

MINUTES



Date: 25th April 2024 – 6pm via ZOOM


Topic: Monthly Regular Meeting

Attendance: Angus Campbell (Chair) Duncan Fraser (CCC), John McHenery (CCC), John Riggins (CCC), Gregor Harvie (Adviser CCC), Graham Wallace (Adviser CCC), John Wright (HM Coastguard), Lorraine Fraser, Eleanor Browne (Cumbrae Forum), Carol Campbell (Cathedral), Scott Watson (Carbon Neutral Island), Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Jan Wilkie (CCDC), Thomas Reaney (NAC), Cllr Ian Murdoch, Cllr Todd Ferguson., Tempany Grace (Largs and Millport News) + members of the public

Apologies: Alex Harvie, Keith Hammond, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Tom Marshall, Canon Alec Boyd (Cumbrae Cathedral), Iain Morrison (Millport Motors), Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall), Ruaridh McIntyre (Millport Golf Club)

<p>Welcome Angus C</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair declared the meeting quorate. • No declarations of interest. • Minutes of previous meeting approved https://cumbrae.org/CCC_Minutes.html
<p>Organisations</p>	
<p>Police Scotland</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Attendance welcomed at Meeting (Attended at Cumbrae forum) • 25 reports over the past 2 months, including assaults, and anti social behaviour • Parking enforcement is now being handled by NAC wardens • 26 warning tickets issued, system is about to go live (£100 fines), from NAC wardens • Cllr Murdoch : Remember this applies across NAC, and remember in Largs also.
<p>HM Coastguard, John W</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Station officers have attended Cumbrae for recent Team review • Joint sharing of skills session held with Millport retained fire service • Tasking this week to support a medical evacuation by the Coastguard Helicopter • Defibrillator at the Garrison has been recently used. Discussion to make sure it was re-equipped (by the First Responders in Largs) • New Coastguard series on Sunday evening
<p>IOCTA, (John R)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report this month
<p>CCDC, Jan Wilkie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garrison House Repair Project main contractor appointed, works scheduled to commence within the next 4-6 weeks. Information on display at Garrison House. • After the next Stakeholder Meeting (early May) aim to confirm funding has been secured for all works. • In Garrison House, Cumbrae Queen Exhibition is proving very popular, enhanced by works by pupils of Cumbrae Primary School. • Hosted community meeting to discuss ferry matters on 9th April. On Tuesday 23rd April, CalMac held a very well attended Community Engagement session at the Garrison to answer community questions/concerns • CMAL will be with us on Tuesday 30th April as they hold a Harbour Revision (consolidation) Order Event between 4pm and 7pm. • Garrison House are also looking forward to hosting in May the annual Millport 1-Miler Fun Run, the Boys' Brigade Annual Area Camp, Cumbrae Queen Celebrations. Then in June we have the Lochwinnoch Scooter Rally, the rescheduled date for the Classic Car Rally of Saturday, 22nd June then into July with the Round Cumbrae Road Race, in August our annual Scooter Rally Weekend and at the end of that month the Viking Festival Encampment which covers two weekends and takes us in to September when we also have the Emergency Services day on 8th September. • Public toilets: Mackleys have been able to continue to provide access for the public to Croc Rock Toilet Block and at Bomb Shelter block, works are almost complete in relation to the Adult Changing Place which offers a changing bed/couch, hoist, toilet and shower facilities and this will be a huge asset for the island, providing such facilities for those who need and will benefit from them. • CCDC took part in the meeting held at the Cumbrae Forum Hub in relation to the Place Plan and have held further discussions with Graham Wallace and we look forward to working on this plan with other organisations on Cumbrae.
<p>Cumbrae Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tickets for the "Absolutely Fabulous Raffle" on sale. Fantastic prize: 1 week's holiday in a three bedroom luxury lodge on the Wyndham Ducally Estate in Auchterarder, Perthshire, end Sept - beginning Oct 2024 (anonymous donation). Tickets (£5) from the charity shop until 30 July. Draw 31 July.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAC are looking for views on Community Transport
Millport Motors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report
Millport Golf Club,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report
Cumbrae Primary, Mrs McAleese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School children have been active in the Carbon Neutral area including the exhibition in the Garrison from the work with artist Harry Sutton which is well worth a view. • Our school show of Matilda is to be held on 12, 13th , 14th June in the school gym hall. It was to be in the refurbished town hall but unfortunately it is not complete. • P7 children travel to their residential at Dumfries House on 13th - 16th May along with P7 children from Fairlie and Skelmorlie Primaries to help build relationships before moving across to Largs Academy. • We were recently awarded the Scottish Schools Reading Award Silver level, Rights Respecting School Silver Award and Digital Schools Award which are great achievements. • And finally our Education Scotland inspection report was published. It was a very positive report with 4 Very Good ratings for the school and 4 Good ratings for the Nursery. Our partnership and community working was highly praised
Field Studies Council, Duncan F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 University groups from across Scotland and England have been visiting. • Over the last month over 250 school children from all over Scotland have been raft building, rock climbing, team building, rock pooling & doing archery, really enjoying their time here and plan to return again.
Ferry Users Group Angus C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Community Public Meeting was held on 9th April with over 130 people turning up to flag concerns with breakdowns, disruption of the ferry services. • The Ferry Committee asked Calmac to host a Public Drop event regarding the breakdown of the MV Loch Shira and ferry capacity. Held on 23rd April which over 100 islanders turned up to ask questions about capacity, queues and reliability • It is understood that Macleys (the Flood Defence contractor) plan to use a landing craft from 7th May to bring over further concrete sections. • Loch Shira Ramp Issues : Ramp Repairs expected to be complete by Mid June 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Ferry Committee have asked the Cabinet Secretary for Transport for an independent review into the failure of the Loch Shira ramp,. • Alternative Ferry Capacity : We asked for additional capacity as the MV Isle of Cumbrae and MV Loch Riddon are inadequate to cover the summer timetable, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Calmac have intimated that they are considering the MV Loch Fyne once the Finlaggan overhaul is complete in mid May • Return Tickets from Cumbrae: Can now be purchased from the Cumbrae Side at the slipway and on the vessel from Mon 29th April 2024 • Season Tickets : Negative feedback from the Transport Minister about season tickets, however we have reservations that the figure that underpin the decision are flawed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. We are meeting with Calmac w/c 29th April to review these figures. • Islands Connectivity Plan : Transport Scotland’s consultation is open for the public to feed into until 3rd May • Slow progress with Calmac and Transport Minister regarding restoration of discounted season tickets, multi journey tickets for SPT ticket holders, multi journey tickets for teenagers, making ticket validity a rolling 6 month validity rather than fixed dates, and going back to “Return Only” tickets from Largs to avoid the need for a large population of staff on Cumbrae • 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. • As part of the Ferries Community Board I have attended several meetings with Transport Scotland and Calmac on the new contract (from Oct 2024).
Cathedral, Carol C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing really to report, other than waiting to hear about grant funding
Millport Bowling Club, John McH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Season underway including family nights. Fees are now due.
Island projects	
Ten Year Plan Cllr Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Update
Local Place Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Local Place Plan is a democratically-created document setting out how the community wants to influence planning policy on Cumbrae. It focuses on land use

	<p>and how this impacts the environment, landscape and biodiversity; the economy; transport; health and wellbeing and so on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Local Place Plan will help us agree our priorities as a community and influence planning policies adopted by North Ayrshire Council. • 471 online responses • 3 face to face meetings, but with only 2 attendees • Community engagement through April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community drop-in The Cumbrae Forum Hub Saturday 13 April 2-5pm ○ Stakeholder event Friday 19 April 3-5pm ○ Visit to Cumbrae Primary School, ○ Also 1-2-1 interviews with key island stakeholders • Survey link still open with posters and social links until the end April. • Will be pulled together in May to submit to NAC in June 
<p>Carbon Neutral Islands, S Watson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate event on Tuesday 24th April was a busy day which was a huge success with the public and great to have support from a number of stakeholders • Local artist Harry Sutton has been working at Cumbrae Primary School on an art project of a carbon neutral Cumbrae. On display in the Garrison House. • The school is active in developing eco accreditation. • The installation of rooftop solar, battery and insulation measures for the Roman Catholic Chapel building on College Street will happen in May. This is the 4th project in the community. • Further discussions with the Community Garden on solutions • A Climate Library in collaboration with Millport Library will soon launch with books for all ages about climate change and decarbonisation. • An additional CNI officer has been appointed through funding from HIE working with the 6 islands. <p>Question on the Crosbie Farm Windfarm community benefit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott confirmed that he wasn't aware yet of the specifics of Community Benefit • Cllr Murdoch and Cllr Ferguson confirmed that they felt the Cumbrae community should be interested in the extremely large wind turbines (200m high) planned for Crosbie Windfarm, and they urged the community to engage in the consultations. Some concerns on low frequency noise and blade glare.
<p>Town Hall, by email</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fit out of the holiday flats is virtually complete, including underfloor heating. • The finishing of the fireproofing above the stage is now completed. • Virtually all of the sealant has been applied to the exterior windows. • Ferry problems have cost the charity a large amount of money in lost time and having to pay for workers who cannot get across to the site. An extra 6 days extension of time has been granted simply to cover recent cancellations.
<p>Flood Prevention, Scheme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative from Flood Defence Team attended at Cumbrae Forum • Newsletter Issued for March and April, and detailed updates provided from that document to the meeting • Project works plan to clear the promenade from the Crocodile Toilets to the pier being fully reinstated by the end of May. • Concerns raised about traffic management and the conflict between very high numbers of flood defence site vehicle movements and road restrictions and the likely impact on high numbers of cyclists over the summer. • Mackleys confirmed that the front street and walkway will be cleared, with work focusing on Millburn St and Marine Parade over the busy summer period. • Cllr Ferguson : Query about alternative options to bring material over to the island being considered to minimise ferry traffic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hired landing craft is being considered for out of hours from 7th May for 300 concrete sections and the tarmac (2000hrs to 0600 each night for 3 weeks) • Possible nightshift for tarmac installation also. • New Liaison officer introduced : Alan Paterson
<p>Marina, Graham W</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following on from a joint meeting between Martin Latimer and representatives of CCC, CCDC, Pier & Harbour Users Group and FSC a further meeting has been requested with NAC to further explore what will be expected from the community

