

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 04/05/26, 7:30pm, Semple Centre, 45 Main Road, Fairlie

The meeting opened at 7:30pm

Attending

FCC Rita Holmes (chair), Gaye Nelson, Jackie Pearson

NAC: None

Police: None

3 MoP

Apologies

Marco Piva, Mairi Mitchell, Ian Hunter, Malcolm Milne, Tom Marshall

Approval of April Minutes

No formal minutes for the April meeting were produced due to the meeting not being quorate.

Police Report

No report given

NAC Councillors Report

No report given

1. Hunterston Parc Liaison Meeting update

FCC was represented by Hugh MacLean and Jackie Pearson at the meeting on 14th April.

Peel Ports confirmed that the existing sub-station on the jetty is planned for demolition as part of the proposed changes to the electrical power distribution on the site. Three new sub-stations will replace the old infrastructure.

Peel Ports confirmed that there are no live planning or marine licenses formally submitted at present.

Contract work in support of the Cumbrae ferry terminal work has been taking place at the site.

XLCC are not progressing their project and will no longer attend the liaison meetings.

Highview Power

Highview Power attended the meeting and were represented by John Goldie who gave a comprehensive presentation on the Highview Power proposals. The long duration energy storage project will take place in three stages. Construction of a Stability Island, Liquid Air Storage facility, Battery Energy Storage facility.

The Stability Island has received planning approval and the project is progressing with selection of civil contractors etc. There is a requirement to conduct ground condition testing in the designated site to confirm suitability. This will take place shortly. On-site work is planned for May/June. A minor works planning application will be submitted to increase the building height from 13m to 21m.

It was confirmed that the Liquid Air Storage facility will be a COMAH Tier One site due to the very large quantity of cryogenic material being stored. It was likely that funding for this very large project could be dependent on the demonstrated performance of the smaller project currently being constructed at Carrington.

The Battery Energy Storage part of the project will be delivered last.

FCC asked questions regarding potential noise pollution from the release of large volumes of compressed air from the generating turbine. Highview responded that the building enclosures for the project will have suitable sound insulation properties and that statutory noise limits will be met. FCC also stated the need for a comprehensive Risk Assessment of the cryogenic storage facility.

Greenwheel Electric

Greenwheel Electric attended the meeting and were represented by Jason McCall.

There are two linked projects. An Electric Vehicle charging facility for both cars and commercial vehicles along with a Farm Shop and Play Area near the entrance to Hunterston PARC and a solar array at the high level former railway sidings. There will be local consultation events followed by a formal planning application later in the year.

FCC raised concerns regarding the proximity of the Charging Station/ Shop/Play Area to the existing RSPB Lagoon and the potential impact on the wildlife present at the lagoon.

2. Hunterston SSG.

Next meeting 2nd June at 1:30pm, Seamill Hydro

3. Gift from Mrs Rosemary Jarvie.

There was a discussion of the best use of this gift and it was agreed that it should be used for suitable FCC purposes.

4. Greenwheel Electric

Details discussed earlier in the meeting. The company has offered to meet with FCC for discussions and to arrange a public event in June.

5. Ferry Row Lighting

Two members of the public raised their concerns and complaints regarding the removal of two of the Ferry Row lamp-posts by NAC with no prior notice. Concerns centered on safety issues regarding Public Access to the Shore Path and in particular at the steps at the North end of Ferry Row. FCC had received a response from NAC which indicated they did not intend to replace the lighting. FCC found this response disappointing. The members of public present were advised to raise their concerns with appropriate NAC councillors.

6. Power Cable from Southannan substation and Hunterston Parc

FCC received a complaint from a resident regarding the disruption caused by the works and for the lack of prior notification. It appears that the works have been initiated by Scottish Power Energy Networks.

7. Crosbie Windfarm Public Inquiry

FCC will attend the Public Inquiry sessions in June and will be supported by their technical consultants Grosvenor Consultancy on the Noise Sessions.

8. AOB

A member of public informed the meeting of the arrangements for the upcoming Fife Regatta. Twenty-two classic Fife yachts have entered this year's event and a 'Sail Past' at Fairlie on Saturday 6th June has been planned. A talk on the history of the Fife Yachts will be given by Dr. John Riddell on Tuesday 2nd June in Fairlie Village Hall.

Concerns have been raised regarding the safety condition of the large chestnut tree at the Village Hall and the degree of overhanging branches which impact the Main A78 road.

The next meeting will be held on Monday June 1st, at 7:30pm, Semple Centre.