

Fairlie Community Council Minutes 14/10/24

The meeting started at 7:30. Rita reported the sad news that our long serving member David Telford had recently died.

Present were R Holmes, A Holden, I Hunter, M Milne, M Wyatt,, I Murdoch and 6 members of the public.

Apologies from David Nairn, Tom Marshal, Alan Hill, Marco Piva and Jackie Pearson.

September minutes proposed by M Milne, seconded by A Holden.

No Police present. No Police Report

No NA Councillors Report

Hunterston SSG RH gave update on visits to HNA and HNB with the Chair of Sizewell SSG and Bill Hamilton of Nuclear Restoration Services. Mark Blackley the HNA site director has retired and his successor will be Dabniel Smith from EDF at HNB.

HSSG presented Mark with a medal from SSG and wished him well. The old ILW vaults have been emptied and work is ongoing to remove traces of debris and dust.

No decision yet on what will happen to the pieces of spent fuel element discovered. These remain in empty vault in meantime.

The WILWREP facility has completed dealing with wet ILW and has been reconfigured to take acid ILW for safe storage in drums destined for ILW store.

The B station visit was hosted by Joe Struthers the Site Director.

Hunterston Parc Liaison Meeting 26/9/24

This was attended by Jackie Person and Alan Holden for FCC.

John Riddell chaired the meeting.

At the FCC meeting it was noted that the proposal to dredge sand from the Garvel Bend has hit problem, as area contains old munitions , some other areas have the same problem..

Up to 1.5 million cu metres of sand /gravel, mud, clay will have to be dredged to allow access to the new planned new quay, at the old Hunterston Marine Construction Yard.

The material is said to be unsuitable for infill of the basin due to its poor load bearing qualities.

A Marine Licence will be required for sea disposal of this material.

The sequence is infill the hole, build the concrete quay wall, dredge seabed from outside the quay wall.

Jackie has written draft response outlining FCC concerns with the planning proposals.

A Holden reminds that Peel stated, at the meeting, that no infill material will be brought in by road to fill the hole in the ground.

Bakkafrost RAS Complex 24/00588/PPM

Mairi reported that she had reviewed all the details which she can find on the topic and all her questions have been adequately answered.

She can find nothing to object to. One plant is already operating at Kishorn site at Applecross.

Young smolt will be brought to the fish farm Hunterston site.

Freshwater will come from Knockendon in the hills. There is some existing pipework.

FCC decided not to object to this application.

XLCC

Chris Rae the XLCC rep was at the HPL meeting on the 26/9/24.

17 apprentices now at Irvine Skills Hub, financed by Scottish Enterprise. They have visited cable sites abroad as part of their training.

Coastal Path

Almost complete. Weather has been awful all summer and slowed progress. All at FCC voiced their appreciation of the quality of work and the Gilbert's workforce. Official Opening scheduled for the 15th Nov, 2pm south car park, photo shoot ending up at Village Inn.

Crosbie Wind Farm

Some community benefit money has gone to St Matthews Ardrossan. Some felt this was questionable. RH had attended Largs CC and expressed our concerns about close proximity of such huge turbines to the village. Our main concern is ILFN.

It is not yet known if NAC will be objecting to this development.

SG ECU will decide.

Proposed CB is £5000 per MW of installed wind farm.

Remembrance Sunday

IH to purchase and lay wreath.

AOB NAC budget plans....there is a need for community engagement re budget and service cuts in the next financial year.

? library, village hall, crossing patrol ?

Complaint about leaves on footpaths and pavements needing cleared as well as low hanging branches.

A78 road closure proposed. Local Councillors seeking more details and better traffic management to allow access. Meeting closed at 21:00.

Next FCC at 7:30pm on Monday 4th Nov. in Semple Centre.