

## MINUTES

**Date:** 29 June 2023 – 6pm via ZOOM

**Topic:** Monthly Regular Meeting

**Attendance:** Alex Harvie (Chair), Duncan Fraser (CCC), John McHenry (CCC), Keith Hammond (CCC Secretary), Angus Campbell (CCC), Gregor Harvie (Adviser), Graham Wallace (Adviser), Adam Lyon (Press) Carol Campbell, Lorraine Fraser (Cumbrae Forum), Scott Watson (Carbon Neutral Island), Jan Wilkie (CCDC), Kyle Pratt (Police Scotland), Ruaridh McIntyre (Golf Club), Mark Ferguson (Turner & Townsend), Bobby McLeish (Mackley) + 8 members of the public.

**Apologies:** John Riggins (CCC), Thomas Reaney (NAC), Ewan Grant (NAC), Cllr Ian Murdoch, Cllr Todd Ferguson, Cllr Tom Marshall, Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Canon Alec Boyd (Cathedral), Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall).

<b>Welcome</b> Alex H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair declared the meeting quorate.</li> <li>Minutes of previous meeting approved <a href="https://cumbrae.org/CCC_Minutes.html">https://cumbrae.org/CCC_Minutes.html</a></li> </ul>
<b>Organisations</b>	
Cumbrae Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
Police Scotland Kyle P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The last month saw 42 calls with 14 requiring attendance and 4 requiring crime reports. These were mainly antisocial behaviour.</li> <li>A discussion followed about the response received from a resident calling 101. Kyle agreed to visit the individual while on his rounds.</li> </ul>
IOCTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
CCDC, Jan W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCDC has been awarded £730,998 from the Islands Programme Fund. Work will include a comprehensive conservation scheme, a new gym accessible to all and provision of a changing places facility. Additional funding is being sourced through Kelburn Windfarm Trust and the Greening Communities Assets Fund.</li> <li>Mortar trial works on the south facing elevation to be monitored in winter.</li> <li>Pit Stops Project (£540,000 of funding shared with Arran for improvements to public toilet blocks) first meeting with NAC took place at the end of last month.</li> <li>Garrison House has been busy. Motorhome Site regularly fully booked.</li> <li>New 'Steamers Exhibition' at Garrison House until the end of August.</li> <li>Holiday apartments in busiest period, new Wi-Fi will be available by next month.</li> </ul>
Cumbrae Forum Lorraine F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch club stopped for summer and will resume on Wed 13 September. We regularly have 50 members attending each week.</li> <li>Our bus outing to Loch Lomond Shore is next Wednesday 12 July and is sold out.</li> <li>The charity shop is looking for donations of bric a brac, books, crockery, pre-loved homeware toys and jigsaws (also non-perishable items to the foodbank).</li> <li>Cumbrae primary School's "Big Dig" which took place from the 6-9 June was very successful. The children worked hard. Huge thanks to all the parents and helpers who came and helped, we couldn't have done it without you!</li> <li>The CF is continually on the lookout for new volunteers, so if you would like to help, please pick up an application form from the charity shop.</li> </ul>
Millport Motors Iain M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
Golf Club Ruaridh Mcl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food and beverage: new contract with The Pier Hotel for catering services and bar staff, opening 7 days a week from 11.30 to 20.00. Social memberships £5.</li> <li>Club Championship Finals: matches had to be rescheduled due to adverse weather.</li> <li>74th Cumbrae Cup: this weekend marks the 74th edition.</li> <li>Club Handicap Open Day 15 July open to all. Entry via the Scottish golf app.</li> <li>Girls Golf Hub and Junior Development 07 July: 6-week course for girls to get into golf in partnership with Scottish Golf. £25, girls 4-17. Friday night coaching as normal from 18.30-20.00.</li> </ul>
Field Studies Council, Duncan F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual visits from UK universities: York, Aberdeen, Manchester, Newcastle, Durham, Leeds &amp; Glasgow bringing over 370 students &amp; staff to the centre.</li> <li>Busy with over 230 pupils from various state, boarding &amp; Prep schools, from St Aloysious, Glasgow Academy, CraigClowan Prep Strathallan, and a large group visit</li> </ul>

