

MINUTES

Date: 25 May 2023 – 6pm via ZOOM

Topic: Monthly Regular Meeting

Attendance: Alex Harvie (Chair), Duncan Fraser (CCC), John McHenery (CCC), Keith Hammond (CCC Secretary), Gregor Harvie (Adviser), Adam Lyon (Press) Carol Campbell, Thomas Reaney (NAC), Cllr Ian Murdoch, Cllr Todd Ferguson, Cllr Tom Marshall, Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Jack (student at Cumbrae Primary), Lorraine Fraser (Cumbrae Forum), Scott Watson (Carbon Neutral Island project), Iain Morrison (Millport Motors) + 11 members of the public

Apologies: Angus Campbell (CCC), John Riggins (CCC), Graham Wallace (Adviser), Canon Alec Boyd (Cathedral), Jan Wilkie, Angie McCallum, Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall), Mark Semple (Police Scotland), Cllr Eleanor Collier

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	
Cumbrae Primary Jack (student)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of school activities and success in Waverley model competition. Residential coming up and visit to Largs Academy; Community gardens event coming up, call for volunteers; Scott Watson detailed new weather station donated to the school by Carbon Neutral Project.
Police Scotland Mark S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23 crime reports over last period; 8 referrals to Procurator Fiscal; clearing up being organised with young people; chair requests off-line discussion on new policing model introduced on Bute.
IOCTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
CCDC, Scott W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant from National Islands Plan for £73,000 for fabric of the Garrison building.
Cumbrae Forum Lorraine F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need volunteers for garden next to school; shopping trip organised and successful; trip to Loch Lomond planned; Hub now opened and can be used by groups; donation made to Cumbrae Queen celebration; website: www.cumbraeforum.org
Millport Motors Iain M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report but issues relating to Ferry (deferred for Angus's return); HPMA mentioned as it related to protected marine areas and fishing restrictions; assurance that the HPMA will not be imposed on areas.
Millport Golf Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Field Studies Council, Duncan F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extremely busy month; a number of university and school visits doing biology and engineering; several school visits; Waverley using FSC quay; disaster management weekend successful.
Ferry Users Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Cathedral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Millport Bowling Club, John McH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened again in April; successful fun day organised to raise funds; greens extended; so will not close during Summer in future.
Island projects	
Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Ten Year Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Carbon Neutral Islands, Scott W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insulation etc possible through grants; consultants studying skills gap for businesses on island. Scott Watson at event talking about data. Weather station donated to school.
Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The roof of the old lesser town hall is now removed. A new glulam beam ceiling is currently being installed which will then be followed by the two flats above and roof where the air source heat pumps are to be located. Discussions had already been ongoing for some months with Regional Screen involving the development of a community cinema to complement the existing Screen Machine – this part of their funding criteria. Networks have already been set up and following the announcement that Screen Machine will not be visiting the island a meeting is set up for early June to discuss this along with Film Hub partners.
Flood Prevention Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New community liaison officer being recruited; Kames Bay fencing to go up shortly; Cranes being brought onto the island via Kames Bay in June (over two days); newsletter to go out shortly explaining these changes to project. General concerns

	<p>expressed about changes in Kames Bay. So far no response to public enquiries about these changes; Gregor Harvey sought assurance of information about how the program of construction is changing in advance of actual changes. Other concerns about Kames Bay being used for bringing in equipment onto the island; also concerns about road maintenance going on at the same time. Chair requests all questions for the contractors to be sent in to Community Council; these will be summarised and passed on to contractors.</p>
Marina, Graham W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business case still being considered by NAC.
Issues arising	
Planning & licencing, Gregor H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to councillors for their support and community views that were sent in to planning; Cllr Murdoch congratulated everyone involved in the campaign; an appeal is expected from Comsol; Cllr Marshall pointed out that the planning committee decision was unanimous, making it difficult to change. Chair thanked councillors for their support and community views that were sent in to planning; reaffirmed thanks to the whole island.
Japanese knotweed & island issues Thomas R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road works on Stuart Street and Gilbert Street lasting around 5 days. • Benches being removed as the Flood Prevention Scheme progresses. • Knotweed spraying has been started already – list of areas already done to be obtained. NAC were asked when the remainder will be sprayed. • NAC were reminded that road markings at Kames Bay still need to be reinstated following the highway resurfacing a few months ago. • As we are now entering the busy summer season again, the number of vehicles staying overnight around the back of the island has gone up dramatically.
Councillors' updates , Cllrs Ferguson, Murdoch & Marshall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Murdoch congratulated everyone involved in the campaign; Cllr Murdoch duplicated the point that the planning committee decision was unanimous, making it all the more difficult for it to be challenged. • Memorial board being considered for plaques. • Litter services being increased during summer. • Road markings need attention. • No parking signs needing to be finished around the island – only 3 signs out of 25 installed. Bins and rubbish in general being addressed.
Next meeting	Thursday 29 June 2023 6pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87592868414