Fairlie Community Council – Monday 07/09/2026, h. 07:30pm, Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd, Fairlie

The meeting is declared open at **07:29pm**

Attending:
FCC: Rita Holmes (chair), Marco Piva (minutes secretary), Alan Holden, Jackie Pearson, Gaye Nelson, Mairi Wyatt, Ian Hunter (treasurer)
NAC: Cllr. Ian Murdoch
Police: Sgt. Donald Fisher
6 MoP

Apologies: Cllr Tom Marshall, Cllr Eleanor Collier, Cllr Todd Ferguson (NAC)

Approval of August minutes: proposed by RH, seconded by AlHold

Police report for August:
6 incidents.
- 1 driving over speed limit
- 1 breach of bail conditions
- 1 instance of drunk driving
- 1 call due to a vehicle hitting another and not stopping
- 1 instance of youths (not local) causing damage to a fence near the railway station and committing assault against the owner of said fence (those are considered two incidents). The Pol. intervened.

IM: Allegedly, said incident (which took place between 8pm and 10pm)involved around 20 individuals who had earlier threatened staff in Largs Morrison's, allegedly with a bladed weapon, assaulted staff, then caused damage on the train, descended in Fairlie, vandalised a fence and assaulted the owner who had confronted them. There seem to be CCTV records of said individuals. This is concerning.

MoP saw tipping on Fairlie Glen.
IM: Wardens were sent by IM himself to check today, Sep 7th, and found nothing. The debris has apparently been cleaned up yesterday (Sep 6th). It is not clear who is responsible for this.

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:
IM: The 20mph consultation has concluded. The result haven't been shared with NAC yet (they will be shared with the public after NAC have seen them), but Cllr Collier, in her role as the NAC member in charge of green environment and economy, has issued a statement on social media to thank resident for their participation.
JP wishes to make it known that he considered the questions in the consultation leading and unnecessarily convoluted.
MP: Has AMEY commented at all? After the Jan 2017 road accident that left a house severely damaged, local Cllrs had commented that they would never approve of a lowering of the speed limits on a trunk road.

IM: No comments were passed. Bear in mind that AMEY depend from Transport Scotland, and therefore from Scot Govt who set the guidelines, so it is unlikely that they will oppose.
IM at the next NAC meeting will ask clarifications re. the costs for a playpark in Irvine; at the same playpark, toilets were also installed. IM will also ask who will take care of them, as it is NAC policy not to. He will also ask when the pilot scheme for the Largs caravan facilities, that has been approved, will be enacted. Questions will be asked re. the mentioned possibility of an amalgamation of the three Ayrshire Councils.
RH: Are NAC planning to propose a moratorium on Data Ctrs like East Ayrsh. have?
IM, being a member of the Planning Committee, declines to comment.

1. **Eneus data centre proposal for Hunterston estate**
   Every pre-appl. meeting was followed by a peaceful protest against the project.
   RH and JP met West Kilbride CC to take part in an online meeting with Kat Jones, Director of Action to Protect Rural Scotland (APRS).
   Pre-appl. objections will need to be filed again at appl. stage (if an appl. is filed).
   JP: At the Fairlie pre-appl. meeting, spoke to the noise consultant. It seems likely that there will be a requirement for the presence of numerous fans on the roof of the facility, to extract heat; they are extremely likely to create low frequency noise, as different fans are extremely likely to function at different frequencies. The answer he received was that this is not going to happen, without being provided with further explanations despite asking for them.
   RH: WKCC were told that Eneus "will take on board their feedback"; the Sept planned pre-planning consultations have been postponed.
   MoP: Have Eneus asked NAC if a scoping study is necessary?
   IM: Eneus have volunteered to do one even before contacting NAC. Will double check if Eneus are *mandated* to do one.
   MoP: It is necessary to ensure that the scoping study and the EIA are done appropriately, please ensure this is happening and verify who is in charge of ensuring this.

2. **Hunterston SSG meeting**
   It took place at the Seamill Hydro on Thu Sep 3rd, open to the public.
   It has been proposed to hold the next one (scheduled for Dec) at the Hunterston Collaboration Hub (former B Station visitors' ctr) as a money saving measure. This would allow the meeting to be hybrid
   MoP asked once again questions on when the white cladding that covers A Station will be replaced; grey steel had been approved several years ago.
   RH: There are claims that replacing it would cost around £20 million, and the existent cladding is working.
   MoP: Decomm. is now in the hands of and founded by UK Govt, so the agents are now different.
   JP remarks that the cladding was never supposed to be white anyway. Its presence is constantly highlighted in third party reconstructions for potential planning appl. in order to minimise the impact on visual amenity compared to what is already present.
   RH: Dalry CC will be admitted to SSG. NACllrs haven't attended recently.
   IM: It would be easier to attend if the meetings were virtual.
   RH: Dec meeting will be hybrid.
   IM: Hybrid will not be easy to keep track of; please ensure that individuals connecting

remotely have a chance to speak.

3. **Hunterston Parc Liaison Committee meeting**
   It will take place on Tue Sep 29th, 10am, for 2 hours. It is not open to the public.
   RH won't be able to attend; JP will be accompanied by AlHold or, in case he is unable to, by Mr Hugh MacLean, present at this meeting as a MoP.
   Mr John Riddell, chair of HPLC and present at this meeting as a MoP, reminds that the identity of participants needs to be communicated in advance to ensure access to the meeting. Agenda will be circulated in the next days.

4. **Crosbie WIN-310-1 public inquiry**
   RH c irculated a draft submission from FCC. It needs to be (and will be) filed not after Sep 9th. There have been three detailed submissions re. Galileo failing to address the issues with the proposed BESS (Battery Energy Storage System). Those came from Dalry CC, WKCC and a Munnoch resident.

5. **Whitehill wind development pre-application stage**
   It would target the hill across the Haylie Brae from the Crematorium, behind Mills Dairy, within the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park. It would involve 5 200mt turbines, 35mw capacity. The next meeting will be held in Kilbirnie on Sep. 9th.

6. **Long duration air energy storage: new application for Highview stability island due to variations**
   No specific news; Highview will attend HPLC meeting (*see item 3*).
   JP: According to the original planning permission, the machinery was to be on the ground; the variation proposes to have it at a 7.5mt height, inside the planned shed. The noise levels will therefore obviously change. This warranted a new appl. It is worth asking what difference it will make according to studies.
   JP also observes that this would be a top tier safety concern site, very close to another one (the power station, despite it being in the process of being decommissioned).It is necessary that NAC make sure that the two site communicate constantly.
   RH will attend a meeting in London with the Office for Nuclear Regulation on Sep 29th, will highlight this, sending her question in advance so an answer can be found.
   MoP: It needs to be made sure that the impact on vehicular traffic is also taken into consideration.

7. **LirIC subsea cable project**
   No planning appl. has been filed yet.

8. **FCC bank account**
   IH: All the paperwork has been correctly filed.
   It is suggested to use money donated recently to pay the noise specialist's fee.
   RH already anticipated £500 of her own pocket, will fwd invoice and receipt to IH for refund.

AOB
NONE

The meeting closed at **08:58pm**.

The next FCC meeting is on Monday 5th of October 2026 at 0730 pm at the Semple Centre, 45 Main Rd.