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Date: 28 August 2025 – 6pm via ZOOM

Topic: Monthly Regular Meeting

Attendance: Alex Harvie (Chair), Angus Campbell (CCC), Duncan Fraser (CCC), Kari Lundie (CCC), John McHenry (CCC), Gregor Harvie (Adviser CCC), Stuart Dougan (Police Scotland), Jan Wilkie (CCDC), John Wright (HM Coastguard), Lorraine Fraser (Cumbrae Forum), Jennifer Neilson (Cumbrae Primary School), John McGarrity (Millport Golf Club), Carol Campbell (Cathedral), Cllr Eleanor Collier, + members of the public, 23 total

Apologies: Graham Wallace (Adviser CCC), Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall), Louise Riddex (NAC), Cllr Tom Marshall

	<p>Recording of the meeting available online. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7AU9x25v3A</p>
<p>Welcome Alex H</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
Discussed	
Second home council tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCC challenged second home council tax because of particular impact on Cumbrae. NAC have shared feedback from 2 departments involved (finance and housing). Disappointing response. Propose to write back and highlight that law requires NAC to do something about impact. Will copy cabinet secretary to ask for oversight. Action agreed by meeting. Cllr Collier noted issue was to be discussed by Cabinet and CCC should ask to make representation.
Police Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 calls in last month, criminal is mainly antisocial, 6 crime reports raised. AH raised noise complaints after scooter rally event – camping on the front. Garrison not used this year. No contact from the council – not a policing point of view.
Coastguard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAC has said they will not take action to limit use of pier for car parking. Call outs including paddle boarder, child on rock armour, potential person in water. Sept Largs regatta coming up.
IOCTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
CCDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing works at Garrison. Proposal to take over business units.
Cumbrae Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer vouchers need to be used. Lunch club restarting Wed 17 Sept, club is full, places may become available towards end of year. Hub extremely busy. Donations to dance troupe, pipe band, football club, Our Lady’s Church and Cathedral.
Millport Golf Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Busy summer 4-500 extra visitors. Looking at how to bring more people to the island in future. Limiting issue is accommodation. In past field has been rented out for camping for scooter rally type events. Issue is that they don’t have central point of management if not ticketed. Festivals Committee used to deal with it. Discussion if guidelines can be put out, but need to be enforceable.
Cumbrae Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Busy year ahead with trips planned tying into curriculum. Pupils enjoying produce they have grown. Later this year celebrations of 150 years of school, calling for any items from past.

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Field Studies Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 full-centre bookings, over 150 primary and secondary schools visited. • Major investment to replace sea water pipes. • Rewilding proposal.
FUG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to planning application to rebuild slip – because of lack of shelter for public. • Winter timetable starts 20 Oct. Asked for additional sailings. • Asked for contingency planning. Ticketing challenges still being pursued.
Key island projects	
CNI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful in application for CNI fund – solar PV – will be c30 more houses. • Aim to look into community owned project. • Funding for 2 new defribs – replace at pier, new by bowling club.
Millport Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration works nearing completion. • Oct opening planned.
Marina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design work by Wallace Stone progressing.
Cathedral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report.
North Ayrshire Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese Knotweed to be sprayed in Sept, to be chased. Scott • Ninian Park ownership to be confirmed. • Festoon lights reported. • Memorial board due to go up. • AH to report of electronic speed advisory sign outside Ravenscraig.
Planning applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None received. • Sale of watersports centre at auction, possibly under existing planning.
Councillors	<p>Cllr Collier: camping issue escalated to Chief Executive. Need to clarify role of Police Scotland.</p> <p>Signs following storm are being worked through.</p> <p>Viking festival plans devastated by weather forecast.</p>
Next meeting	<p>Thursday 25 Sept 2025, 6pm via Zoom</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87144169179</p>