	<p>for the 1<sup>st</sup> time from Wetherby Prep School (Prince William &amp; Harry’s 1<sup>st</sup> School) from the centre of London who had a fabulous time exploring the Island.</p>
Ferry Users Group Angus C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discounted Season Tickets is an ongoing issue. FUG met the Transport Minister who confirmed he had asked officials to review.</li> <li>• Calmac’s new ticketing system continues to cause problems. FUG have highlighted discrimination against islanders and delays to travel due to cumbersome processes. Promise of a public meeting with Calmac’s senior management.</li> <li>• CMAL have plans to rebuild Cumbrae Slip on its existing location in 2024-5 and held a public consultation on 28 June. FUG is unhappy with proposals: no improvement to weather resilience, the plan for a temporary (narrower) slipway risks disruption in winter, and traffic management plans during construction risks gridlocking the ferry and bus turning area on busy summer days.</li> <li>• FUG has proposed an offline build with weather protection and off-road vehicle marshalling for 2 ferry loads of cars, and passenger welfare for a bus load of people.</li> <li>• There is still an opportunity to respond online otherwise we will be stuck with it for the next 60 years <a href="https://forms.microsoft.com/r/CE3k1zLs0P">https://forms.microsoft.com/r/CE3k1zLs0P</a></li> <li>• Strategic Review of the Cumbrae Ferry Service - we are still awaiting details. FUG has asked Transport Scotland to consider key outcomes, from less ferry disruption on windy days to reducing Cumbrae’s carbon footprint and ensuring stable pricing. Consultants will be looking at this (and other routes) this summer.</li> </ul>
Cathedral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>
Millport Bowling Club, John McH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MBC have had a successful opening to the season with several fixtures at home and away with catering for the visiting teams provided at the club. Various club competitions are underway.</li> <li>• We have also had successful visits from organisations bowling and putting on our new larger 18-hole course.</li> <li>• In July we will be holding 3 fetes, on the 1st, 15th and 29th, starting at 2:00 pm. These have been successful in the past with home baking and chances to win prizes.</li> </ul>
<b>Island projects</b>	
Ten Year Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>
Carbon Neutral Islands, Scott W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Climate Action Plan for Cumbrae has now been published and available via <a href="http://www.carbonneutralcumbrae.co.uk">www.carbonneutralcumbrae.co.uk</a></li> <li>• Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform &amp; Islands visited as part of the launch of the Community Climate Action Plans for each of the six islands which make up the Carbon Neutral Islands Project.</li> <li>• Ground-truth phase of carbon audits and previous work will be undertaken in the coming months, which will help with the building of island specific data.</li> <li>• CNI will be working with key project partners on feasibility of community owned energy generation on the island.</li> <li>• More support to be available to local businesses and their own Net-Zero journey.</li> <li>• Eco 4 Flex scheme continues to progress via Green Home Systems.</li> <li>• EES: ABS (Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Scheme) continues to be delayed. However there is hoped to be an update from NAC on this in the coming month.</li> <li>• A limited number of in-home energy monitors are now available, see website.</li> </ul>
Town Hall, email from Angie McC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AGM will be held on Tuesday 11 July, 6 for 6.15 pm start in Garrison House. Charity members only but it will be possible to join on the night.</li> <li>• There is an exciting opportunity for a drama bursary on Facebook.com/millporthall.</li> <li>• Electrical first-fix work has been done to the ceiling of the new community hub and the flooring above.</li> </ul>
Flood Prevention Scheme Bobby McL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bobby McLeish introduced himself as the new Community Liaison Officer.</li> <li>• Crane deliveries into Kames Bay will be in the small hours of 8/9 July.</li> <li>• Manufacturing issues are delaying the delivery of the precast units. Deliveries anticipated to start early July.</li> <li>• CCC requested that the contractor report the number and topic of complaints to date.</li> <li>• It was suggested that battery storage and relocation of the generator behind an earth berm would help alleviate the noise.</li> </ul>

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Marina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
<b>Issues arising</b>	
Planning & licencing, Gregor H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCC intend to prepare a Local Place Plan for Cumbrae so that we have a greater say on planning applications and policy.</li> <li>Link to a 'Your Place Survey' being undertaken by North Ayrshire Council provided.</li> </ul>
Island issues Thomas R by email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road marking programmed for Kames Bay and other locations mid-July.</li> <li>The outstanding 'no overnight parking' signs has been referred to the Active Travel &amp; Transport Team, who instructed these works, to progress agreement with the landowners on the installation of signage.</li> <li>The Japanese Knotweed will be sprayed again in August 2023.</li> <li>The graffiti reported has been removed, job complete.</li> <li>Paint spill on the road. Pressure washer was lifting road surface. Options (removing and re-patching the road) being considered but may not be cost viable.</li> <li>Verges will be cut 1 July 2023. Hedges will be done after bird nesting season.</li> </ul>
<b>Councillors' updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No councillors in attendance</li> </ul>
<b>AOB</b> Keith H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electricity Complaints Facebook page is showing inconsistencies in billing and tariff costs. THTC meters is being decommissioned without replacement options. This means people could find themselves with larger bills in 2024 when the meters no longer operate. Information will be put on Cumbrae.org.</li> <li>The possibility and conditions of speedier internet service being available on the island being looked at and again information will be placed on the Cumbrae.org.</li> </ul>
<b>Next meeting</b>	Thursday 31 August 6pm on Zoom <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87587244140">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87587244140</a>