

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 04/08/2025, h. 07:30pm, Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd, Fairlie

The meeting is declared open at **07:31pm**

Attending:

FCC: Rita Holmes (chair), Marco Piva (minutes secretary), Mairi Wyatt, Jackie Pearson, Arran Hewlett, Ian Hunter

NAC: Cllr Ian Murdoch

Police: *none*

7 MoP

Apologies: Gaye Nelson, Malcolm Milne (FCC); Cllr Tom Marshall, Cllr Eleanor Collier, Cllr Todd Ferguson (NAC)

Approval of JUNE minutes (the June minutes hadn't been distributed properly before the July FCC meeting, so they need to be approved at this meeting): proposed by JP, seconded by MW

Approval of July minutes: proposed by RH, seconded by Mr. James Riddet (MoP)

Police report for July:

No police representative present, no report received.

Sgt. Fisher can be reached via email if necessary.

NA Cllr's Report:

IM will respond to individual agenda points

1. Crosbie Wind Farm

The Energy Consents Unit has sent this to the DPEA and there will be a local public inquiry; FCC will be informed of details in due course

The reporter has been appointed: Mr. Alisdair Edwards

Target date for decision from DPEA is 3rd July 2026 (it is with DPEA as WIN-310-1 for those who wish to access documents)

NAC will have a representative in the enquiry

MoP: usually a reporter will hold a pre-enquiry meeting, probably locally (WK most likely)

Katy Clark MSP has set up meeting at Scottish Parliament on Wednesday 24th September for communities interested in Wind Turbine Noise issues and ETSU 97 Regulations

JP: there is an application for a similar wind farm on the hills behind Dunoon; will this influence the Crosbie proposal?

IM: it's unlikely that it will

MoP: a big offshore wind farm has also recently been approved

RH: about the Dunoon proposal, a group called Save Our Hills has been set up

2. Hunterston SSG

The SSG is currently looking at NDA's draft Strategy 5 and will send in comments on it by the end of August. There have been presentations and workshops online

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority is now also liable for Defence as well as Civil nuclear waste; since Hunterston already stores ILW, we should be alert to this possibility

Next HSSG meeting is 4th September at the Waterside Inn, 1:30pm

3. Coastal path

A MoP (Ron) is organising a group of volunteers to keep it free of debris; many have already

added their names to the list

4. **Hunterston Parc Liaison Group**

The next meeting (not open to the public) will be on Tuesday 16th of September at 10am at Peelports office, Hunterston. There is no agenda as yet

JP: is the building on the jetty due to be demolished?

MoP: allegedly, yes. No dates are set, but it could happen relatively soon

IM: this was never mentioned at past HPLG meetings

MoP (Mr John Riddell, independent chair of HPLG): an application for the demolition was filed with NAC 3 weeks ago

There are no news about XLCC

MoP (Mr John Riddell): it is in the agenda for the September meeting

5. **Northern Ireland to Scotland Interconnector**

Mr. Barry Turley, Stakeholder Manager for Transmission Investment, has sent a letter to set up a meeting with FCC members to discuss this project. He has suggested it is to come ashore at Hunterston

In April, Trans Invest was acquired by TAQA the Abu Dhabi National Energy Company

JP: note that the proposed route cuts across the SSSI

JP: will they need/wish to also build a connector station?

RH to find out

6. **Fairlie Quay Jetty**

It is alleged to be up for sale; no information on this

MoP pointing out that it doesn't seem to be particularly well maintained

7. **Applications for provisional licences**

Grill'd and the Pier Road petrol station have applied for alcohol licences

No response is needed, but it is the duty of NAC to communicate this to FCC, that acknowledges the communication

AOB

MW: the Countess Steps are free of foliage thanks to the efforts of Ms Laura Telford, to whom goes the gratitude of FCC

Ms Telford was offered to join FCC, but she declined

There were complaints about the caravan that has been stationary near the Community Gardens for the last few months. There are claims that the owner/resident of the caravan has exhibited threatening/intimidating behaviour. The caravan is apparently awaiting maintenance or repairs

MoP: there may be an environmental health concern: how are they disposing of waste?

IM: NAC are aware of the situation. A few months ago, the owner/resident claimed he was waiting for parts for repairs; the question is being raised again. No further comments on this

RH: if anyone is or feels threatened by the owner/resident of the caravan, please contact NAC and Police

JP: who is liable in case one of the planters, that have been adopted by local residents and associations, break and cause damage?

IM will find out

IH: there should be a public liability insurance

MoP: brambles are **overhanging** the pavements

IM will raise this with Amey, who are in charge of maintaining the A78

ACTIONS:

+ RH to ask Mr Barry Turley of Transmission Investment if their plan for an interconnector also involves a connector station

+ IM to find out details about the liability for damages caused by possible issues with the planters

+ IM to contact Amey about overhanging vegetation on A78

The meeting closed at **08:02pm**.

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 1st of September 2025 at 0730 pm at the Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd.