

Fairlie Community Council Minutes 06/11/2017 – Draft

- 1) Present: Rita Holmes, Karla Tully, David Nairn, Ian Hunter, David Telford, Marco Piva, Alan Hill (NAC Councillor), Ian Murdoch (NAC Councillor), Calum Corral (press), PC Dominic Murphy, and 5 members of the public.
- 2) Apologies: Joan Downie, Tom Marshall (NAC Councillor)
- 3) Last meeting's minutes: Proposed IH; 2nd DN

4) Police update

1 reported break in Kelburn Country Centre. **Incidents -30. Majority attributed to temporary traffic lights and heavy equipment loads broken down near Hunterston.** 1 crime of theft at fishery; positive line of inquiry. 'explosion at Hunterston. 1 medical/PTSD related incident managed at time.

Dominic promised to give feedback on the broken fence on 'mound' adjoining Peelport railway track, as he was confident that action had been taken.

5) NAC Councillors' Update

Ian Murdoch

Local residents' complaint re management of **Dawn Homes** planning application at stage two of the NAC Complaints procedure. KST reported that TM has requested full visibility of DH site and Kelburn Castle Trust accounts including all payments made by DH so far.

A78; IM also unable to get response from Transport Scotland Regional team and intends to escalate. KST to send copies of recent correspondence from FCC which has been ignored despite follow up calls.

Some road markings and line painting completed by Transerve at IM request.

Alan Hill to place Remembrance Wreath on behalf of NAC at Fairlie ceremony.

Jim Miller, had of Planning offering to attend FCC in early 2018.

6) NOWTFF (SSE Wind Turbines)

Decision to be made by Reporter on 08/12/2017.

Disappointed that both turbines are still turning on idle on some occasions.

RH/DT still asking for clarity as to how permission can be extended by Reporter as current permission has lapsed and commercial activities have stopped.

7) Hunterston

Power Station A – Cladding Colour; Magnox happy to agree colour with NAC based on local residents' views. Magnox Fund; £750 granted to Fairlie Primary School for a portable stage, which will also be made available to other Fairlie groups should they wish to use it.

Hunterston B Site Director, Colin Weir has left the site and his number two will be appointed as Director. has NAC Planning Committee approved the change of colour to a darker colour which must be approved by the committee on future. Government since decided to speed up de-commissioning of some nuclear power stations; which stations still to be decided.

8) Coastal Path

Marine Scotland have put consultation papers in local library. This is specifically regarding sea navigation issues. Documents show whole stretch of path including Ferry Row being constructed, and armoured rock in sections where consultees believed it would not be used. The recent detailed consultations managed by John Riddell and fed back to NAC excluded Ferry Row, and minimised armoured rock edging for the next phase. JR was present and had not been informed of any intention by NAC to include Ferry Row in the next phase of construction. David Nairn raised concerns that armoured rock prevents the natural sea erosion necessary to replenish sand for the shoreline and that SSSI may be affected by artificial barriers.

Action: JR/KST to contact Louise Kirk, Access Manager, for clarification.

9) North Ayrshire Funding Fayre- 20TH November 2017; 10.00 to 12.00 Saltcoats Town Hall

KST explained that this event has been arranged by Patricia Gibson, SNP MP. It is to enable Community Groups to meet funders who may be able to help with local community projects.

Actions: DN and Ron Gilchrist to attend

10) Fairlie Community Trust (FCT) – Purchase of 54 Bay Street for Fairlie Museum

Secretary of FCT requested that KST made all present aware of this project.

A recent communication was sent to Trust members, and relevant passages are:

“With the support of the sellers and others the Directors of Fairlie Community Trust are able to announce that the Trust has succeeded in acquiring the house at 54 Bay Street in Fairlie. Over 150 years old and located opposite the historic site of Fife’s yard, the property is ideal as the location for a centre to keep alive the Fife contribution to sailing and the village.”

“The Trust has paid £110,000 for the property. That sum has been achieved through a £10,000 contribution from the Trust’s own funds and the balance from private lenders. The loans are secured on the property and should the project not come to fruition within a reasonable time scale the property will be put back on the housing market. No conversion work can take place until the loans are repaid. Until then the Trust is keeping the property insured and in saleable condition. The change of use will require planning consent and positive discussions regarding this have already taken place with the Council planning department. “

FCC wished FCT every success in this project.

AOB

- a) **Remembrance Wreath** – Ian Hunter to lay wreath on behalf of FCC and community.
- b) **Dawn Homes Flood risk (DH)**

Local residents, particularly adjacent to the DH site voiced grave concerns that NAC will not protect their homes or gardens from being flooded during the building of the new homes. DH's management of flood waters and the SUDs pond gives no confidence that either DH or NAC will take their responsibilities seriously until homes are damaged. Residents want to see what provisions are going to be put in place before construction starts.

KST had already raised these concerns with Tom Marshall, and committed to discuss with TM asap. (KST spoke to TM 08/11/2017 and TM immediately e mailed NAC Planning plus promised to speak to them and DH Directors personally).

- c) **Jim Miller, Head of Planning presentation**
RH has postponed attendance until early 2018.
- d) **Planning Applications**

17/01005/PP | Expansion of Oyster growing site | Fairlie Bay Fairlie Largs Ayrshire

Cumrae Oysters Ltd have applied to extend the oyster beds north of the mound.

Action: After Discussion David Nairn agreed to prepare an objection on behalf of FCC based on ecological, environmental and aesthetic grounds. Deadline 16/11/2017.

Next meeting Monday 4th December 2017, Semple Centre at 7.30 pm.