

MINUTES

Date: 16 March 2023 – 6pm via ZOOM

Topic: Monthly Regular Meeting

Present: Alex Harvie (Chair), John McHenery (CCC), Gregor Harvie (Adviser), John Riggins (CCC), Cllr Ian Murdoch, Thomas Reaney (NAC), Adam Lyon (Press), Scott Watson (Carbon Neutral Island project), Duncan Fraser (CCC), Angus Campbell (CCC), Tony L (Police), Cllr Alan Hill and 10 members of the public

Apologies: Keith Hammond (Secretary), Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Cllr Todd Ferguson, Cllr Eleanor Collier, Jan Wilkie (CCDC), Lorraine Fraser (Cumbrae Forum), Graham Wallace (Adviser), Cllr Tom Marshall, Sarah Baird (NAC), Louise Riddex (NAC), Iain Morrison (Millport Motors), Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall), Scott Ferris (Isle of Cumbrae Tourism Association)

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| <p>Welcome Alex H</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair declared the meeting quorate. Minutes of previous meeting approved https://cumbrae.org/CCC_Minutes.html It was agreed that future CCC meetings would take place on the last Thursday of the month. Alex H will issue revised invitations. |
| <p>Organisations</p> | |
| <p>Police Scotland, Tony L</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were 16 calls to the police in the last month, with 2 relating to vandalism. |
| <p>IOCTA</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report |
| <p>CCDC</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report |
| <p>Cumbrae Forum Lorraine F</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cumbrae Forum are running a Members' Bus Trip to Port Glasgow Shopping Centre on Saturday 1st April. Leave Forum Hub at 10am, and returning to Millport at approx 4:15pm. £3 per person, members can bring a plus one. Tickets can be purchased during opening hours at the Forum Charity shop phone 530610, or Annette on 01475 531088 or 07502270149 This is the fourth week of our appeal for the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria, and to date the takings from the shop are at £2444.00 with only a few days left. There was also a special collection taken at CPC and the sum of £290. |
| <p>Millport Motors</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report |
| <p>Millport Golf Club Gregor M</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been a number of improvements to the course and to the website. |
| <p>Cumbrae Primary Julie McAleese</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PC Pollard, the campus police officer at Largs Academy delivered a very informative talk to parents on Monday about Internet safety. £2,000 achieved from the Calmac fund which will be used to create a path and improve accessibility to the outdoor classroom and polycrub. Scott Watson delivered a fantastic assembly about the Carbon Neutral project. Seeking help to clear out the planters and an area behind the school building to plant a butterfly garden. Approached Millport memorial plaques about offering to relocate a few of the benches to the front of the school but have had no response. Covered bike shelter installed at the front of the school. |
| <p>Field Studies Council, Duncan F</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RV Actinia was successfully relaunched mid-February without any problems. 25 University of Cork students taken to sea at the end of February. Large group of 40+ in this week from Newark primary in Port Glasgow. Next weekend FSC will host Annual Board of Trustees meeting with Centre managers, Stakeholders & Trustees gathering for presentations, displays, boat trips, island tours & sampling of Scottish hospitality. 1 vacancy for a 30hrs pw Hospitality & Catering post, contact centre for info. |
| <p>Ferry Users Group Angus C</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FUG have expressed concern about the removal of the discounted season tickets. A meeting is being scheduled to discuss this and other matters with the Transport Minister, and a letter campaign is being organised, with a template email available and a paper version that can be collected from Pots and Pets. There are also concerns about the proposed works to the Cumbrae slip and the move to the single ticket system. The information available about this imminent change is poor. Angus C and Cllr Hill agreed to meet separately to discuss these matters. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC has asked NAC for the welfare unit at the slip to be moved so that it is not taking up parking spaces. |
| Cathedral Canon Alec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canon Alec stated that the people of Millport understandably refer to everything in and around the Cathedral and College campus as “The Cathedral” but the activities within the site are governed separately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cathedral and The College with all the grounds are owned by The Cumbrae Trust of which Lord Glasgow is a member as are the Bishop and Diocesan Officers. • The Cathedral itself is governed by the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles under the Bishop. • The worshipping community using The Cathedral by agreement is the St Andrew’s Congregation which has its own Vestry and predates the build of The Cathedral in 1851. • The College of The Holy Spirit is governed by the Diocese – up until recently through the trading company “Island Retreat Ltd” which also oversees Bishop’s House on Iona. The College has now been taken back into the control of the Diocesan Standing Committee of which the Bishop is Chair. • The St Andrew’s Cemetery is the consecrated private burial ground which is also owned by the Cumbrae Trustees