

Fairlie Community Council Minutes 04/12/2017 – Draft

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

5) Police update

Incidents -18. 2 thefts (one fuel at garage and paid next day), 1 juvenile assault; 1 fraud at garage; abandoned car reported in Pier Road, which in fact turned out to be legal.

Broken fence on 'mound' adjoining Peelport railway track now secured with no further issues. No means of monitoring.

6) NAC Councillors' Update

Alan Hill: NAC Councillors to meet with Fraud Prevention Officer arranged mid-December to review **Dawn Homes** accounts. TM also to attend. FCC will be invited to review.

Tom Marshall: **Dawn Homes** flooding risk. TM met with NAC Flooding Engineer who is confident the intercept drains to be built before any activity starts west of the phase 2 and 3 sites will 'almost certainly' stop flooding. KST asked for assurances that this would be the case. NAC will also be conducting a 'cost-benefit' analysis for construction of the culvert on the A78 which will be shared with Transport Scotland and Net Rail to encourage their joint investment.

Jim Miller, Head of Planning happy to attend a FCC meeting in the New Year but will be unable to discuss specific planning applications.

6) NOWTFF (SSE Wind Turbines)

Target date for Reporter 08/12/2017 at risk as Reporter has asked for further details from NAC and SSE.

RH has asked 'Committee of Environment and Radiation' to conduct research on the effects of infrasound from manmade sources.

If SSE are given permission to continue | FCC will hold emergency meeting.

7) Peelport Hunterston

Peelport continue to look at commercial options for the site and have recently been granted funds (unknown) for improvements on the deep-sea harbour gate with a view to de-commissioning oil rigs.

Dredging will be required which will necessitate an Environmental Impact Assessment. Still possibility of locally managed solar power generation for site. Hunterston Estate also in early stages of considering liquid gas power station whilst EDF considering North Sea gas power station.

8) Dawn Homes

NAC Councillors' updates on culvert, intercept drain and Fraud Prevention Officer review.

9) A78

KST finally got response from Transport Scotland who have now commissioned Transerv to:

- i. Install speed activated road signs on leaving the traffic lights in both directions.
- ii. Proposal to move 30mph zone south of Southannan Estate entrance before by overhead bridge. Transerv very confident this will happen spring 2018. Once agreed plans will be advertised in local press.
- iii. Consider placing up to two new pedestrian crossings. KST advertised survey on FCC website and over 30 people have responded. Responses without personal details will be shared with Transerv. Transerv likely to conduct camera survey at the two most likely sites December/January.

Action: KST to discuss need for pavements and post updates on FCC website.

10) Oyster Farm Planning Application

KST and DN followed up on FCC Objection with Planning Officer, (PO). PO stated that applicant was applying retrospectively after 15 years, and that majority of debris a consequence of previous operator, which applicant claims SNH advised them to leave. SNH response has asked questions about bio security plan.

PO has asked applicant to respond to FCC concerns and SNH questions by mid-December.

DN raised concerns about husbandry, maintenance of trestle system and rotting shell fish which the applicant has apparently blamed on bird life. DN thinks this is very unlikely. Site also near Hunterston effluent discharge.

DT asked that the application goes before the NAC Planning Committee.

Actions: DN to contact SNH and Clyde Marine.

11) Coastal Path

KST contacted Louise Kirk, Active Travel and Transport Manager, who provided an e mail update at 4.56 pm, 4th December 2017:

“Marine Scotland has today (4 December) confirmed that they have determined that a licence will be granted for the path works with appropriate conditions. The details of the conditions are not currently known. It is envisaged that the works will commence in mid to late January 2018. The phasing of the works will be agreed with the landowner(s) and Fairlie Community Trust. We will provide a further update in due course.”

LK confirmed to KST that all detailed plans so far have been shared with Fairlie residents and that no further detailed design work has been completed for the Ferry Row section.

12) Clyde Murshiel Forum

FCC was invited on to this forum at Largs Community Council's request in November 2017. RH or KST to attend the next meeting.

13) Fairlie Castle

David McNeur has contacted Jamie Green, Conservative MSP. JG contacted NAC who informed JG that Historic Environment Scotland (HES) have given permission for the castle's development. HES have not granted final Scottish Monument consent.

DT and DMcN state that no works can therefore start. DMcN also shared that all foliage had been removed before the bat survey to ensure no bats were found.

Action: TM asked DMcN to raise concerns in writing so he could discuss concerns with Jamie Green and Planning Manager.

AOB

- a) **Hunterston Power Stations SSG:** Thursday 7th December at 13.30, Waterside.
- b) **Overhanging branches on A78 pavements.** DN committed to clear.
- c) **Local Development Plan 2 consultations:** RH and KST attended NAC consultation re: additional housing development sites applied for to be included in 2018 LDP. Site next to the Bowling Green re-examined based on 9 criteria provided. RH and KST believe the site did not score sufficiently to be included in LDP2.
- d) **Locality Planning Protest**
FCC and some local community representatives to attend protest outside Scottish Parliament on the 6th December 2017. Kenneth Gibson invited to speak with protesters but declined. The new planning bill excludes community groups from appealing against planning decisions in the same way as applicants. SNP reneged on promise to include in new planning bill to be approved 7th December 2017.
- e) **FCC Bank Account:** IH completed all administration; now waiting for conformation of RH and KST as new signatories.

Next meeting Monday 8th (not 1st) January 2018, Semple Centre at 7.30 pm.