

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY 13th May 2024 @ 7.00pm

Face to Face

PRESENT: John Lamb (JL); Henry Thomson (HT); Douglas Penman (DP); Kay Hall (KH), Graeme Buckley (GB), George Cloughley (GC), Nicol Armstrong (NA). Richard Campbell-Doughty (RD), NAC REP: POLICE: PRESS: VISITORS:

APOLOGIES: Cllr Hill (AH), Cllr Murdoch (IM) Cllr Marshal (TM) Cllr Ferguson (TF). Cllr Collier (EC)

APPROVAL of MINUTES: The March minutes were approved by **and** seconded by

TREASURER'S REPORT: (DP) Treasurer reported the WKCC accounts are up to date

POLICE SCOTLAND:

Report of Crime Statistics sent by e-mail from Sgt. Fisher, is as follows:

There were 8 notifiable crimes reported.

2 Assault, 2 Vandalisms, 1 Fraud, 1 Extortion attempt, 1 Offensive telecom, 1 Vehicle failing to stop for Police.

CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS:

Surgery: (EC)(GC)

The Chairman introduced the representatives of AMG and gave them the floor. Mr Gilani opened the discussion and passed to Dr Brodie to give some details. WKCC had prepared a list of questions raised by the general public and the CC members. AMG agreed that they would answer the queries and let us know. It seemed there was some surprise that WKCC were offering to help and support them and were careful not to antagonise the situation. Mr Gilani informed that they will very shortly be launching Patient Panels and, we stated our support for this initiative and will help by notifying the residents of West Kilbride in order that this may be a success.

AMG were having staffing problems with recruiting both GPs and Admin staff but they were confident this would be sorted soon.

Dr I. Jamieson--Clinical Director North Ayrshire HSCP:

Dr Jamieson had been requested to attend alongside AMG. He gave a breakdown of his position on AMG and stated that he was available to answer problems if they crop up. He shared insight into the situation and is aware of the challenges being faced. His presence was appreciated and his comments were noted.

NAC Local Place Plans: (GC/JL)

We now await the next stage from NAC.

MAIL CHIMP: Community Council Mailing List. (GC)

To date we have 158 subscribers registered.

NAC / AMEY Roads:

Various road closures and restrictions which have been circulated to members. Work on a new culvert on the A78 at the Waterside is now complete as forecast on the 3rd May. AMEY Roads has now delayed the implementation of crossing points on the A78 in Seamill

NAC Roads:

All road works notified have been circulated.

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)

A meeting has been arranged with NAC to discuss progress and concerns re the Kickabout area. A report will be shared at the next meeting

Persimmon Developments: (JL) No further information on progress with Transport Scotland (**GB**) asked if we knew who would be responsible for the landscape maintenance in the future, (**JL**) stated that under normal new developments the builder will arrange that the new residents maintain the boundaries, once the boundaries had been planted and established to the satisfaction of NAC, but from experience this would have to be included in the sales documentation.

(GB) raised the fact that he had contacted Transport Scotland regarding the realignment of the Summerlea Road junction with the A78 and the reduction of the sight lines. He has as yet not had a response.

*Summerlea Road, Persimmon Site Access and Egress Update

JL Chair had contacted planning today 14.5.24 and according to them there was a through road to all of the site in the detail that was approved by the Planning Committee. The response from Planning was sent to (GC) today.

Listed building at corner of Main Street and Hunterston Road.

No further information, all work has stopped and a notice stating that this is because of NAC. (EC) had been in discussion with both building control and the owner. The owner did not realise that as it was a Category2 listed building and scheduled by Historic Scotland and in a Conservation Area the building required Planning permission for any work on the outside of the building. He was recommended to apply for retrospective Planning Approval which would not be necessarily withheld.

