

Fairlie Community Council (FCC) 02/07/2018: Draft

Present: Rita Holmes (Chairperson), Karla Tully, Ian Hunter, David Telford, Andy Temple, Alan Holden Marco Piva of FCC; Ian Murdoch (NAC Councillor) PC Dominic Murphy; 11 members of the public.

Welcome and Apologies: Tom Marshall, David Nairn

June minutes proposed by DT, seconded by AT

1. Police report

25 incidents reported; 13 issues related to Kelburn Music Festival; mainly noise. As 5000 people attended Police pleased with how little disorder there was. Rest related to missing young person who was found. MOP raised dead bird posted through Hair dresser's door as per Facebook. DM not aware but would follow up. Nancy McQueen from Fairlie Community Gardens also reported petty theft of two items two days previously which had not been reported up to then.

A78, re 30mph zone and speed awareness vans. DM recently sent an e mail to KST explaining that several criteria must be fulfilled to allocate time at a new site. KST will follow up once 30 mph has been extended.

2. EXTERNAL SPEAKERS

Roads & Streetscene, North Ayrshire Council - Ros Fallon, Marketing & Publicity Officer

- NAC Roads and Street scene cover all 'local' roads and pavements, open spaces, shore line cleaning, litter road safety and lighting. This includes road drains and surfaces. (A78 and 'trunk roads are serviced by Transerv on behalf of Transport Scotland)
- To report potholes, blocked drains, dangerous walkways, dog fouling etc contact departments via NAC website, phone app or NAC call centre on 01294 310000
- Issues are prioritised against service failures; 28 days is the longest period for an issue to be resolved.
- Road repairs (pot hole repairs esp.) and improvements big focus this financial year.
- Ros working to raise awareness on services and to encourage residents to take responsibility for reporting issues and concerns.
- **Dog fouling;** 700 incidents reported year to date with NAC taking persistent offenders to court. £80 fine plus £30 charge for cleaning. Asking public to raise concerns, anonymously if wish, about known offenders so Enforcement team can investigate. Streetscene clean reported fouling but trend is that offenders know this and leave mess to be reported.
- Street posters and lamp post stickers; these are illegal and should be reported for clean-up. Again, fines can apply.
- Ros will continue to update FCC with newsletters, information leaflets etc which will then be posted on FCC website.

Adoption of Pier Road Play Area by Fairlie Community Gardens (FCG): Nancy McQueen and Jackie Bonn

- NAC have allowed FCG to adopt the play park which has had all play equipment removed for safety reasons. Surface part rubber, part tarmac.
- JB leading project.
- Already added benches, snakes and ladders games from Kelburn School closure.
- Area will be covered by FCG public liability insurance.
- Plan to hold a **consultation 'play afternoon' in August** when families attend to look at options, based on 'eco-play' such as, basketball hoops, tunnels, painted floor games, living tunnels etc
- FCC expressed thanks and encouragement in the project.

3. A78- FAIRLIE SAFE????!!! Campaign- Mary Elizabeth Scott (MS) of NAC Participation and Empowerment Team, Community Development and Karla Tully (KST), FCC Secretary

- Since raising concerns with Transport Scotland and Transerv late 2017 KST has managed to get agreement for the replacement of the traffic island near Dawn Homes, an extension of the A78 30 mph zone to the rail bridge south of the village and a commitment to consider additional safe crossings and or extending pavements on the A78 whilst retaining the lollypop person for the primary school children.
- NAC have provided Mary Scott as resource to assist with the campaign, accessing funds for public consultation and creating a survey so FCC can understand the underlying needs of Fairlie folk.
- FCC will be competing for resources and funds with other Scottish villages, so we need as many people in the village to get involved.
- FCC carried out a sample internet survey early 2018 FCC and we have examples of people unable to shop, socialise or exercise because of their fear of, or physical restraints when crossing the A78.
- We need as many stories as possible; confidentiality and privacy will be protected.
- 5 people present volunteered to help deliver the surveys when they are ready late July 2018. thank you 😊
- Examples of 'near misses', speeding traffic, difficulty crossing will also be collected on the FCC website as part of the campaign.
- MS assisting KST to apply for funding from NAC and Scottish Government schemes.

4. NAC Councillor's Update

Ian Murdoch reported back his questions to the NAC Full Council Meeting regarding the Peelports planning application. See

5. Dawn Homes

MOP complaint regarding 24/7 working to NAC upheld; DH cannot work Sundays or Bank holidays and only from 7 am to 7 pm Monday to Friday.

DT has raised a personal FOI re: Springfield take over and liabilities especially SUDs ponds and safety measures, plus RES3 re: community benefit.

