

# MINUTES



**Date:** 25 January 2024 – 6pm via ZOOM

**Topic:** Monthly Regular Meeting

**Attendance:** Alex Harvie (Chair), Keith Hammond (Secretary CCC), Duncan Fraser (CCC), John McHenry (CCC), John Riggins (CCC), Angus Campbell (CCC), Lorraine Fraser (Cumbrae Forum), Cllr Todd Ferguson, John Wright (HM Coastguard), Iain Morrison (Millport Motors), Tempany Grace (Largs and Millport News) + 13 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Canon Alec Boyd (Cumbrae Cathedral), Jan Wilkie (CCDC), Cllr Alan Hill, Graham Wallace (Adviser CCC), Gregor Harvie (Adviser CCC), Scott Watson (Carbon Neutral Island), Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall), Thomas Reaney (NAC), Cllr Ian Murdoch, Cllr Tom Marshall, Bobby McLeish (Mackley).

<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>	
Police Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
HM Coastguard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support to localised flooding on Cumbrae between Christmas and New Year.</li> <li>Recent training included on Millport onshore rock armour and off-island flood rescue training with flank teams.</li> <li>Visit to Cumbrae Primary School end of Jan to promote coastal safety.</li> <li>New Coastguard Rescue Station operational on 26 Jan.</li> <li>New recruits undergoing basic training early Feb before officially joining team.</li> </ul>
IOCTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AGM took place on 17 Jan. New members welcome, £5 for associate and £50 for business members.</li> <li>Free listings available for local businesses on Millport.org.</li> <li>Link to CCC now available on info@millport.org</li> <li>IOCTA planning meeting with Mackley on behalf of local businesses who will be affected as the work moves further along the town.</li> </ul>
CCDC, Jan W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
Cumbrae Forum Lorraine F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Forum distributed 61 Christmas Bags to all Nursery, Pre school and Primary children on the Island with a pair of pyjamas, a selection box, a novelty soap and socks. We also gave 50 secondary school children a £15 Amazon gift voucher.</li> <li>Alexandra Krause Funding Officer for Scotland's National Lottery Community Fund in the Hub 12- 1.30pm Mon 29th January for advice about available funding.</li> <li>A reminder that Forum Christmas vouchers need to be used by the end of Feb.</li> <li>Damaged wheelie bins due to recent storms can be replaced free: call 01294 31000. Requests made individually, not on behalf of multiple tenants.</li> <li>Weekly lunch club has restarted.</li> </ul>
Millport Motors Iain M	<p>Robert Wilson attended the meeting and outlined concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State of the roads up to the ferry slip, will contractor repair roads they have damaged? Agreement to put roads into future updates.</li> <li>Need to cut back trees – Cllr Ferguson to raise with council.</li> </ul>
Millport Golf Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
Cumbrae Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
Field Studies Council, Duncan F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching hasn't started, but we have had visitors over the last 2 months.</li> <li>Van Oord have been present in our accommodation block through Christmas, though because of the weather they haven't been able to do any rock dropping.</li> <li>The RV Actinia has already been launched at Largs Marina after the crew managed to paint her hull during a brief spell of dry weather at the beginning of Jan, we still have work to do before she is ready for our 1st group in mid-Feb.</li> <li>We hosted the Cumbrae Burns Club annual supper with 92 cronies attending.</li> <li>This week we have 12 guests from Community Energy Scotland, they are a registered charity that provides practical help for communities in green energy development and decarbonisation.</li> </ul>
Ferry Users Group Angus C by email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CMAL consultation on slipway plans. Improved design has an offline rebuild, and creates vehicle marshalling from land reclaimed from the foreshore. However:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No improvements in weather resilience.</li> <li>○ Minimal information on passenger welfare facilities (terminal building).</li> <li>● Transport Scotland drop in Thurs 1 Feb Glass Room, Garrison (14:00 – 15:30 and 17:30 – 19:00) to consult on the expected direct award to Calmac for the ferry service from Oct. Contract to provide a more community focussed “service contract”.</li> <li>● The Ferry Committee are deciding meeting next week whether to request changes to the timetable next winter, if they do they will consult with the community.</li> <li>● Ticketing issue not progressing well.</li> <li>● Visit to the drydock last week to see annual maintenance work on the Loch Shira.</li> <li>● Still awaiting feedback from the review between NAC and Calmac from 22 Oct which left the island with no ferry from 1400 to 1900. Contingency planning needs to be improved with a local spare vessel, better cross vessel capabilities for crewing and better welfare processes in disruptions.</li> <li>● Calmac have confirmed improvements in online booking to avoid the need to provide detailed personal information for booking online ticket, apart from the lead traveller.</li> <li>● The issue over double scanning of multi journeys tickets has been resolved.</li> <li>● Calmac remain unable (since April 2023) to produce public figures on ferry usage for this route (and all other routes) from their new E Ticketing system</li> <li>● Regular Facebook updates <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1445908592397715">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1445908592397715</a></li> </ul>
