

MINUTES

Date: 28 September 2023 – 6pm via ZOOM

Topic: Monthly Regular Meeting

Attendance: Alex Harvie (Chair), Duncan Fraser (CCC), John McHenry (CCC), Gregor Harvie (Adviser), Thomas Reaney (NAC), Lorraine Fraser (Cumbrae Forum), Scott Watson (Carbon Neutral Island), Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Cllr Todd Ferguson, Bobby McLeish (Mackley), Jan Wilkie (CCDC), John Wright (HM Coastguard), Tempany Grace (Largs and Millport News) + 12 members of the public.

Apologies: Keith Hammond (CCC), John Riggins (CCC), Angus Campbell (CCC), Graham Wallace (CCC), Canon Alec Boyd (Cumbrae Cathedral), Cllr Ian Murdoch, Cllr Tom Marshall, Cllr Alan Hill, Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall), 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	
Police Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
HM Coastguard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported Largs Regatta Festival events, Coastworks Cumbrae Kayak Challenge and attended Emergency Services Day. Successful recruitment drive has resulted in five applicants with interviews planned for October and training early next year. Monitoring offshore breakwater work as per Notice to Mariners and changes to published navigation charts. Operational tasking during September Weekend to a grounded yacht in Newton Bay during the Saturday night fireworks display. Difficulties with emergency services access to quay and concrete pier due to vehicles parked in contravention of despite existing signage.
IOCTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
CCDC, Jan W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first of our Stakeholder Meetings in relation to our Garrison House Repair Project which also includes the creation of a Community Gym within Garrison House and the upgrades at the Bomb Shelter Toilet Block to offer ‘changing places’ facilities, scheduled for 18.10.23 and we are hoping we can progress further and secure additional match funding to allow us to complete all required works. Pit Stop Funding. NAC informed us they have received feedback that the project can be delivered in a more community-led manner. They are working on processes to deliver the project, ensuring communities and visitors are best served by the funding on offer. Waiting a follow-on meeting in relation to this. Garrison House and grounds has had a busy summer hosting events including The Round Cumbrae Race, Scooter Rally Weekend and the Emergency Services Day. We have also hosted a Viking Encampment and it is hoped, this event could grow in coming years, allowing Cumbrae to be join the Largs based Viking Festival. Garrison House hosting a ‘Back Doon The Watter’ Exhibition with photographs by Mandy Edwards until the end of October 2023 with a new exhibition, courtesy of NAC coming to Cumbrae at the beginning of November, entitled ‘Coastal Watch’. Motorhome Site enjoyed a busy summer with many weekends being fully booked.
Cumbrae Forum Lorraine F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Forum sent a £1,000 donation to the Red Cross, to help with aid to Syria, Libya and Morocco. The lunch club has restarted after summer recess. A reminder that our charity shop takes donation of dried/tinned foods for the local food bank. The Hub is being used increasingly by local groups such as Handywives, the book club, PTA, and not forgetting Sarah Baird every second Tuesday from 10:00 - 14:00 Our AGM will be held on Friday 27th October at 2pm in Cumbrae Parish Church. Invitations will be out shortly.
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"> The school has 41 pupils on roll, 8 in P1. Many Ukrainian children moved to Irvine. Mrs Young is back from Mat leave.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are daily outdoor skills based sessions for each class. • The plan is to ask for PTA support to increase learning outdoors. • Oct 3 visit from local author.
Field Studies Council, Duncan F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The centre has been near to and will be next week at capacity. • Accommodation increased to 154 beds after changing 15 rooms in the Elmhirst building to triple rooms. • Busy with schools doing field trips before the winter sets in, they have come from Dollar Academy, Glasgow Academy, Dundee High, Inverurie, Denny, Falkirk, Boness, St Andrews, Waid Academy & Uddingston Grammer. • University groups have also been here doing their 2nd & 3rd year studies on Marine Biology from Cork, Southampton, Liverpool, Hull, Glasgow, and Napier from Edinburgh. • Friends of the Earth enjoyed last weekend at the centre doing workshops, and the Writers & Photography Guild for Scotland are visiting soon to gather stories & snaps of Cumbrae.
Ferry Users Group Angus C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
Cathedral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the Right Reverend Doctor Keith Rigin Bishop of Argyll and the Isles & Provost of The cathedral of Argyll & the Isles has died. A service of thanksgiving will be held on Monday 30th October 2023 at 12 noon.
Millport Bowling Club, John MCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The season will close at the end of September with trophies being awarded. • Replacement of the oil heating system with an integrated solar powered electric exchanger is planned for October. The assistance of the CNI project has assisted this coming to fruition. • The clubhouse hosted a wedding following cancellation due to weather at the original venue. • Over the winter the Bridge, Scrabble and Carpet Bowls activities will continue at the club, together with occasional cabaret nights.
Island projects	
Ten Year Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report • Carol C noted that a meeting was held today with 16 attendees discussing transport, ferries. National Islands plan to be discussed in first 2 weeks of Oct.
Carbon Neutral Islands, Scott W	<p>Continue to look at and improve upon local data specific to Cumbrae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Energy Scotland energy infrastructure + high level options appraisal for potential community owned generation ongoing, expected in December. • Procurement process underway for further work in the land use, land use change and forestry sector. • Over the winter period we pilot a survey and additional methods to establish vehicle traffic data beyond numbers travelled and expanding next year in the busier tourist season. • Net-Zero skills gap analysis for local businesses on each of six islands is now in final phase. Initial feedback provided to consultant and expect final report by end Oct. • Updated Marine Habitat Suitability Study has been received from Adler & Allan. <p>Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Millport Bowling Club solar, battery and air source heat pump installation set for week beginning 9th Oct. • Green Home Systems continue to work with properties on improving home energy efficiency and heating as part of the ECO4 Flex scheme on behalf of NAC. • Upcoming meeting with NatureScot to discuss community led marine habitat monitoring. • Awaiting appointment of project management company for Area Based Scheme. Expecting update in coming weeks. <p>Other Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNI Project meetings were recently held in Edinburgh with Scottish Government, key partners and other islands outwith the CNI Project • Scott invited to speak at the Community Energy Scotland Conference this week on the wider CNI Project and progress being made on Cumbrae

