

## MINUTES



**Date:** 16 February 2023 – 6pm via ZOOM

**Topic:** Monthly Regular Meeting

**Present:** Alex Harvie (Chair), John McHenery, Keith Hammond (Secretary), Gregor Harvie (Adviser), Graham Wallace (Adviser), John Riggins, Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Cllr Ian Murdoch, Cllr Todd Ferguson, Cllr Eleanor Collier, Thomas Reaney (NAC), Jan Wilkie (CCDC), Lorraine Fraser (Cumbrae Forum), Adam Lyon (Press), John McNeilly (Millport Town Hall) and 24 members of the public

**Apologies:** Duncan Fraser (CCC), Angus Campbell (CCC), Cllr Tom Marshall, Sarah Baird (NAC), David Williamson (Golf Club & CCDC), Louise Riddex (NAC), Trish Broadley-Clews (Golf Club), Iain Morrison (Millport Motors), Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall), Scott Ferris (Isle of Cumbrae Tourism Association) Cllr Alan Hill, Callum Corral (Press), Mark Semple (Police Scotland)

<b>Welcome</b> Alex H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair declared the meeting quorate.</li> <li>Minutes previous meeting received one amendment and are now approved – see <a href="https://cumbrae.org/CCC_Minutes.html">https://cumbrae.org/CCC_Minutes.html</a></li> </ul>
<b>Organisations</b>	
Police Scotland, Mark Semple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
IOCTA Scott Ferris email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Producing information leaflet giving advice on ferry service, camping etc which will be designed by Caledonian University Students with adverts.</li> </ul>
CCDC, Jan W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding application to Wilson Trust in second phase; drop-in held for Ferry Users Group; exhibitions for (XLCC ); several events pencilled in for coming period including NAC Cost of Living Crisis and Carbon Neutral Island Project; local artist and councillor session for public planned in Spring; new exhibition planned; holiday apartments quiet right now.</li> </ul>
Cumbrae Forum Lorraine F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch club flourishing with 60 attendees on average every sitting; buses being organised for shopping trips off island (1<sup>st</sup> April); food bank donations accepted for Turkey-Syria crisis at shop; confidential advice on at Hub on Thursdays; Hub space free of charge; bookings now increasing.</li> <li>Over £1,000 given out to local members supporting local business through Christmas voucher scheme; £7,500 grant from NAC for computer cluster in Hub to be used for Homework Club, on-line training courses, and development of IT skills; Warm Wednesdays at local Parish church supported.</li> </ul>
Millport Motors	No report
Millport Golf Club	No report
Cumbrae Primary Julie McAleese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant from NAC £6,800 for computers for family learning groups; coding skills.</li> <li>Access being organised with Craig Hamilton (K Leisure) and parents, looking at spaces suitable for sport in evenings and weekends for both primary and secondary; sports leaders to be trained on island;</li> <li>Sports events planned for Easter Camp in Garrison for both primary and secondary.</li> </ul>
Field Studies Council, Duncan F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visits by Perth primary schools, religious groups based in London; new chef in post and vacancies for hospitality staff and teachers advertised on web-site.</li> </ul>
Ferry Users Group Angus C	No report
Cathedral Gregor H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractors move into accommodation in March; Caretaker (Catherine Ayer) in post; part time housekeeper needed but little else on future of the College determined.</li> </ul>
Millport Bowling Club, John McH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AGM coming up, and weekend programme of entertainment ongoing; well attended;</li> <li>Opening for new season soon and open for new members.</li> </ul>
<b>Island projects</b>	
Data, Graham W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new developments.</li> </ul>
Ten Year Plan Carol C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locality Partnership* entails NAC, councillors, organisations and individuals and will oversee the way the plan is implemented, consultation meeting planned (March).</li> </ul>

\* The Locality Partnership is a group made up of the five north coast towns: West Kilbride Farlie, Largs, Sleimorlie and the Cumbraes. It includes council officials, elected NAC members and community representatives.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cumbrae has a Delivery Group which is derived from the partnership and oversees work on the ten year plan for Cumbre.</li> </ul>
Town Hall, John McN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Also received grant from NAC Skills Initiative along with Forum and School. This will enable working towards increasing the opportunities for people in Cumbrae.</li> <li>Brickwork on front entrance begun. Trusses in the main hall being painted. Solar panels fitted.</li> <li>Presentation given Community and Locality Planning Conference in Saltcoats.</li> <li>Pie and Song went well, collaboration with Cumbrae Butcher and Sonoro Choir.</li> </ul>
Marina, Graham W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outline Business Case prepared and being reviewed by NAC; a successful OBC will allow funding for detail design work, G&amp;I, public consultation, submission of permissions/consents etc. and will provide a more informed picture of what the marina will actually look like in terms of size, costs, access etc. Work is ongoing to develop a community led operating model. Currently anticipated works will commence after completion of Flood Prevention Scheme.</li> </ul>
Carbon Neutral Islands, Scott W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scott introduced himself as the new Development officer.</li> <li>A steering group for the project set up and homed in CCDC; carbon audit being done (domestic/business etc.) with a separate study on blue carbon; Audit reports produced by specialists commissioned by NAC and based on receipts; report to be made available in couple of weeks.</li> <li>Carol noted that we are behind other islands with this project and therefore there is an established path for the project. She noted the Development Officer post is only two months; this will be extended if money available.</li> </ul>
Issues arising	
Planning & licencing, Gregor H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications in for Welfare Hut in Calmac car park.</li> <li>Another application for to change a building from accommodation on Ferry Road to offices for the Flood Prevention Scheme contractors.</li> <li>Solar Farm application still in play.</li> </ul>
Salmon Farm Bakkafrost, Iain Laister, Su Cox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of Salmon Farm proposal – to be posted on Cumbrae.org.</li> <li>Question about outlets from the farm into the sea: yes there would be outlets.</li> <li>Chair commented that community needed to fully comprehend this complex proposal so further presentations may be arranged. The company open to questions at any point.</li> </ul>
<b>Councillors' updates</b> , Cllr Ferguson & Cllr Murdoch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graffiti in bus shelter across from the Newton being dealt with; NAC setting up a youth meeting; concerns about welfare unit in Ferry car park; more with the slip way construction; problems with slip building.</li> <li>Lorraine (Forum) said little uptake with young people for the Friday youth night in Church organised by Forum; Chair reaffirmed an invitation to go out to young people that they are welcome at the Community Council meetings.</li> <li>Cllr Murdoch said CC meetings (third week in the month) clashes with other meetings for him; Chair said there was flexibility but did not want to cause confusion – discussion to conclude at next meeting.</li> <li>The Man-Shed welcomes young men 18+.</li> <li>Parking law changing; not possible for local people and visitors to continue long-term parking as in the past.</li> </ul>
<b>Detailed update 10 minutes</b> Flood Defence Angela Spinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractors building the Flood Defence are keen to engage with the public and drop-in arranged at Garrison 7<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>Local liaison and public information officer in place; no details of what will happen where and when because much detail still to be determined; main worry of residents on island is the disruption at the busiest time of the year.</li> <li>Farland Point to be where boats come in with materials.</li> <li>Main point of early disruption will be around Crocodile Rock but will move to Kames Bay; toilets left open throughout project and beach access maintained.</li> <li>Cllr Murdoch thought there may be slip problems and thought signage should be used on Largs side to warn visitors coming over of the disruption.</li> </ul>
<b>Next meeting</b>	Thursday 16 March 2023 6pm