	in submitting an Expression of Interest and a Business case for operating the marina. Meeting is now scheduled for 8 May.
Issues arising	
Planning & licencing, Gregor H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning issues included applications for new rooflights at 8F Howard Street and for a dormer rooflight and PV panels at 4A Kames Bay. • Also the approval of the new notice board for CCC • Feedback from Cllr Hill on Solar Panels on roofs, one option would be to remove the Conservation area, which may have unintended consequences. Discussion ongoing.
Island issues Thomas Reaney NAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking enforcement now started by NAC wardens will issue full fines. • 2 resurfacing works planned : Golf Rd and Ritchie Street • Teams have been repairing some footpaths and potholes, and some ditching works. • Used sandbags left in Crawford St and Stuart St will be picked up. • Todd Ferguson: Horsebox in Ninian St has been reported several times to DVLA, gas bottle has been removed, needs removal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The footpath at Ritchie St is very rough, with several trips being reported • Potholes near the wishing well and the dip in Balloch need to be repaired • Ian Murdoch: It was confirmed that there should be bags and resources available to fill them provided by the council. • Flooding Review: No review has been held. • No Overnight Parking signage was discussed, and it was confirmed that they should proceed with the ones that have approval however there remains outstanding landowner approval. • Question raised about decaying boat trailers in West Bay - public safety concern.
Councillors' updates	<p>Todd Ferguson advised that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the theft of “No Overnight Parking Signs”, and feels that a community ranger should be engaged over the summer season • Andy Bryan has sadly recently passed away and Todd is getting the bereavement team to help complete the piece of work to add the missing names to the war memorial that Andy and been working on <p>Ian Murdoch commented that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He thought the change in CEO at Calmac was starting to make a difference. • Cycle track proposal for Largs for £1.5m, and there is up to £6m of Sustrans money available. He feels that this money should be allocated to the Cumbrae cycle track
AOB	<p>Broadband: Discussion required to get people together to help facilitate.</p> <p>Food Larder will opening in the next few weeks within the Garrison Courtyard</p> <p>Hunterston Parc Liaison Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cruise Boats to be landing at Huntleston Pier soon. • Bakkafrust fish farm Planning expires in July. • The basin in Hunterston is being infilled and will need 1.3m Cum infill, and the material will have to be imported, • XLCC : Building work starts early 2025, with the tower starting in Q4 2025.
Next meeting	Thursday 30 th May 2024 6pm on Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83741044820