and managed on their behalf by the Cathedral Lay Chaplain and the St Andrew’s Congregation Vestry. • The Friends of The Cathedral and College is a separate group which fund raises to pay for any improvements to improve the comfort for visitors not within the budgets of both. • Cathedral worship, unaffected by the College business, is run by agreement with The Bishop. Those who conduct worship are licenced by the Bishop and have his permission to officiate. • Currently the business of The College has established a contract with the firm working on the flood defences. • Local contracts are now also in place for ground maintenance and tree work. A resident caretaker is now living on site. • The Diocese, which includes the Cathedral, the College and the grounds, is working towards Zero Carbon by 2030. This will link in with the local Carbon Neutral Islands project. |
| Millport Bowling Club, John McH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report |
| Island projects | |
| Data, Graham W | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new developments. |
| Ten Year Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report |
| Carbon Neutral Islands, Scott W | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott W reported that they have received a range of carbon audits from external partners, covering the energy, transport, land use, agriculture, waste and marine sectors. • Some of the biggest challenges we face as an island are within the domestic energy and transport sectors. In particular older housing stock that isn’t energy efficient and in many cases with dated heating systems. • There have been 3 community engagement sessions within Garrison House which have been well attended, as well as discussions and presentations with several community groups and businesses. • A clear priority of those that have attended is warmer homes, lower energy bills and reducing fuel poverty. Other areas have included more sustainable transport, habitat restoration and the feasibility of future community owned energy generation on the island. • As part of these drop-in sessions we have been joined by The Wise Group who have a substantial allocation of funding through North Ayrshire Councils Area Based Scheme, specific to Cumbrae, for improving home energy efficiency with a range of measures which will be open to homeowners. • The Wise Group and Home Energy Scotland will be at the Garrison House on Thursday 23rd March from 4.30pm - 7pm for another engagement session. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Climate Action Plan is currently being drafted based on the audit information, feedback and priorities from the local community during engagement events. Initial draft of the action plan is expected towards the end of the month. • The Scottish Government has confirmed that the Carbon Neutral Islands project will be continuing beyond the end of March and that funding will be available for at least another 12 months and with the possibility increasing the level of support. |
| Town Hall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report |
| Flood Prevention Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Murdoch stated that the Men's Shed is producing a display board for plaques from the memorial benches that will form part of the flood protection scheme. • Thomas R agreed to check whether the benches email address is still functioning, and if not, how to contact NAC about the benches. • The contractor has asked about the lockdown pebbles, Alex H will find contacts. |
| Marina, Graham W | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report |
| Issues arising | |
| Planning & licencing, Gregor H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex H thanked the Councillors for the letter they have written to NAC objecting to the proposed solar farm. • Concern was expressed at the time taken for comments logged on the NAC OPIS portal to actually appear. • CCC agreed to investigate whether solar panels are allowed on the roofs of dwellings within the conservation area. |
| Japanese knotweed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas R stated that some spraying of areas that were previously missed will take place in the April / May, and then there will be further spraying in the summer. |
| Councillors' updates , Cllr Ferguson & Cllr Murdoch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hill stated that there is a proposal being considered for resurfacing Stuart St and some works to footpaths as well as some patching work. • Concerns were raised about potholes on Ferry Road. There is a pothole reporting facility on the North Ayrshire Council website. • The delivery group will meet on 6 April and a sub-group will look into the carbon neutral islands project with Scott Watson. • Discussions about the inability of Morrisons to deliver because of ferry unreliability. • Highlands and Islands Enterprise have agreed to come to the island with NAC to what support can be given to local businesses. • Cllr Murdoch asked to have the junction with the A78 at the exit to the ferry and the Lags reconfiguration to be added to the agenda for the next CCC meeting. • Thomas R confirmed that 'no parking signs' have been ordered and should be available in the next few months. • There is no date yet from the contractor for repainting road markings in Kames Bay. • He agreed to keep CCC up to date about the streetscene works in relation to the flood defences. • Alex H agreed to send Thomas R photos of the white paint spillage by the new parking spaces on the far side of the island. |
| Next meeting | Thursday 27 April 2023 6pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87592868414 |