

Fairlie Community Council – Monday 06/07/2026, h. 07:30pm, Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd, Fairlie

The meeting is declared open at **07:35pm**

Attending:

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

NAC: *none*

Police: *none*

6 MoP

Apologies: Arran Hewlett (FCC); Cllr Tom Marshall, Cllr Eleanor Collier, Cllr Todd Ferguson (NAC)

Approval of June minutes: proposed by JP, seconded by AlHold

Police report for June:

No police present.

NA Cllr's Report:

No NA Cllrs present.

1. Crosbie W1N-310-1/Public Inquiry Update

Public Inquiry at stage of final written statements re. BESS, peat, carbon calculator and noise (by Aug 9th); final submissions from objectors by Sep 9th; applicant's final submissions by Sep 23rd. Reporter's decision not expected before late Dec.

JP: Dalry CC have filed a statement.

MoP: the reporter has shared a list of questions to be replied to, it's advisable to reply

JP agrees

JP: we were informed (after the PI) that the UK Dept of Energy and Net Zero has published new guidelines for wind farms stating that it is not necessary for applicants to take into consideration infrasound

RH brings attention on the 2023 Soundscapes Act in Wales, that says the contrary. A group in Wales are planning to bring UK Govt to court re. this. It'd be worth contacting Scot Govt re. this (to know their opinion and highlight this issue).

Glasgow Intl. and Prestwick airports have agreed to the wind farm (with conditions).

National Air Traffic Control have objected, unless the en-route radar is replaced at the expense of the applicant.

In Norway, Dr Steven Crozier (former Chief Medical Officer in the Frøya area of Norway) is leading a campaign to raise awareness re. infrasound damage.

2. ENEUS Hunterston Data Centre

They asked to meet FCC before appl. to discuss community benefit

SEPA may object as there are flooding issues in the area identified (South of the Hunterston roundabout, East of the A78)

NAC stated that the concerned land is earmarked as Marketable Employment Land

JP: ENEUS have, until now, mostly focussed on green hydrogen and green ammonia. They now have 2 data centre/AI project, Hunterston and one in the USA (Texas), which is allegedly encountering resistance from local residents.

AlHold: why not use the old IBM site by Greenock? It already has grid connection. Or, failing

that, on PeelPort land.

MP: have they mentioned how many jobs this Data Ctr is expected to provide?

JP: the number mentioned was about 20.

JP: The financing will be coming from Carlisle Group and from Singapore

MoP: For information, the company directors are Mr Gluck and Mr Weiss, both US residents, the latter a British citizen

AlHold: for the suggested meeting, maybe it would be advisable to send them a few questions we'd like to ask them, so they come prepared

MoP: is there a statement re. Data Ctrs from ScotGov?

MoP: Not yet

3. **Greenwheel update**

There will be a meeting in wk starting 13/7, exact date to be defined.

JP: It is key that they connect with RSPB and volunteers, as their development would be adjacent to the protected area. Greenwheel have been made aware of this already.

4. **Highview Power/post public event update**

A public event took place in WK.

JP: Their expertise comes from liquid air storage; doesn't the installation of very powerful lithium batteries either side of a big liquid air storage facility seem hazardous?

It is possible, even likely, that it will be considered a COMAH Tier 1 hazard site (formerly COMAH upper tier site), formally defined as "an industrial or chemical facility that stores or processes significant quantities of dangerous substances" (*definition taken from hse.gov.uk/comah*).

5. **Slipform meeting with FCC and WKCC representatives update**

JP: what is planned is a small training centre for new employees (their main centre will be in Kishorn, NW Highlands, providing about 600 jobs).

AlHold: Slipform seem to be completely unaware of the Highview application
FCC have no objections to this project

6. **FCC Treasurer's Update**

IH: AlHold has been chosen at the last FCC meeting as the third signatory on the FCC bank account, next to treasurer IH himself and chairperson RH. The forms to be filled in have been distributed; AlHold to fill them in at his earliest convenience and have them delivered to IH.

RH paid Largs Printing Company out of her own pocket as the deadline for payment was approaching; IH to refund her as soon as the account is available again.

7. **Library consultation**

The proposal is to reduce the opening days from 2 (Tue and Fri) to 1 (Tue), with longer hours. The email distributed shows that Fri sees a lower usage of the facility.

RH will write a response after consulting Fairlie Community Association.

AOB

+ FCC Letterhead

RH: it would be nice to have a FCC letterhead; there was one in the past. Maybe having the church spire as a "logo"?

MoP: The church uses that for its newsletters, worth checking if it is copyrighted

AlHold: It isn't used any longer, but it'd better to check if it is registered.

+ LirIC Interconnector Consultation

JP: The interconnector seems bound to happen

MoP: it is privately funded, so there will be no public money spent

+ Path at the Mound

MoP: the benches along the path are surrounded by tall grass, which makes them uncomfortable to sit on, Also, the path could use some maintenance as it is narrowing due to the vegetation encroaching it

MoP (Mr Hugh MacLean) will chase it

MoP: In the past, this has been raised with Hunterston Parc Liaison Committee and they did some maintenance; worth checking with them

+ 20mph Limit Consultation

JP: There is an online consultation, Cll Ian Murdoch has shared the link on social media.

Whatever anyone's position on the topic is, it's worth filling it in

The meeting closed at **08:45pm**.

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 3rd of August 2026 at 0730 pm at the Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd.