

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 01/06/2026, h. 07:00pm, Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd, Fairlie

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

Attending:

FCC: Rita Holmes (chair), Marco Piva (minutes secretary), Alan Holden, Jackie Pearson, Arran Hewlett, Gaye Nelson, Ian Hunter

NAC: Ian Murdoch

Police: *none*

10 MoP

Apologies: Mairi Wyatt, Malcolm Milne (FCC); Sgt. Donald Fisher (Police); Cllr Eleanor Collier, Cllr Todd Ferguson (NAC)

Approval of May minutes: proposed by RH, seconded by GN

Police report for May:

Sgt Fisher sent his apologies, he was unable to attend the meeting due to a Police matter. A report has been sent and circulated to FCC, highlighting two crimes for Fairlie:

- + 1x Wall damaged, possibly a turning vehicle which left without leaving details.
- + 1x shoplifting reported – male and female suspect to be traced.

NA Cllr's Report:

IM reported that there has been a recent full NAC meeting (and that there will be another before the end of June). In it, he asked for clarifications re the new Ardrossan Campus, which is under construction. In Sep 2025, he had asked for a guarantee that the land was 100% free of any contaminants; the answer was that the land was “as clear as it will be”. He also asked for confirmation of when the contaminated soil has been removed from the site, how much it was and where it was brought, also asking about the costs of this process. Soon after Sept 2025, asbestos was found in the foundation of the swimming pool; its removal cost £9.7 million, and because of this the expected completion date was moved from 2027 to 2028.

Dates to note

- + Hunterston Nuclear SSG will be held on Tue June 2nd at 1:30pm at the Seamill Hydro (open to the public)
- + Crosbie Wind Farm public enquiry to start on Tue June 16th at West Kilbride Village Hall

1. Highview Power

Permission was granted for phase 1 (synchronous compensator).

RH has requested a clear plan for phase 2 (liquid air long term battery storage) and phase 3 (BESS – Battery Energy Storage System).

There may be a further consultation phase (likely in WK).

2. LirlC subsea interconnector

Planning appl. is “imminent”.

The Largs & Millport Weekly News reports that there will be a public pre-application consultation o Thu June 25th at the Village Hall, 2pm to 7:30pm.

3. **DRDT Slipform**

It is expected to be a training and apprenticeship centre related to offshore wind turbines. No application has been filed yet.

They are looking for a meeting with FCC and WKCC before the consultation event.

RH will agree a date with them.

4. **Hunterston Estate data centre**

An EIA has been deemed necessary

SEPA and NAC are aware of severe flood risk in the identified area, close to Gill Burn, between Hunterston Castle woods and the A78 (an area designated as “marketable employment land”).

It seems that, due to the flood risk, it may not be built.

IM: they are also looking at a different location.

AOB

+ South car park

GN reported that no less than 8 camper vans have been parked overnight at the South car park; the “No overnight parking” sign has disappeared.

IM: can ask to have the sign restored.

IM has proposed a pilot scheme, starting with the large car park at the Largs Marina (Bowen Craig), to add facilities (fresh water, waste water, electricity) with a (solar powered) pay & display column (suggested rate, £10 per night). If this pilot is approved and if it is successful, it may be spread to other car parks, and then it will be possible to discuss whether we want to apply it to the S car park (general consensus appears to be negative; car park by the garden centre seems to be considered more suitable, although there are oppositions about that as well).

+ CC elections

An email from NAC has been circulated, stating that CC elections would be due in Autumn 2026 but that, due to an expected review of CCs by NAC to be held by the end of the year, it is possible to decide to postpone them to Autumn 2027.

IM suggests to wait for the review.

FCC decides that we are willing to wait for the review and therefore to postpone elections to 2027, but that – in case all other CCs decide to hold them in 2026 – we are also willing to do the same.

+ Craig Hill Place

Craig Hill Place residents report that the road has not been adopted by NAC (yet), which creates concerns about its accessibility, especially in wintry conditions, as some parts of it (and of the pavement) become severely slippery.

IM has already raised the issue on behalf of the resident, last time in Dec 2025. The answer was that Scottish Water need to first adopt their elements before NAC can adopt the road.

In June 2023, he was told that the road would enter maintenance period (the one-year period before adoption) as soon as Dawn Homes/Springfield would complete work, including the widening of the culvert under the A78. This hasn't happened yet.

MoP points out that, at the present, the residents are paying a factor (FirstPort) to take care of the gritting of the road as well as of the maintenance of the green areas.

The suggestion is for the residents to ask NAC what exactly is needed before NAC can adopt the road, and agree an action after receiving an answer. It needs to be highlighted that the road is also used as a secondary access to Fairlie Primary school.

IM will raise the question again.

MoP: can Dawn be asked to attend FCC in order to clarify the situation?

RH will contact them to ask.

+ Drains

IM: the drain between the glen and The Causeway will be worked on very soon.

+ Shore path

MoP, Ferry Row resident: motorised bikes (not electric bicycles) are spotted often on the shore path.

IM: this is a matter for the Police.

MoP: also, NAC had promised signs N and S of the path to clarify that it is a mixed use path.

IM will remind NAC.

+ Lights on Ferry Row

MoP: why have NAC removed the lights at either end of Ferry Row? The light at the steps to the shore path were particularly useful.

This has been raised with an email, and NAC has replied that the concrete lamp columns were obsolete and hazardous; as they were erected on private land (even though it is a public right of way), restoring them would be a matter for the landowner(s).

IM suggests to ask the landowner(s) to consent to contact Fairlie Community Trust to help fund solar lights; a similar plan, but much wider, has recently been put in place in WK.

+ Accountancy

IH: a third signatory is needed for the FCC cheque book, besides himself and RH.

AlHold will be such third signatory.

The meeting closed at **09:03pm**.

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 6th of July 2026 at 0730 pm at the Seemple Centre, 45 Main Rd.