

MINUTES



Date: 27 April 2023 – 6pm via ZOOM

Topic: Monthly Regular Meeting

Attendance: Alex Harvie (Chair), John Riggins (CCC), Duncan Fraser (CCC), Angus Campbell (CCC), Keith Hammond (CCC Secretary), Gregor Harvie (Adviser), Graham Wallace (Adviser), Adam Lyon (Press) Carol Campbell, Thomas Reaney (NAC), Cllr Ian Murdoch, Canon Alec Boyd, + 12 members of the public.

Apologies: Jan Wilkie, Lorraine Fraser, Angie McCallum, Sarah Baird (NAC), Louise Riddex (NAC), Iain Morrison (Millport Motors), Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall), Scott Ferris (Isle of Cumbrae Tourism Association), Mark Semple (Police Scotland), Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Scott Watson (Carbon Neutral Island project), John McHenery (CCC), Cllr Todd Ferguson, Cllr Eleanor Collier, Cllr Tom Marshall

Welcome Alex H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair declared the meeting quorate. Minutes of previous meeting approved https://cumbrae.org/CCC_Minutes.html
Organisations	
Police Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
IOCTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report, AGM tonight
CCDC, email report Jan Wilkie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HES funders visit about new funding application. Applications being made for building repairs now into second phase. Room With A View in courtyard. Pit stop work with NAC and funding being extended into this year. Business centre offering new space available. Holiday flats getting WiFi & improved water heaters.
Cumbrae Forum Alex H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forum website under development and nearing completion.
Millport Motors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Millport Golf Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Cumbrae Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Field Studies Council, Duncan F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Busy month, over 300 residentials, 150 school children visits – vacancies on their website. Screen Machine has increased its screen size and the general machine so they cannot get onto the island – inviting ideas for how they might solve this problem.
Ferry Users Group Angus C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ticketing system still unresolved; lots of media interest (radio and press) and face to face meeting held with Calmac and Transport Scotland and North Ayrshire Council in relation to tickets and reduction of island's carbon footprint; noted that it cannot be done without reducing cars; consultation called for with possibility of external agency. Largs works causing disruption.
Cathedral Canon Alec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathedral open daily through summer. Flood Defence contractors settled in accommodation wing. Diocese meeting coming up to decide future plans for Cathedral.
Millport Bowling Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Island projects	
Data, Graham W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No developments to report; discussion needed about what data we want and how it is to be obtained.
Ten Year Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carol Campbell reported in the absence of Sarah B saying no specific meetings on Ten Year Plan; local implementation group looked at beginning of the plan and discussed Carbon Neutral report available (problem with incomplete data); draft Ten Year Plan written but not widely available.
Carbon Neutral Islands, Scott W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Town Hall Email report Angie McCallum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Millport Town Hall were delighted to welcome The Provost for a tour of the site and subsequent meeting during March; Work to the side annexe ongoing and internal stairs being formed; Howard Street side elevation power cleaned, with stone masonry works complete.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gary Fergusson fundraiser and Harry Suction auction of picture raised a total of nearly £2,000; MTH are extremely grateful for continuing community support.
Flood Prevention Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday afternoon drop-in centre open. Four cabins on Glasgow Street moving to Kames Bay over coming weeks. Work on Stuart Street put back to 2024. Farland point is where sea deliveries will arrive and they start in the coming weeks; Newsletter will be circulated when ready. Up to date project information on NAC website. Letters to go out to residents affected. Email sent to contractors by chair. Raised issue of noise report requested and had response saying it will be forthcoming. Location of noise monitoring still unknown. Number of visitors to community liaison needed and what questions/complaints are being made. Need transparency on these questions so that progress can be followed. Programme of works plan not received as promised. This is required so that we all know what to expect.
Marina, Graham W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case still being reviewed as it circulates NAC – it is progressing and being refined as it moves – still to be approved. Next it will go to executive leaders and then in June to the Cabinet and then a final decision. Right now still at outline of business case.
Issues arising	
Planning & licencing, Gregor H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar Farm meeting cancelled; so no decision yet; Fairlie requested that they speak for Cumbrae CC in the XLCC hearing and it was agreed. Latest planning applications: proposed conversion at bottom of garden of 46 Stuart Street; removal of box window and proposed balcony replacement at 33 Marine Parade; proposed works on Cumbrae Slip; water board kiosk and hardstanding bollards opposite 13 West Bay Road; and construction of detached second house at 25 Marine Parade. All details available on NAC Planning Committee portal. Comments on each proposal should be made directly to them, electronically or by letter. It is a 14 day period for comments; CCC can be contacted for protocol in making submissions;
Japanese knotweed & island issues Thomas R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growing vigorously, spraying to start shortly this month. Paint removal location to be resent to Thomas.
Councillors' updates , Cllr Fergusson & Cllr Murdoch	<p>Councillor Murdoch made the following points – some earlier in the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fly tipping at pier and fridges in Glasgow Street dealt with; fly tipping raises the problem of no refuse point on the island for bulk items; NAC says an island refuse point would be too expensive though it has been raised many times by Councillor Murdoch; man-sheds could repair some items being thrown away; Forum shop can take goods that might be of use to others. Detailed discussion about Largs traffic management coming off the ferry in relation to the position of the bus stop. Criticised the need for road works at the Largs side of the Ferry Slip but will be complete by May. Councillors' contact details on Cumbrae.org.
AOB Keith H	<p>Ambulance service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident in Kames Bay involving cycle accident. Emergency services phoned and call went onto the emergency calls stack. When no response local hospital phoned and an ambulance came immediately. Clarification asked for with emergency calls made from the island. John Riggins making detailed enquiries and full report to be posted on www.Cumbrae.org It was reiterated that in the first instance emergency calls should be made through 999 and 111 for non-emergencies.
Alex H	<p>Data connectivity</p> <p>A community member requested discussion about island broadband and it was agreed that the community would support a collective request for an improvement in services.</p>
Next meeting	Thursday 25 May 2023 6pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87592868414