

# MINUTES



**Date:** 29 August 2024 – 6pm via ZOOM

**Topic:** Monthly Regular Meeting

**Attendance:** Alex Harvie (Chair), Angus Campbell (CCC), Duncan Fraser (CCC), Keith Hammond (CCC), John McHenery (CCC), Gregor Harvie (Adviser CCC), Graham Wallace (Adviser CCC), John Wright (HM Coastguard), Elke Scheibler (FSC), Carol Campbell (Cathedral), Iain Morrison (Millport Motors) + members of the public, 23 total

**Apologies:** John Riggins (CCC), Lorraine Fraser, (Cumbrae Forum), Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Tom Marshall, , Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall), Scott Watson (Carbon Neutral Island), Jan Wilkie (CCDC), Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Canon Alec Boyd (Cumbrae Cathedral), Ruaridh McIntyre (Millport Golf Club), Thomas Reaney (NAC), Cllr Tom Marshall, Cllr Ian Murdoch, Cllr Todd Ferguson, Tempamy Grace (Largs and Millport News)

<b>Welcome</b> Angus C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair declared the meeting quorate.</li> <li>No declarations of interest.</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 attendees or report from Police Scotland to this meeting, <b>CCC to follow up.</b></li> <li>Restoration of the Yellow Phone outside the Police station – <b>response pending.</b></li> <li>Request to BT to ask to maintain Payphones on the island for emergency calls – <b>Alex H to inform BT that Tattie Pier needs to be prioritised.</b></li> </ul>
HM Coastguard, John W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The team have had as many operational tasks as of July 2024 as in 2023.</li> <li>The summer included multiple incidents, joint training with Largs RNLI and Coastguard Helicopter, and station visit from Cumbrae Youth Project.</li> <li>August included responding to works vessel grounding at Kames Bay Beach, attending Millport Raft Race and Cumbraes Weekend of the Largs Regatta Festival.</li> <li>The team will be exhibiting at Millport Emergency Services Day on 8 September.</li> <li>Recruitment drive to start during September with a view to expanding the team.</li> </ul>
IOCTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
CCDC, Jan Wilkie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garrison House repairs are now under way. Scaffolding and the contractor’s Welfare Unit arrived onsite on 16 July and the team have been working to remove the old mortar.</li> <li>Events held in July and August have gone well and numbers were that high for the Round Cumbrae Race that they had to have two starts. The Scooter Rally Weekend went well, despite the weather. Upcoming - Viking Encampment 31 Aug &amp; 1 Sept, Emergency Services Day Event 8 Sept which closes outdoor events for this year. We still have the indoor Craft Fayres September Weekend and Yuletide Weekend.</li> <li>The Jade Campbell Exhibition remains on display until the end of September with a new Exhibition through NAC, is to follow in October.</li> <li>Community Banker facility will continue to be available each Tuesday between 10am – 2pm until, at present, 17 December 2024 in Glass Room.</li> <li>Our apartments have enjoyed a busy couple of months and our clients are enjoying the availability of Wi-Fi now and the new Smart TVs installed before the summer.</li> <li>The public toilet blocks have had heavier footfall than normal but no significant issues, dummy CCTV cameras have been installed at the Bomb Shelter block.</li> </ul>
Cumbrae Forum Lorraine F by email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly lunch club resumes on Wed 11 September at 12.30 in the Newton.</li> </ul>
Millport Motors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
Millport Golf Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New arrival of a new John Deere 4052R tractor.</li> <li>Caddy Car Shed: We are still awaiting a release date for the cabin from Mackleys.</li> <li>Music Night with Yuri Joyce: please mark your calendars for the 20th September.</li> <li>Graham Murry Cleek - Team Match v Rothesay: The club will be sending a team to play against Rothesay for the Graham Murray Cleek on 6 October at Rothesay.</li> <li>Annual prize-giving Ceremony: scheduled for the 12th of October.</li> <li>Aeration of the greens is scheduled for the first week of September.</li> <li>Repairs to the clubhouse roof are also ongoing.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new welcome and information sign is also in production and it is hopeful this will be in place soon.</li> </ul>
Cumbrae Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>
Cathedral, Carol C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Feasibility Study for the College of The Holy Spirit available early September. It contains proposals in two phases. The first is to establish a potential income stream and the second is proposals for future business developments.</li> <li>• The first phase has the potential to provide a rental income from the North College, the clearance of the lower fields into meadow grass, and to make way for eco-burials adjacent to the St Andrew’s Cemetery with an area set aside next to this for growing lavender which has the potential to be annually harvested for commercial use A new entrance driveway with car parking is planned from College Street which will be fully compliant with North Ayrshire road safety.</li> <li>• Once the final document and plans are in place there will be a public meeting with John Renshaw Architects and Glic Associates. The second phase has proposals which will be clearer once this architect’s work is completed and includes a ‘market garden’ area on the higher field creating potential employment and being leased will provide a possible further regular commercial income.</li> <li>• It is intended to hold two meetings, one in the College library and the other in the Garrison. Presentation at next month’s CCC meeting.</li> </ul>
Field Studies Council, Duncan F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have had a very busy July &amp; August at the centre.</li> <li>• Over the summer we have had a mixture of schools, Universities and religious groups enjoying the glorious summer weather!!</li> <li>• Over nearly 650 visitors from 4 different religions joined us: 2 visits from the Bahia Council, Quakers from the Northern friend’s group &amp; the Family Fellowship group enjoying music, dance and prayer with all groups wanting to rebook for next year.</li> <li>• Over 240 students from Durham, Southampton &amp; Glasgow Universities and schools: Morrisons Academy, Maidstone Grammar, Coyton High School visited the centre and conducted their studies on RV Actinia and shore locations round the island.</li> <li>• The centre continues to improve with renovation work completed to Keppel house, with the Coastguard housed in one side and our diving/snorkelling unit on the other.</li> <li>• The Robertson Museum has been renovated and changed into a classroom/meeting space with the Aquarium next to it, increasing our teaching capacity to 7 classrooms</li> <li>• The artifacts from the Robertson collection from the museum have been put into storage awaiting relocation.</li> </ul>
Ferry Users Group Angus C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loch Shira: Ramp Repairs delayed from June until early August. The Ferry Committee had asked the Cabinet Secretary for Transport for an independent review into the failure of the Loch Shira ramp – refused. Since the Loch Shira’s return to service the vessel has operated reliably.</li> <li>• Alternative Ferry Capacity: various vessels have operated the route since February incl the MV Isle of Cumbrae, MV Loch Fyne and the MV Loch Tarbert. All have suffered ramp issues possibly linked to the high volume of commercial traffic for the flood defences.</li> <li>• Winter Timetable changes refused by Calmac citing “crew fatigue management”.</li> <li>• Business Concerns: meeting with business owners and Calmac w/c 2 September to reflect concerns about getting goods and people on and off the island.</li> <li>• Contingency Planning: request for a more formal review of Calmac’s contingency planning, particularly over the winter timetable to avoid risk of stranding large numbers of people for a long period during a breakdown.</li> <li>• Season Tickets: although we have had negative feedback from the Transport Minister, we have confirmed that the figures underpinning the decision are flawed. We are working with Calmac to reconsider this proposal.</li> <li>• Islands Connectivity Plan: we fed a number of improved key outcomes points into Transport Scotland’s Strategic “Island Connectivity Plan” in early May</li> <li>• We are making slow progress with Calmac and Transport Minister regarding the other ticketing issues that have yet to be resolved. These include five main issues: 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.</li> </ul>

