

## **Fairlie Community Council (FCC) Draft Minutes 07/05/2018**

Present: Rita Holmes (Chairperson), Karla Tully, Ian Hunter, David Telford, Marco Piva of FCC; Alan Hill (NAC Councillor) PC Dominic Ward; 6 members of the public.

Apologies: Tom Marshall, David Nairn, Alan Hill

March minutes proposed by DT, seconded by IH. (April's meeting was not quorate, so informal minutes only)

### **1. Police report**

34 incidents reported; 8 issues duplicated. Biggest concern demolition explosions by Peelport; local police and councils had not been informed. 12 neighbour complaints due to noise. 3 thefts; 2 wheelie bins likely to be unreported damage by the collection vehicle. 1 garage theft; CCTV with police crimes officer.

### **2. Dawn Homes**

MOP raised concern that two houses have been constructed ahead of drainage to prevent flooding of Castlepark houses. Awaiting response to complaint from NAC Planning.

**Actions:** RH to phone NAC Planning.

KST to chase email sent to Head of Planning in March as no response received to date, regarding non-adherence to Phase One planning conditions.

### **3. A78**

#### **Safe crossings and safer traffic**

KST meeting with member of the NAC Participation and Empowerment Team on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and 28<sup>th</sup> May to discuss what support is available for public campaign to influence Transport Scotland. Crossing survey already promised by Transerv. Transerv visiting on the 25<sup>th</sup> May to walk the A78 and review four potential safe crossing sites.

**Action:** KST to update FCC website and ask for volunteers to get involved in the safe crossings campaign after 28<sup>th</sup> May.

### **4. Peel Port's Planning Applications: Deconstruction of oil rigs**

3 planning applications have been approved by the NAC Planning Committee in April 2018.

1. Caisson gate; Condition 1 was changed to allow large marine structures associated with the oil, gas and renewables industries to be decommissioned.
2. Extension of jetty on site
3. Change of land use so deep-water vessels can be brought in; Peelport are committed to decommissioning oil rigs.

FCC objections were based on risk to local SSSI and marine environment, alongside lack of detail regarding employment and economic generation opportunities.

NAC Planning added a planning condition for a local communities' liaison group (Fairlie, West Kilbride, Cumbrae CC's and two NA councillors), where FCC can raise concerns and push for transparency on plans.

FCC will also continue to question why a full environmental assessment is not required.

The three cranes on the Hunterston pier should be removed by the end of 2018.

RH attended Operation Fairlie an oil spill exercise with Peelports, Marine Agency, NAC EDF, coastguard and Largs Marina. All agreed it would be impossible to protect the SSSI if there was an oil spill in Fairlie Channel. Largs Marina, Oyster farm and the intake pipe for B station would be the priorities.

Action: RH to contact Peelport re: liaison group and AH re: Peel Port consultation event in Fairlie.

## **5. Fairlie Castle**

Owner has recently applied for and had planning condition removed by NAC Planning Department regarding necessity to renovate the castle. This means the castle could be left to deteriorate without the owner having any legal responsibility to maintain or conserve it.

FCC question both the legality and ethics of such an action, and will be writing to the Scottish Housing Minister, Scottish Government Planning Departments, Historic Environment Scotland regarding this, as the construction of a separate dwelling on the site was originally granted for the specific purpose of facilitating the castle's renovation.

Once IH has reviewed the letter KST will finalise with David McNeur and send.

## **6. Coastal Path**

Work is about to start on the paved section by the Fairlie Burn running south for six weeks, despite this section being in the best condition of the beach side sections.

KST has not had any response from Louise Kirk, NAC Access Manager to any e mails asking for details in the last three months.

## **7. NOWTFF (Wind turbines)**

SSE have informed FCC that testing on the Mitsubishi turbine will be completed by the end of June 2018 (subject to weather conditions), and that once testing is complete the intention is then for the decommissioning process to be completed by October 2018.

**SSE** is currently considering the future of the Siemens machine and hope to make an announcement on this over the coming weeks.

## **8. Local Development Plan 2**

NAC are in the consultation period for LDP2.

DT questioned why the RES3 policy applied to Dawn Homes is no longer in the new LDP.

FCC and MOP's need to comment on the proposed LDP2 by the 29 June 2018.

## **9. Hunterston SSG**

Next meeting Thursday June 7th Waterside Inn where public welcome.  
The issue of reactor brick cracking will be on the agenda.

## **10. AOB**

### **FCC Vacancy**

Welcome to Alan Holden who will replace Joan Downie as a full member, and Andy Temple who will join as a co-opted member.

### **Crematorium Visit**

FCC members to visit the new Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium on the A760 just east of Kelburn Estate.

Next meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 7:30pm in Semple Centre (not Easter Monday)