

Fairlie Community Council (FCC) draft Minutes 03/12/2018

Present: Rita Holmes (chairperson), Marco Piva (minutes taker), David Telford; David Nairn, Alan Holden; Ian Hunter of FCC; Cllrs. Ian Murdoch, Alan Hill of NAC; PC Dominic Murphy (Police); Calum Corral (press); 3 members of the public. Apologies: Karla Tully, Andy Temple (FCC); Tom Marshall (NAC).

DT asks to minute his objections to the absence of Cllr. Alec Gallagher, who has not attended FCC for several months.

November minutes proposed by AH, seconded by RH.

1 Police report

33 calls in the month of Nov (up from 21 in 2017), but no actual crimes. 8/9 calls due to a single neighbour's dispute, 5 to a sheep that got lost in the village.

MoP: yesterday Dec 2nd the Main Rd was completely closed for what was nothing more than a manhole to be fixed; why couldn't there be single lane circulation?

DM: Transport Scotland decided so.

2 NAC Councillors' update

IM: a Locality Partnership meeting will be held on 13/12, and the issues the LocPart is focussing on are moving forward; more discussions at 19/12 full NAC meeting.

DT: a motion to eliminate Community Councils had been put forward: any news?

AH: yes, but it's extremely unlikely to pass.

3 Hunterston Nuclear Power Station SSG update

On 6/12 there will be a meeting of SSG chairs in London, to discuss possible criteria for selection of a single site for total clearance. If HunterstonA was chosen this would keep jobs in HunterstonA beyond 2024. 10 possible sites are under consideration.

Reactor 3 has over 350 Keyway Root Cracks (the maximum allowed per current safety case is 350), Reactor 4 has 209. EDF are working on safety cases for each reactor to ensure that ONR can base its decision on the most robust safety case possible. The SC for R4 has already been submitted. Mid-Dec; is earliest restart for R4. R3 has been on outage since March while the core is checked to provide valid data for the new Safety Case. Restart of R3 not expected to be before February 2019. EDF's Safety Case is based on the possibility of a severe earthquake(7.2) possibly causing core distortion. AH(FCC) confirmed this.

Cavendish Fluor oversaw the Hunterston A decommissioning work and set plans., As with Sellafield the NDA has decided to take the contract "in house" and CF will handover Sept 2019. NDA stressed that CF were not being replaced because of the job they had done as this had been done well. On questioning from IM, RH as chairperson of SSG confirms that she finds SSG useful; not everyone always agrees as various interest groups are represented, as expected.

4 FCC/FoFoC/SEPA meeting update

A meeting with SEPA was held this morning 3/12. Present: RH, DN, AHo, MP of FCC; Cllr IM of NAC; Caroline Briggs, Robbie Briggs, Rhona Cameron, Cyndy Duff, Ron Gilchrist of FoFoC. For SEPA: David Ogilvie, lead on oil and gas decomm sector; Pamela Armstrong, unit manager/waste team (West); Louise Brown, radioactive substance specialist; David Walker, environmental protection officer. This was to discuss the proposed oil rig decommissioning at Hunterston and the process for licence applications.

Extract from the minutes (as reported at FCC meeting):

DO explained his role as Sector Lead in pulling the Sector Plan together and how this is a new area for SEPA. Strategically, aim is to get ahead of the problems and make sure that licence holders go beyond compliance.

75% cost of Decomm is to come from the Public Purse so Scottish Government keen to secure jobs, and SG looking at "Appropriate Places" (several sites in Scotland are being considered) and look at Supply Chain situation which is slow. Hunterston has large amount of land unlike some other sites. It is in the wrong place and would be looking at gas rigs from Irish Sea and probably hoping for decomm of ships. Peel Port have applied for a simple Waste Management Licence not a PPC Permit. Dundee has applied to licence a facility which will engage in more complex decommissioning work

Waste Management Licence v Pollution Permit Control licence discussed. WML more limiting than PPC. Shell have to make full inventory of what is on rig, and plot where every piece goes. They need to protect their reputation (ABLE, a decommissioning company at Hartlepool NE England, has been dismantling the Brent Delta rig and had to make full inventory and plot where every piece of the rig goes).

All sites looking at Business Case Models. Dundee complex, whereas, Hunterston starting off small.

PeelPorts has one of the highest rates of fatalities on the job in Britain.

Wed 5/12, before NAC Planning Committee will answer to WML application; they will not object to a SEPA appl., but they will ask for reassurances re. road transport and re. use of jetty for decomm operations.

Caroline Briggs of FoFoC will make a presentation.

AHi: a request to NAC PlanComm has been made to object to WML until all other licences have been granted; this objection needs to be made by Planning Committee, to which AHi and IM have appealed.

AHi: if a multi-part appl is filed, PlanComm should review the planning permission; as this is extremely likely to be a multi-part appl, there should be a new screening opinion, possibly including EIA.

IM: much information came to light after planning permission was granted. NAC will be asked to support SEPA and Marine Scotland in asking for EIA.

5 PeelPorts oil rig decommissioning

A meeting (not a liaison meeting) to be held tomorrow 4/12; info will be asked re. WML and cranes decomm.

IM: confirming it's not a liaison meeting.

Reminder that Condition 8 required a liaison committee to be set up by 18/7/2018; no steps towards this have been made. TM promised to investigate at Nov FCC, but nothing came to light (TM could not be present to this meeting). PeelPorts insist that there was a meeting in late June/early July that they considered being preliminary to a liaison committee, despite the fact that FCC stated such meeting was not a formal liaison meeting. IM and AHi have no news about this.

6 Local Development Plan

DT filed a personal objection asking for RES3 to be continued; what was sent to the reporter does not include it. DT's objection also mentioned bypass, A78 and leisure use of Hunterston.

7 Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Will take place on Wednesday 5/12

8 AOB

DN proposing a smartboard to be purchased for the Semple Ctr; application to Trust to be made?

MoP: would the appl be filed as FCC or as Semple Ctr?

This is to be decided

Next meeting, 07/01/2019, 7.30 pm at the Semple Centre, Main Rd Fairlie.