Millport Bowling Club, John McHenry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finals week is underway after a season of play-offs, in addition to the daily matches and visits to and from other clubs. Morning openings have finished with the end of the school holidays but the club is open every-afternoon, weather permitting. Closing day has been set as 5 October but the Bridge and Scrabble clubs will continue over the winter and various evening social events have been organised.</li> </ul>
<b>Island projects</b>	
Ten Year Plan Cllr Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Update</li> </ul>
Local Place Plan G Harvie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposals and a plan are in development and will be shared at a public meeting on 5 October.</li> </ul>
Carbon Neutral Islands, by email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now permanently based out of West Lodge in the grounds of Garrison House, rather than the main Garrison House building. Monday - Friday (9-5pm most days)</li> <li>Working closely with NAC as the lead applicant to the Carbon Neutral Islands Capital Fund on additional funding for solar PV projects on community buildings, extending the work completed last year. Submitting application for seed funding to offer funded Solar PV and battery systems to domestic households (not conservation area).</li> <li>NAC are looking at the possibility of a Net-Zero Accelerator programme for businesses on Cumbrae and Arran. Business interested in being part of the pilot contact <a href="mailto:scott@carbonneutralcumbrae.co.uk">scott@carbonneutralcumbrae.co.uk</a>.</li> <li>Continuing to work with and support installers to help deliver funding routes available including ECO4, Area Based Scheme and Great British Insulation Scheme (GBIS). In the last 12 months approximately 28 households have benefitted, plus the ongoing works to Cunningham Housing Association properties (c15).</li> <li>Conversations with NAC Active Travel with regards cycle parking facilities and improved information and signage around Cumbrae.</li> <li>Potential community tree planting scheme (NAC Woodland 2030 project).</li> <li>Scott has been invited to be a guest speaker and panel member at the Community Energy Scotland conference in Sept. Dianne is speaking about Home Energy Efficiency at "The Rural" meeting Sept.</li> </ul>
Town Hall, by email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second fix electrics will soon be concluded</li> <li>Sustainable hard wood flooring laid in main hall, lesser town hall and main corridor.</li> <li>Safety balustrades to flat windows being installed</li> <li>Apart from the lower ground floor the regeneration is 90% complete.</li> <li>Unexpected changing water behaviours and rises in hydrostatic pressures in the lower ground floor have led to failure of the installed waterproofing measures in some areas. Professional investigations have taken place, and a remedial strategy is being designed. This is the subject of further funding applications.</li> </ul>
Flood Prevention, Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report. The Chair noted that the Community Liaison Officer has left and that the lead project manager was asked to attend the meeting.</li> </ul>
Marina, Graham W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAC is continuing with its work development work including progress on finalising the Business Case which is necessary for ScotGov/Ayrshire Growth Deal, preparation of the required environmental reports, further work on the design and specification of the marina, costings and legal matters etc.</li> <li>Following a meeting with CCDC, the Business Case for the community being involved in the operation of the marina is now being worked up and a funding bid to assist with this process, through the employment of expert input, has been submitted to the ARIA Fund – a decision is expected in September.</li> </ul>
<b>Issues arising</b>	
Planning & licencing, Gregor H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mackley have submitted a planning application for a change of use at the site next to the FSC, making the temporary area of hardstanding permanent. Unusually, no justification has been given for this application, despite CCC and NAC asking Mackley, and in the absence of an explanation, we have no option but to object.</li> </ul>
<b>Councillors' updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Councillors attended.</li> </ul>
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camping at the Helipad was discussed. <b>CCC to follow up.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Next meeting</b>	Thursday 26 Sept 6pm on Zoom <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83741044820">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83741044820</a>