Cathedral, Carol Campbell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SCIO has had its objectives changed, feasibility about to go out to tender.</li> <li>● 8 Feb community meeting in library.</li> </ul>
Millport Bowling Club, John Mch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Family day held.</li> <li>● Getting ready to reopen.</li> </ul>
<b>Island projects</b>	
Local Place Plan Alex H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community engagement will be announced soon.</li> </ul>
Ten Year Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No report</li> </ul>
Carbon Neutral Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No report</li> </ul>
Town Hall, email from Angie McC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Air source heat pumps have now been lifted on to the new roof.</li> <li>● The stage is having all rot removed and a new steel structure to the ceiling. The back corridor is being created into a compliant fireproof envelope.</li> <li>● Bad weather, ferry technical issues and a two-week seasonal shutdown have resulted in only 12 working days out of 22. This figure does not include any storm suspensions this week.</li> </ul>
Flood Prevention, Scheme John McHenry	<p>Discussion about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spread of the works across the beaches.</li> <li>● Lack of easy access to beaches.</li> <li>● Lack of dust suppression – people suffering asthma.</li> <li>● Roads are damaged – who is liable.</li> <li>● Use of ferries.</li> <li>● Cabins on Glasgow St moving to Kames Bay.</li> <li>● Aim to be complete Aug-Sept-early Oct.</li> <li>● Query if there was to be a January newsletter.</li> </ul>
Marina, Graham W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting pending, a further update will be given next month.</li> </ul>
<b>Issues arising</b>	
Planning & licencing, Alex H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Replacement windows at Brandy Castle.</li> <li>● XLCC consultation event cancelled due to weather.</li> <li>● Crosbie Wind Farm has asked for a scoping opinion.</li> </ul>
Island issues Thomas R (by email)	<p>Roads team reported that no contractors are willing to do road markings, their in-house contractor will take on the work and attend in the new financial year.</p> <p>Flooding event 27 Dec 2023 Prolonged rainfall, high winds. Existing drainage infrastructure did not have the capacity to cope with the volume of water particularly when coastal outfalls were submerged. Emergency sandbags distributed by Streetscene. Once the storm passed, areas drained.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glasgow Street – existing combined sewer unable to cope causing the inundation of roads and footpaths and damage to residential properties. This has been reported to Scottish Water.</li> <li>• South of Golf Road – overtopping of the Mill Burn. The fire service diverted the flood flow path to the coast via Crawford Street, Miller Street and Crichton Street.</li> <li>• What measures will be taken to stop this happening again? Millburn Flood Protection Scheme will provide increased flood protection to the area to the south of Glasgow Street.</li> <li>• SEPA are analysing the data to better understand the flood event and the probability of a similar event happening again.</li> <li>• A meeting pending with Ayrshire Local Resilience Partnership for a debrief. Date has not yet been set.</li> <li>• Residents can prepare a flood plan and flood kit, install flood resilience measures, sign up to Floodline and ensure properties and businesses are insured against flood damage. More advice:  <a href="https://www.floodre.co.uk/">https://www.floodre.co.uk/</a>  <a href="https://www.biba.org.uk/current-issues/flood-insurance/">https://www.biba.org.uk/current-issues/flood-insurance/</a>  <a href="https://floodlinescotland.org.uk/">https://floodlinescotland.org.uk/</a>  <a href="https://scottishfloodforum.org/">https://scottishfloodforum.org/</a> </li> </ul>
<b>Councillors' updates</b>	Cllr Ferguson requested that the island speed limit be reduced to 40mph. Anyone who disagrees to please get in touch.
<b>AOB</b>	Phone signal dropping off – Agreement to send letter to Scottish Government Poor broadband – Agreement to send letter to Scottish Government Closure of the bank – Agreement to send letter to Scottish Government
<b>Next meeting</b>	Thursday 29 February 2024 6pm on Zoom <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83741044820">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83741044820</a>