Council – Monday 07/04/2024, h. 07:00pm, Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd, Fairlie**

The meeting is declared open at **07:00pm**

*Attending:*

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

NAC: Cllr Ian Murdoch, Cllr Tom Marshall

On behalf of Galileo (re. Crosbie windfarm): Laura Petrie, Peter Duncan (former MP and former Shadow Secretary for Scotland)

Police: *none*

6 MoP

*Apologies:* Jackie Pearson, David Telford (FCC); Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Todd Ferguson, Cllr Eleanor Collier (NAC)

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

Police Report: The Police are not present, no report was forwarded.

NA Cllrs' report: The two Cllrs present will intervene on agenda points.

**1. Hunterston SSG**

Last week there was a cross-party discussion in ScotParliament re. decommissioning. NDA socio-economic strategy was circulated.

Next week (week beginning 15/04) there will be a meeting re. B station handover to NDA, which will happen in 2025 (no precise date/timeframe communicated yet)

Ongoing discussions re. colour of cladding and height reduction (which may be possible for both stations)

Discharge of low level waste presently not allowed during low tide, application for permission to discharge at any time made

Next meeting: Thu 13<sup>th</sup> of June, 1:30pm, Waterside Inn, Seamill; open to the public.

**2. Hunterson Parc**

RH spoke to head of planning. XLCC seems to be waiting for investment money. No updates. Next HP Liaison Committee meeting to be held on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> of April (not open to the public). It will be preceded by a short site visit

**3. XLCC / Recycled Aquaculture System/ Fastrig Sail Project**

*XLCC:* As mentioned under point 2, they seem to be waiting for investment money to be deposited.

*Recycled Aquaculture System:* they have the permission to start works but none has been done yet. They have 1 year to do so.

*Fastrig Sail Project:* consent to expire in Feb 2025, no updates re. work being commenced

**4. Hunterston Battery Storage**

Work should have started. Allegedly, laying down of concrete foundation has indeed begun, but not verified

**5. Coastal path**

MoP (Ferry Row resident): works are now at The Causeway.

RH: there seem to have been issues finding bedrock on which to lay the foundations of the

path

MoP: a concrete base will likely be laid

MoP (Ferry Row resident – same as above) was told that, after The Causeway, the path may not run against the wall but a little further on.

## 6. Dawn Homes SUDS Pond

David Telford (not present today) asked if the supposed 3<sup>rd</sup> phase has been sold by Springfield Homes, as rumour has. No confirmation received.

The fencing of the lower SUDS pond has been replaced

### AOB

+ wall atop The Causeway

MP contacted AMEY for information. AMEY claimed that it belongs to the adjacent property, but MP (owner of said property) confirmed that it doesn't

-> **ACTION**: IM to chase and get further information

+ "speed activated" traffic light

MP: it has not been speed activated in years, as discussed at March FCC. MP forwarded a note for AMEY to Cllr Alan Hill (not present today); no answer yet

+ bins

MoP: why are some bins covered in plastic bags?

IM: because there is an issue with those specific bins

+ South car park

MoP: A big caravan has been there for 3 nights

-> **ACTION** TM to report to NAC

MoP heard that there are talks of installing a recharging point at S. car park

IM not aware of this

IM: There has been the suggestion to install clean water/waste water/electricity facilities at the car park at the Largs Marina as a pilot project, still under discussion

## Crosbie Wind Farm

Laura Petrie the Project Manager for proposed Crosbie Wind Farm development gave a short presentation; proposal is 13 turbines 200m high, producing 6 to 7 Mw. Likely produced by VESTAS, biggest producer of wind turbines worldwide, + 50 Mw battery storage.

There is the possibility of having 7.2 Mw turbines installed to be then scaled down to below 7 Mw, although it's more likely that they will be 6.2 Mw turbines

There is a guideline stating that 6.2 Mw turbines should be no less than 2km from inhabited areas

MW: what can guarantee us that they will not be gradually brought back up to 7.2 Mw?

LP apologised for there being no noise consultant present, but stated that the noise consultant, Mr.

Balal Ahmed, would be at the public event in Fairlie Village Hall on

Wednesday 24th April (10am - 2pm).

Phase 2 surveys are being prepared presently, incl. noise surveys. Peat probing will also be performed.

If NAC objects, the proposal will be automatically go to a public enquiry.

Section 36 appl planned for Q4 2024.

Likely route for delivery of material to proposed building site, B780 to B781

IM referred to the numerous complaints made to him by residents in Largs, Fairlie and Millport about the Hunterston wind turbines when they were in place.

MoP: how long will the WT's be in place, and what about decommissioning?

LP: 40 to 50 years; a bond should have to be put in place to make sure decommissioning can be paid for in the future. In any case, concrete foundations would remain, interred.

MoP: how long before the development achieves carbon negative status?

No specific answer was given

RH: it is wrong to say that LDP2 and the North Ayrshire Landscape Wind Capacity Study had been "superseded by NPF4", as stated by Crosbie. NPF4 has primacy, but that does not negate or render LDP2 or the NAC WLC Study irrelevant. What was factual in 2018 when the Study was published, is still true today.

RH: no economic or political objective must prevail over the wellbeing and health of the community.

MW: how can noise predictions be made re potential noise levels as there are no 200m turbines to check it on?

LP: there are 200m turbines in UK, but can't remember the name of the windfarm.

-> **ACTION** LP to send name and location of this 200m wind turbine farm to FCC.

AlHold: will the noise surveys include background infrasound measurements?

LP: not known

MoP asked about amount of Community Benefit being offered.

LP: 10% ownership for the communities, which would mean up to £5,000 per MW/hr

MoP asking what total amounted to from the 13 wind turbines and how it would be divided up.

LP: approx £390,000 per year from a projection

TM: 60% of what is offered would go to NAC and 40% would go to the North Coast Locality partnership for distribution.

LP states that she had not heard of this before.

LP states that the Community Benefit part of her job was her favourite part.

TM says he considers Community Benefit offers akin to a bribe. He feels it shouldn't be done and that no other planning proposals were allowed to do it.

RH: it is not true to say that offering CB is "legally required part of planning", even though a MoP has been told this by a Crosbie representative.

LP: Galileo wants to be a "good neighbour"

RH: good neighbours do not seek to impose 200m high monstrosities on their neighbours and neither do they request scoping out of ILFN from an EIA, when it has been acknowledged that ILFN exposure is potentially damaging to health.

RH quotes part of Finland's Association of Environmental Health's Study 2016 -2019 which states that ILFN impacts people's homes at 30-60km distance. It determined that "Wind turbine ILFN is unsafe for residents living within 15km". It is therefore irresponsible to site 200m wind turbines less than 1,5km from a primary school.

LP: re-siting might take place; new layout to be shown at public event on Wed 24th April.

Dates for the next Crosbie public consultations:

+ Tue Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dalry Community Centre, 7pm to 9pm

+ Wed Apr 24<sup>th</sup>, Fairlie Village Hall, 10am to 2pm

+ Wed Apr 24<sup>th</sup>, Ardrossan Whitlees Community Centre, 4pm to 6:30pm

+ Thu Apr 25<sup>th</sup>, DA Hall Millport, 5pm to 7pm

+ Tue Apr 30<sup>th</sup>, Brodick Public Hall, 10am to 2pm

+ Wed May 1<sup>st</sup>, West Kilbride Village Hall, 12 noon to 4pm

## **ACTIONS**

IM to chase AMEY (or NAC) re. wall atop The Causeway

TM to highlight caravan stationing at South car park

LP (Laura Petrie from Crosbie) to communicate to FCC the name of the windfarm in the UK that has 200m high turbines

The meeting is declared closed at **08:58pm**

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 at 0730 pm at the Seemple Centre, 45 Main Rd