Crosbie Wind Farm;

Crosbie windfarm company attended the meeting with the Community Council prior to a second public exhibition. Various questions were asked but less Then, adequate answers were forthcoming. Laura Petrie (Galileo) The second public exhibition in West Kilbride was on the 1rd May in the Village Hall where there was more information and also a reduction in the number of turbines and the positioning of the remainder further back from the top of the Crosbie Hills. Thus restricting the exposure to intrusion in the landscape when viewed from the west.

Hunterston Parc liaison meeting:

(JL & GB) attended the meeting where Peel Parc outlined their progress in filling in the Rig yard Site and the construction of a new quay on the western edge of the site. Submitted to Planning this week. There was a representative of XLCC in attendance and he stated that work was yet again delayed and would not start till 2025. Other projects where there was already planning approval had not started but no explanation as to why. There was also a guided tour of the Jetty and the Rig Site. The Wind Sail Test Facility has gone ahead and on the same day as the Liaison Committee the First Minister inaugurated the test sail. This project utilised one of the existing Wind Turbine construction base.

Battery Storage at High Boydston -

The Developer held an Exhibition in W/K -- 08/05/24 this appeared to be well Attended. They are intending building both battery Storage and a Sub Station to link with the National Grid, taking power from the grid when there is over capacity and supplying the grid when needed.

Development at Tarbert Hill.

There have been no further actions from the CC in the last month. **(EC)** informed the CC that ScotRail had refused permission to lay a discharge pipe under the railway bridge. A notice from Roads Department closing Meadowfoot Road to Broomlands Farm for a month was issued last week and circulated, no details as to what works would be taking place. WKCC would also request that NAC enforce the parking of works vehicles on the Old High Road and that works related vehicles park on the site.

NAC BUSINESS:

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Cllr Collier;

(EC) had contributed to the discussions and would progress the members concerns. (NA) in conjunction with (GR) requested that (EC) contact NAC to address the overgrown hedges on Yerton Brae as they are significantly reducing the road width. He also lodged a complaint for (EC) to progress getting Chapelton Road resurfaced as it ws breaking up significantly. This is because of not only the weather but drainage from the fields to the east of the road which would require to be fixed. An opportunity with the closure of Meadowfoot Road to Broomlands farm for a month could help in solving this problem.

There were no other Councillors present.

NAC Planning Decisions since 8th APRIL 2024:

Erection of raised deck to front of detached dwelling house

42 Caldwell Road West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9LF Ref. No: 24/00127/PP | Received: Fri 16 Feb 2024 | Validated: Fri 16 Feb 2024 | Status: Approved with no Conditions

Request for EIA screening opinion for proposed excess 50-megawatt (MW) Solar Array and Battery Energy Storage Facility (BESS)

Site To North West Of High Boydstone Farm Ardrossan North Ayrshire Ref. No: 24/00256/EIA | Received: Mon 25 Mar 2024 | Validated: Tue 26 Mar 2024 | Status: Scoping Agreed

Formation of private 10 space car park with automatic barrier access and EV charging bays

120 - 124 Main Street West Kilbride North Ayrshire Ref. No: 24/00265/PP | Received: Wed 27 Mar 2024 | Validated: Thu 28 Mar 2024 | Status: Approved subject to Conditions

Installation of electrical equipment including busbars, post insulators and capacitor voltage transformers (CVT) within 132kV electrical compound

Site To South East Of Hunterston B Power Station West Kilbride North Ayrshire Ref. No: 24/00268/PP | Received: Wed 27 Mar 2024 | Validated: Wed 10 Apr 2024 | Status: **Approved subject to Conditions**

Installation of electrical equipment including busbars, post insulators, surge arresters and earth switches within 400kV electrical compound

Site To South East Of Hunterston B Power Station West Kilbride North Ayrshire Ref. No: 24/00267/PP | Received: Wed 27 Mar 2024 | Validated: Wed 10 Apr 2024 | Status: Approved subject to Condition

<u>Removal of one Beech Tree within an area covered by Law Brae Tree Preservation</u> <u>Order</u>

Lisheen Law Brae West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9DDRef. No: 24/00249/TPO | Received: Fri 22 Mar 2024 | Validated: Fri 22 Mar 2024 | Status: Approved subject to Conditions

Change of use and conversion of redundant agricultural shed to form a single dwellinghouse

Blackshaw Farm West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9PGRef. No: 24/00224/PP | Received: Wed 13 Mar 2024 | Validated: Wed 13 Mar 2024 | Status: Approved subject to Conditions Request for Scoping Opinion for proposed section 36 application for excess 50megawatt (MW) Solar Array and Battery Energy Storage Facility (BESS) (request for comments as consultee).

