

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 01/09/2025, h. 07:30pm, Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd, Fairlie

The meeting is declared open at **07:30pm**

Attending:

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

NAC: *none*

Police: Sgt. Donald Fisher

6 MoP

Apologies: Gaye Nelson, Ian Hunter (FCC); Cllr Tom Marshall, Cllr Eleanor Collier, Cllr Todd Ferguson (NAC); 1 MoP

Approval of August minutes: proposed by MW, seconded by JP

Police report for August:

4 crimes were reported

+ 2 people driving off without paying from the garage

+ 1 dog was found with its fur clipped; the enquiry is for having caused harm to an animal

MW is aware of the situation, specifies that part of the hedge belonging to that same household had been burned a few days before (this was not reported to the police). The family had 2 dogs, but one passed away of age-related issues a few days prior to the fur clipping event. The vet is alleged to have mentioned that this may be linked to plans to steal the dog, as it is of an economically valuable breed

+ 1 fraud, possible ID cloning; enquiry ongoing

- the summer didn't see many calls due to youth-related disorders; there were some minor shoplifting offences in Largs and Millport

MP: last winter, concerns were raised due to an increase in graffiti. Has anything changed since?

DF: very few were reported since. It is suspected that the tagger is not local.

MoP: re. speeding issues at the S end of the village (some months ago, the barriers at the end of Montgomerie Ave. were hit and destroyed by speeding vehicles): he is personally in talks with Transport Scotland. A solution could be moving the flashing 30mph sign a little south, so that drivers entering the village would immediately be alerted to their excessive speed

DF: traffic calming measures are driven by statistics (injuries and casualties) in a 5 year period.

MoP: at the traffic light atop The Causeway, very often vehicles driving on the A78 cross on an amber light at speed

MP confirms witnessing this often

DF: aware of the issue

As there are no further questions for the local Police, Sgt DF leaves the meeting due to personal commitments, reminding everyone that he can easily be contacted via e-mail if any issues requiring Police attention arose.

NA Cllr's Report:

No NA Cllrs present

Due to the presence as MoP of Nancy McQueen and Barbara Maclean who arose the point that has been inserted in the agenda as item 6, said item 6 is discussed first.

6. Public accessible toilet and changing place

ScotGov have made available funding for the installation of “Changing Places Toilets”, that is fully accessible toilets, to rural areas. They would probably be locked with a RADAR key [a universal key that grants access to most accessible facilities throughout the UK] Applications to be filed by Mon 10th of Oct.

A suggestion would be to have one installed at the S car park, where a public toilet used to be, due to the presence of a pre-existing sewage connection.

N car park (by the Community Gardens) would also be suitable, but it’s not as immediately accessible by users of the coastal path. The installation of some portacabins in that area would be welcome, though .

RH: Who would be in charge of its maintenance?

MoP (Barbara): people would be trained, there seem to be funds sufficient to hire someone who would be in charge of it; this hasn’t been specified yet.

AlHoI: there also is space next to the church, on church grounds, above the church drains. It is accessible.

FCC are in favour of the proposal

1. Crosbie Wind Farm

The public inquiry should be scheduled for the week beginning the 23rd of Feb 2026.

There will be a call to confirm availability of people who would, could or applied to give a testimony at said enquiry.

UK ETSU review closed 29th Aug; INWG (Melvin Grosvenor) filed a thorough response.

2. Hunterston SSG meeting

Next meeting is 4th Sep at the Waterside Inn, 1:30pm; the agenda is available to the public.

The constitution has been rewritten; NDA asked for the participation of younger representatives. Largs Academy has been contacted.

3. Hunterston Parc Liaison Group meeting

Scheduled for the 16th Sep at 10am, PeelPorts office. Not open to the public.

NAC Planning Comm has been contacted asking for updates on applications received, no update.

4. XLCC noise monitoring

It was scheduled to take place in the second half of Aug, but it was delayed due to stormy weather. It will take place in the same spots where past monitoring has been conducted.

5. Bakkafroast/Fairlie Quay jetty plans

As mentioned at item 3, Bakkafroast haven’t filed a planning application yet

There are rumours that the owners of Bakkafroast may be looking into the purchase of Fairlie Quay jetty, rumours that are unconfirmed.

7. High Voltage Interconnector – Northern Ireland to Hunterston

Mr. Barry Turley, Stakeholder Manager for Transmission Investment, had contacted FCC to speak at a meeting. He was invited to this meeting, but no replies were received.

RH will contact him again.

SEPA would need to be involved in case this project is to go ahead, as there is the risk that it may disturb sediments related to the nuclear power station.

8. Coastal path

It is being well maintained by local volunteers

AOB

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FCC thanks Nancy McQueen (present here as a MoP) who has lead the adoption by members of the Fairlie Community Garden of the planters along the A78. Nancy specifies that congratulations go to the various members.

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MoP: short term lets (AirB&B) are growing in number in Fairlie like they are in Largs; is there a NAC policy?

RH: apparently, short term lets receive a Council Tax discount if they are occupied more than a certain number of nights every year.

MW will ask ClIr Ian Murdoch to confirm this.

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MoP suggests that FCC sends a formal letter of thanks to Ms Laura Telford who singlehandedly cleaned and maintained the Countess Steps this summer.

FCC approves

RH to write and send said letter

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JP noticed a cluster of invasive plants by the Hunterston roundabout. Would it be worth contacting NAC about it? He will do so.

ACTIONS:

+ Ms Barbara Maclean will lead the Changing Places Toilets project

+ RH to contact Mr Turley again

+ MW to contact IM re NAC policies concerning short term lets

+ RH to write a letter of thanks to Ms Laura Telford

The meeting closed at **08:41pm**.

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 6th of October 2025 at 0730 pm at the Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd.