

Minutes of Fairlie Community Council meeting 6th October 2025.

7.30pm Semple Centre, 45 Main Road, Fairlie.

Attending. Rita Holmes (chair person), Alan Holden (acting minutes secretary), Jackie Pearson, Malcolm Milne, Gaye Nelson, councillor Ian Murdoch.
Sgt Donald Fisher.
MOP 5 persons.

Apologies. Marco Piva, Mairi Wyatt, Arran Hewlett, Ian Hunter., Councillor Tom Marshall.

Minutes of meeting 8th September 2025, Accepted by Jackie Pearson and Rita Holmes.

Police Report --- Sgt Fisher, Confirmed there is no plan for Fireworks or Bonfire, this year at Fairlie or Largs. There have been 5 crimes reported in September, one breach of bail, one possible fraud related to a bank account, report of jewellery stolen from a house,
A red Suzuki car stolen from same property as the jewellery.
Report of roadway flooding on Montgomery Drive, opposite top of Southannan Road. Problem appears to be caused by blocked drains.

Citizen of the year award -- Ian Hunter will prepare a cheque for the award.

Main Road. Wall repairs are ongoing alongside the Main Road opposite the church. Traffic lights use continues.

Boat on beach foot path --- owners are aware of it, and it is still there, no report of serious damage or any bits stolen yet.

Report of TWO canoe's have been left at play park near the Fairlie garden area. Ian M will report them as 'fly tipping', with other rubbish left there.

Changing Places facility for disabled persons. Local resident (Mrs McLean) has requested that the Community Trust charity at Fairlie could be used as a means of progressing what is needed.

NAC is to be contacted to help with a capital grant to the charity, using Scot Government available funds to get a facility at the South Car park area.

A possible supplier of the pre fabricated small buildings fully fitted out for disabled persons use, has been contacted for details. One already installed at Girvan.

The units require service connections (which used to exist at South car park toilets, before NAC demolished them some years back).

Some local fundraising will be needed to help pay for this installation. the application for a grant has to go in by 20th October.

Ian M will ask at NAC offices who/what local body could be a suitable charity to accept and organise funding.

NAC councillors report ---- by Ian Murdoch

Street scene department will deal with overgrown/ overhanging vegetation up at Castle park area.

Council have attended to blocked drains on Montgomery Drive. NAC number 01294 310000.

The uneven road surface of the A78 at the seaward end of Montgomery Road has been reported to roads department.

Battery Energy Storage Site BESS at Kelburn.

This plan has been reviewed at the Preliminary Enquiry.

David Boyle says that the planned project is not to go ahead.

Also reported that the Government wants 50 GigaWatt of storage capacity is planned for the UK using Battery Capacity, but will only happen if each site is approved.

Other planned developments in Hunterston area ---- Aquaculture System -- no report of progress.

Electrical Stability Island -- no report of progress.

Green Hydrogen energy store -- no report of progress.

Crosbie Wind Farm -- Public Inquiry due 22 October with an ON LINE meeting. Katy Clark had a meeting at Edinburgh, the aim being to talk about 'turbine noise' only 2 MSP's attended.

Highview Power ---Liquid Air Facility --has been consented by Scot Government without any need for an EIA. Jackie P has reviewed details and stated that 2500Mwh capacity is quoted as capacity for the site at Hunterston.

This could need 25,000 to 29,000 Te of liquid air storage, so it could fall under COMAH regulations due to the quantity of hazardous material involved, as Scot Govt did not state a limit to size of storage.

Details on Scot Govt Energy Consents document site are very sketchy, storage tanks (several of them) could be up to 30mtrs high.

Nothing mentioned at latest Peel Port meeting and no EIA requested by Scot govt. Size of plan means no involvement with NAC, and nothing yet in planning applications.

The other plant under construction at Carrington Cheshire, is a much smaller plant.

XLCC progress --- there appears to be some Chinese money promised for the site. Further investment sources still being sought by XLCC.

The planned new cable Ship -- a search of information has found no report of the ship/ ships being ordered yet.

XLCC appear to be changing the extrusion tower requirements. Down from 6 extrusion paths to 4, so tower will be smaller in width, still same height.

Amount of cable needed and the construction type has changed now 325Kv copper cored cable and 525Kv aluminium cored cable.

There is to intention to resubmit planning application. Also local meeting with public Thursday 9th October in Fairlie village hall, 4pm to 7pm.

AOB.

Path around the Mound --- comments have been made about the muddy condition of the path and the fallen trees / branches.

Hunterston Site Stakeholders Group HSSG --- nothing new to report, next meeting is Thursday 1st December.

Largs Men's Shed have been awarded 'Men's Shed of The Year' after receiving 33% of the vote.

Next Meeting of FCC is Monday 3rd November at 7-30pm.

Meeting closed at 9 pm.