Glentane Hill, West Kilbride North Ayrshire Ref. No: 24/00329/EIA | Received: Mon 15 Apr 2024 | Validated: Tue 16 Apr 2024 | Status: Scoping/Screening Agreed

Carry out tree works to Hawthorn and Elder trees with some edge mix species, works comprise of thinning out by approx. 20-30% and clear trees/branches from fences to create at least a 1m clearance within an area covered by West Kilbride No1 Tree Preservation Order,

10 Ardrossan High Road West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9NYRef. No: 24/00238/TPO | Received: Fri 15 Mar 2024 | Validated: Thu 21 Mar 2024 | Status: Approved with no Conditions

Erection of extension to form spa accommodation and associated alterations. Waterside Inn Ardrossan Road Seamill West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9NG Ref. No: 24/00282/PP | Received: Mon 01 Apr 2024 | Validated: Thu 04 Apr 2024 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

<u>Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as a Class 1A Shop or financial,</u> <u>professional or other service</u>

Keystore 97 Main Street West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9APRef. No: 24/00372/LUE | Received: Fri 26 Apr 2024 | Validated: Tue 07 May 2024 | Status: Certificate Issued

NAC Planning applications not yet decided

<u>Erection of extension to function suite</u> Seamill Hydro Hotel 39 Ardrossan Road Seamill West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9NDRef. No: 24/00368/PP | Received: Wed 24 Apr 2024 | Validated: Fri 26 Apr 2024 | Status

Erection of 1.5 storey dwelling house with detached double garage_21 Drummilling Road West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9BDRef. No: 24/00319/PP | Received: Mon 08 Apr 2024 | Validated: Mon 08 Apr 2024 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

<u>Erection of two detached dwelling houses</u> Site to South of Highthorne Cottage West Kilbride North Ayrshire Ref. No: 24/00288/PP | Received: Mon 01 Apr 2024 | Validated: Wed 03 Apr 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of detached garden office to rear of detached dwelling house 10 Hillside West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9NZ Ref. No: 24/00277/PP | Received: Fri 29 Mar 2024 | Validated: Fri 26 AprIL2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

Request for EIA scoping request for proposed 700MW High Voltage Direct Current Interconnector: Hunterston Estate West Kilbride North Ayrshire Ref. No: 24/00355/EIA | Received Apr 2024 | Validated: Thu 2Apr 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of two storey extension to the side of detached dwelling house 6 Chapelton View Seamill West Kilbride North Ayrshire KA23 9FB Ref. No: 24/00397/PP | Received: Fri 03 May 2024 | Validated: Fri 10 May 2024 | Status: Pending Consideration

AOCB : Ayrshire Climate Hub—Request to attend suggest June 2024-- Agreed **XLCC Exhibition** – Fairlie 15/05/24—Exhibition in West Kilbride July date to be announced. —**Agreed.**

Post Office now closed – As expected in the current climate with the Post Office no takers for replacement. Nearest office Saltcoats. --Noted

D-Day Commemoration- War Memorial Trust request that the Community Council lay a wreath on the 6th June at 10.00am at the war memorial to mark the D-day anniversary -- **Agreed**

Meetings later this month: North Coast Locality Partnership meeting 28/05/24 WKCIL 25th Celebration 28/05/24

The meeting Closed at 9.30 pm.

The next meeting is on the Monday 10th June 2024at 7pm