

Fairlie Community Council meeting (FCC)minutes 4th March 2019.

Present : Rita Holmes (chairperson), David Telford, David Nairn, Alan Holden, Andy Temple, Ian Hunter Of FCC.

Cllrs Alan Hill, Ian Murdoch, Tom Marshall of NAC. PC Dominic Murphy (police), Calum Corall, + 9 members of public.

Apologies --- Karla Tully, Marco Piva.

Minutes of meeting 4th February 2019.

Members of the sea angling group requested clarification be added into minutes, that they have talked with SNH and confirmed their bait digging in the SSSI area is allowed for personal use. They have had a meeting with SNH and jointly visited the SSSI area, and are aware of the sensitive areas of sea grass and oyster beds which must not be damaged.

It is now known that SNH aim to do a detailed study of the SSSI area and the Ardrossan sea angling group members are willing to help with this survey. Another member of public stated that in his opinion the SSSI area is being damaged by activities taking place on the beach, he welcomed the survey which should show what damage if any, is already being caused to the SSSI areas.

This additional detail now in these minutes.

Minutes of 4th February accepted by David Telford, seconded by Andy Temple.

1. Police Report.

37 incidents reported last month, 5 are crimes, 2 assaults, 1 charge of possession of controlled substances, 2 road accidents due to ice on road near Kelburn entrance, 1 traffic offence.

DT asked about A78 condition and road safety issues, he would like to see some results from the traffic light experiments. AT asked if police could do a speed survey of main road area near to entrance to Station Road and the South end of Fairlie. PC Murphy noted the requests but was unsure if speed surveys at South part of village would be possible in the near future.

2 Hunterston Site Stakeholders Group.

Next meeting of SSG is on 7th March 2019 at Waterside Hotel. It was noted that EdF are giving public information events on 2 evenings 5-8 in the near future at Hunterston Visitors Centre.

BBC Scotland are doing a 'news item' from Hunterston B on 6th March which will be on TV on Friday. Tom Marshall will be speaking? The ONR have asked for better modelling of the tests relating to the reactor cores and the effects of cracked graphite bricks.

Hunterston 'A' the redesign continues of the proposed new external cladding of the reactor buildings, they are also considering the possibility of reducing the height of the reactor buildings.

The total removal of the reactor buildings is being considered, but this may be done at another Magnox site before Hunterston.

Full report from SSG will be posted on our Web Site by Rita.

3 Hunterston Peel Port.

The first formal Liason Group Meeting is due at Hunterston Clydeport offices on 18 March 2019 between the hours of 2 – 4. A number of NAC Councillors have been invited along with one member from each local community council. The aim of the first meeting is to agree the format of the group Code of Practice, the number of meetings planned for the year, membership of the group and to propose an independent Chair Person. It was suggested that other interested groups (SNH or HSE etc.) may be invited to attend at times. It is also suggested that future meetings should be on neutral ground.

4 Public Meeting in Largs --- oil rig decommissioning proposals.

About 350 people attended the public meeting at Largs Academy, which was organised by Friends of The Firth of Clyde. Speakers were from our locality and FoFOC along with representatives of NAC, SEPA and local councillors. See full report on FoFOC website.

5 A78 road.

There is a plan for the A78 to be closed through Fairlie to allow major repairs and resurfacing to be carried out. But this work may not happen until October. (18th - 21st is the target weekend).

6 Councillors report.

IM is looking for additional details about the letter on oil rig decommissioning received from the Scottish Parliament. It is not from any named person and gives no detail of the information used to compile the Scottish Parliament judgement on there being no need for a EIA. DT is also asking for more details as the letter was sent to East Ayrshire Council in Kilmarnock, and not even sent to the affected local council NAC.

It was reported that NAC officers have recently visited Dawn Homes, Peel Port, and Hunterston whilst considering the Local Development Plan 2 and issues which can affect Fairlie and this area.

A member of public (MoP) asked about the 'Feasibility Study' done for Decommissioning rigs etc at Hunterston, which was part paid for by a 250k£ grant from Scottish Government. Have any of the councillors or anyone else seen this study? Councillors say they have not seen it. It is noted that Peel Port as a company do not yet have any agreement for a decommissioning contractor.

7 Dawn Homes.

The drain under the A78 and rail line local to the garage. ---- Reconstruction of this drain course has not yet been decided and may not be feasible.

MoP asked if a route was to be made for a pathway through Dawn Homes area to allow people to walk from Castle Park and Dawn Homes area, up to the Ladies Walk? Looking at the original plans there does not appear to be any pathway proposed. TM will look at the option and FCC will write to NAC Planning and copy letter to TM.

8 Wind Turbines.

Siemens test wind turbine is to be demolished in March / April/ May, and concrete base will be removed partly, later in the year.

9 Fish Farm proposals.

There are planning proposals in for 4 fish farms around the Cumbrae's, these plans are undergoing planning screening assessments at the moment. DN expressed concern about the potential affect on local sea life along with having other concerns. It was noted that the COIG tourist route passes by the proposed fish farm areas.

TM says that the planners are actively considering all of these issues.

10 AOB.

New Crematorium access? IM reported that a traffic survey has been done to assess the dangers and that no change to the road layout is planned.

Shore footpath? IM asked NAC in January what was planned in the next phase of work. Reply from Louise Kirk was that there are plans for more work but no time scale has been set for the work.

Next meeting of FCC Monday April 1st at 7:30pm in Semple Centre.