

MINUTES

Date: 31 August 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), Graham Wallace (Adviser), Thomas Reaney (NAC), Lorraine Fraser (Cumbrae Forum), Eleanor Browne (Cumbrae Forum), Scott Watson (Carbon Neutral Island), Canon Alec Boyd (Cumbrae Cathedral), Bobby McLeish (Mackley), Adam Lyon (Press), Cllr Todd Ferguson, Cllr Tom Marshall, Cllr Alan Hill + 6 members of the public.

Apologies: John Riggins (CCC), Angus Campbell (CCC), Cllr Ian Murdoch, Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall), Jan Wilkie (CCDC), Kyle Pratt (Police Scotland), Ruaridh McIntyre (Golf Club).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Coastguard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During summer period incident involved: explosive ordnance; sunken vessels, jet ski assistance; man overboard alert; patient transfer to mainland hospital with helicopter. Plans for a Coastguard station on Cumbrae proceeding with expected occupancy towards the end of the year. Plans for multi-agency training being pursued and visits to school and other local groups being discussed. Current team numbers six and recruitment drive began on 1st September to bring team up to full strength with posts now advertised on social media and local news. Retirement of Luigi Gioretti on 29 June 25 years as Station Officer.
Police Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
IOCTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
CCDC, Jan W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Cumbrae Forum Lorraine F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch Club has started again; 50-60 people attending. Renovation completed on Forum Shop. Sarah Baird now at the Hub each second week on Tuesdays from 12-00 am; available for enquiries and help with development issues. Available for bookings for non-profit organisations – tel. 07425298052
Millport Motors Iain M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for letter of support in funding bid for new buses. This was agreed by CCC.
Golf Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Field Studies Council, Duncan F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest summer booking from Southampton up to August with 136 students staying for one week; 139 students self-catering from Glasgow. 60th Birthday party held at the Centre. Scooter Rally attendees used accommodation Business gained via Summer Concerts at the Cathedral etc. Waverley successfully using Centre's pier all season. Summer; Viking Ship using pier in September.
Ferry Users Group Angus C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvements are being made to online booking system including removal of need for personal data to be input. Lochinver the reserve vessel. Weight issues of FPS lorries raised – weigh bridge tickets may be required. White lining to be improved. No figures on usage available from the new system.
Cathedral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting was held on 19 August with the community. Bishop Keith was unable to attend through ill health. Productive discussion about producing a Brief to go to Diocesan Standing Committee on 10th October 2023. Suggestions for the future: retaining the link to a retreat house, holiday accommodation, sheltered accommodation, demolition and replacement of Annex.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be held on Saturday 16th September where we will consider our Vision Statement, Aims and Objectives. • The second part of the meeting was a review of the Governance of the Cathedral, the College, the Congregation of St Andrew and the Cumbrae Trust. Robert Garnett will bring this to the formal attention of the Bishop and Diocesan Standing Committee at their meeting on the 10th October. • It was also agreed that a reform of governance needs to proceed side by side with the project developing renewed business for The College.
Millport Bowling Club, John McH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 fetes and 2 competitions in July • Several visiting teams in August and a wedding reception; • Funding for new integrated solar power/heating system received for the Club.
Island projects	
Ten Year Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
Carbon Neutral Islands, Scott W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following report, deciding action. • In-home energy usage meters available via CNI website. • All audit work to date is available on the CNI website. • Next meeting cancelled; new meeting to be announced.
Town Hall, email from Angie McC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM was 11 July with a good turnout. New Trustee elected – Tom Mitchell. • Surge Theatre awarded the drama bursary to a local resident. This should develop into street theatre Millport next May. • The roof of the new atrium will soon be completed. Opening has been delayed until the end of the year, frustrating but necessary to ensure the best job.
Flood Prevention Scheme Bobby McL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of complaints reported about noise level from generators in Glasgow Street. Generators will be moving to Kames Bay, in front of Garrison and Millburn St. which will likely increase no. of complaints. • 24 hour rock dropping starting in September. • Delays in programme caused in part by delays in concrete supply from Belfast and problems with weight of contractors’ trucks on Calmac boats. • Contractor confirmed they are liaising with Calmac on best times to use ferry etc. • Issues raised about road safety on Cumbrae resulting from number/size of HGVs
Marina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target for formal approval of OBC December. • Ongoing work on development of project programme/risks etc/consents plan incl. EIA, Plg. etc. • Review of project procurement routes/procurement routes to appoint operator.
Issues arising	
Planning & licencing, Gregor H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A planning application has been submitted for the removal of ash trees on West Bay Road due to ash die back. • CCC are preparing a detailed response for the Scottish Government in relation to the solar farm appeal. North Ayrshire Council have refused to accept that members of the community who wrote letters using the blank template prepared by CCC constitute ‘interested parties’ and so will not inform them about the appeal.
Island issues Thomas R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road marking programmed for Kames Bay and other locations mid-July. • The outstanding ‘no overnight parking’ signs has been referred to the Active Travel & Transport Team, who instructed these works, to progress agreement with the landowners on the installation of signage. • Some of the Japanese Knotweed was sprayed again in August 2023. CCC will provide NAC with details of locations that were not sprayed. • The graffiti reported has been removed, job complete. • 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. • Verges were cut 1 July 2023. Hedges will be done after bird nesting season.
Councillors’ updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Ferguson – cutting of verges and beach clean arranged in time for September weekend. Complaints have been registered about the state of the flower beds. The war memorial and flagpole are to be checked before Remembrance Sunday.
Next meeting	Thursday 28 September 6pm on Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87587244140