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Energy Scotland will be on the island towards the end of October to offer a Home Energy Saving Tips Workshop. Open to all.
Town Hall, email from Angie McC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The side atrium extension is nearly complete, connecting old and new buildings. • Air source heat pumps to be installed on the roof. • Funding achieved for fire safety systems from Third Sector Hebrides. • The Pier Hotel fundraiser gave £671 which will be appreciated and used for bills.
Flood Prevention Scheme Bobby McL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is as much on time as possible. Expected completion is next August. • 1 complaint about noise at Kelburn St. 15 days' monitoring to follow. Noise from rock dropping can't be helped. On shore works will stop for 2 weeks over Christmas. • Bobby is liaison for both Mackley and Van Oord.
Marina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
Issues arising	
Planning & licencing, Gregor H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar farm – the Reporter will undertake an unaccompanied site visit. • The Scottish Government has written to North Ayrshire Council and Comsol to ask for suggestions of other sites to visit.
Island issues Thomas R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti was cleared this week. • Road marking – the team will be over this week to finalise marking for Kames Bay. • Gregor Harvie will prepare a map showing the areas where the Japanese knotweed has not been sprayed. • 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. – Thomas to chase this up. The possibility of applying for bye laws for the island were raised. • The paint spill on the road is too costly to remove. • The removal of the electric charging point was raised but sits with a different team. • Thomas will check why the undermined revetment in Kames Bay has not been dealt with.
Councillors' updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police cover over September weekend was raised – Cllr Ferguson said he had been informed that there were 2 officers. Islanders noted that this was not the case and only 1 officer was on duty during an incident. Cllr Ferguson to follow up. • Cllr Ferguson noted he has picked up the issue of graffiti, the bank closure – he has been told the ATM will be replaced, and a mobile bank will come to the island. Discussions followed about cash handling services. • Cllr Ferguson is chasing the phone box, abandoned horse box in St Ninian St, and the wind farm proposal in West Kilbride.
AOB	<p>The Chair notified of 2 grants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Islands Cost of Living Grant – total of £30,000 available to support Third Sector groups on Arran and Cumbrae during the cost-of-living crisis - from £50 to £5000. Applications for more than £1000 will be considered if they are "inspirational". Applicants must be constituted, voluntary organisations. https://www.arrancvs.org.uk/funding/ 2. Year 3 of the Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund £403,168.83 for the Adult Fund and £30,000 for the Children, Young People, and Families Fund https://www.arrancvs.org.uk/communities-mental-health-and-wellbeing-fund-year-3/
	<p>Tempany Grace, the new reporter at Largs and Millport News introduced herself to the community, she will be covering the island in the place of Adam.</p>
Next meeting	<p>Thursday 26 October 6pm on Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87587244140</p>