IM will also ask for clarification from Tom Marshall, Chair of NAC Planning Committee.

6. Peel Port's Planning Applications: Deconstruction of oil rigs

Peelport have invited FCC to a closed meeting on the 12th July 2018.

FCC have prepared questions they will raise on behalf of Fairlie folk which will be posted separately on the FCC website.

There will also be a community councils liaison group which Ian Murdoch, NAC Councillor will also attend.

The key issues FCC want to raise are, and IM raised at the June NAC Full Council meeting are:

- Why a full Environmental Impact Assessment was not seen as necessary by NAC when granting the permission in April 2018 to develop the Hunterston site in readiness for decommissioning.
- Why Scottish Natural Heritage were not consulted properly.
- Cescon who are already promoting the site for their operation have only been in existence since early 2018; what are their credentials to run such a huge operation?
- Why Scottish Natural Heritage's letter was omitted from the consultees submissions?

Other issues discussed were:

- Why the Clyde Marine Planning partnership were unaware of the application until it was too late to comment, even though Peelport are part of that group?
- Why Marine Scotland are still in 'pre-consultation' regarding the construction, yet Peelport have started works?
- Has the marine environment been sufficiently surveyed and understood so the construction and on-going operations will not detrimentally affect the unique marine flora and fauna, including the SSSI?
- How tourism, the natural environment and the SSSI will be protected.
- What the noise and operating time restrictions will be if it goes ahead.
- Where else in the UK is there a similar operation so close to residences, places of natural beauty and protected marine species?
- How Section 12 of the Petroleum Act applies as this operation will be much closer than 12 miles off shore?
- What will the risks of the air and water borne contaminants be, and how will these be mitigated?
- How can the operators demonstrate that they have the competency to protect the environment when this is a new operating company?
- What job vacancies for local people will exist in view of other similar European operations having 'off shore' employees?
- Why the whole planning process has been 'hidden' from the public, and Peelport and Cesscon have not engaged in local consultations?
- How future generations will be affected by the by-products of such industry so close to Fairlie?
- Will Peelport attend a public meeting in Fairlie?
- What has been put in place to ensure that Hunterston B's operation will not be affected as water from the Clyde is used in their daily management of the temperature of parts of their site?
- Is this legal under UK and European law?

A full list and an opportunity to raise questions for FCC to take to Peel port on the 12th July 2018, will be posted on the FCC website.

Over 2200 people have also signed the petition against the decommissioning at Hunterston.

FCC will be writing to Environment Ministers at Holyrood and Westminster to question the legality and long-term risk of such an operation in this location.

Marine Scotland Act 2010 – pre- application consultation. The new date is the 8th August 2018 at the Village Hall, Fairlie from 2pm until 7pm. Details will also be posted on the FCC website and volunteers will deliver leaflets to every Fairlie home.

5. Fairlie Castle

NAC have granted planning permission for the owner to build a home on site without renovating the castle. This means the castle could be left to deteriorate without the owner having any legal responsibility to maintain or conserve it.

KST and David McNeur have finalised a letter questioning NAC's management of the planning application and amendments since 1998, which will be sent to the Scottish Housing Minister, MP, , Scottish Government Planning Departments, Historic Environment Scotland MSPs and NAC.

FCC question the legality of such an action, as the construction of a separate dwelling on the site was originally granted for the specific purpose of facilitating the castle's renovation.

The owner has contacted FCC stating their intention to protect the castle, however there is still a concern that they have no legal obligation to do so.

7. NOWTFF (Wind turbines)

Both wind turbines have now ceased operation and will be removed over the next few months.

8. Local Development Plan 2

RH has sent a detailed response to the LDP on FCC's behalf. RH ran through the salient points of the response, which again will be posted on the FCC website.

The main concerns relate to

- the Peelport development,
- use of green belt land for industry south of the village,
- traffic management on the A78 while we wait for a Fairlie bypass
- Parking congestion especially at the Keppenburn estate and the Bowling Club.
- Removal of the RES3 clause reference Dawn Homes
- Protection of Fairlie Glen from further development
- Lack of affordable housing in the next phase of Dawn Homes development.
- Need for safe footpath along Castle park drive to Railway station.
- Hunterston power stations; site development after de-commissioning of Station B no later than 2024?
- Nuclear power is against Scottish Government policy.

9. Hunterston SSG

The Hunterston A cladding colour has now been agreed; same as Waste Store' of grey.

10. AOB

Coastal Path; neither FCC or Fairlie Community Trust have had an update on progress or next stages despite requesting.

Next meeting, 6th August 2018, 7:30pm in Semple Centre.