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Date: Thursday 28 April 2022, 6pm, Zoom

Topic: Monthly regular meeting

Present: Alex Harvie (Chair), John McHenry (Vice Chair) Duncan Fraser, Gregor Harvie (Advisor), Graham Wallace (Advisor), Cllr Ian Murdoch (NAC), Cllr Alan Hill (NAC), Louise Riddex (NAC), Sarah Baird (NAC), Lorraine Fraser (Cumbrae Forum), Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall) Jan Wilkie (CCDC), Leslie Stringer, Angie McCallum (Town Hall), Nikol Morrison (Millport Motors), Adam Lyon (Press), +2 members of the public.

Apologies: Lisa Christie (Secretary), Joy Hamilton (Police Scotland), Carol Campbell (The Wave), Crawford Gillan (Cumbrae Resilience Group)

Welcome	Meeting declared quorate, previous meeting's minutes approved. (Alex H)
Organisations	
Police	From 31 March to 28 April 2022, there were 18 incidents (compared with 21 for the same time last year); 13 complaints/assistance; 2 domestics; 1 road incident (accident report) and 2 sudden deaths. (Email from Joy H)
Isle of Cumbrae Tourism Association	No report
Field Studies Council	Functioning well with numerous groups visiting, many of which are visiting the island for the first time. (Duncan F)
Cumbrae Forum	The Forum's Hub is now furnished, signage to go up. Hub to be open with support group on Thursday 5th. Forum's <i>Plant to Plate</i> with children going well. Forum can participate in disability study but not organise it. (Lorraine F)
Ferry Users Group	Pending meeting with Scottish Minister & need for everyone to be on message and suggest action that is positive. Documents being coordinated by Graham that can be collectively summarised. Graham consulted with all parties involved. (John M & Graham W)
Cumbrae Primary School	Busy with pre-sales of P6/7 anthology of stories. The book is on sale in the Garrison from 13 May. Preparations underway for Ukrainian children expected next week. Chickens arrive Thursday! (Julie M)
Cumbrae Resilience Team	As previous meeting's report. (Email from Crawford G)
Cumbrae Community Development Company	Garrison House: funding applications ongoing for Garrison House building repairs. Application for two EV charge points is ongoing. Additional unit within Garrison House Courtyard now occupied. Garrison motorhome site: We enjoyed a busy Easter holiday weekend and were able to complete additional groundwork. Thanks to The Festival Committee, additional lighting to be installed in the pond and inner road. Public toilets: Damage occurred at the Croc Rock public toilet block. The first resulting in the need for a new lock in the ladies. The second was vandalism. Millport General Maintenance have kindly offered to fund the installation of CCTV cameras at this block. Our Bomb Shelter block has opened (baby change and disabled toilet facilities). The Coin Pay facilities are now installed at Cumbrae Slip.

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	Moorings: Delay on work for the Flood Protection Scheme has allowed the laying of visitor moorings again this year. (Jan Wilkie)
Key projects	
Flood Prevention Scheme	The scope of project has been reviewed because of the rising cost of materials etc. Tender invitations have been sent out. The contract is likely to be awarded in August and work is currently expected to begin this coming October. (Gregor H)
Town Hall	Successful fundraising event held Saturday last. Completion date put back but building work progressing. (Angie M)
Marina	Proposal is part of a joint submission of Tourism Program (which includes Ardrossan & Arran) to Ayrshire Growth Deal. Feasibility study near completion and result along with Business Plan to go to Ayrshire Growth Deal for approval. Funding sought, detailed design will be ready for public consultation process after this. Community meeting pending. (Graham W)
Oyster project	£80k needed to make the spat pond project viable. North Ayrshire Council has two proposals before it, one of which is including children's pool on Marine Parade. (Duncan F)
Ten Year Plan	Consultation progress slow because of Covid 19. Printed copies of Plans made available in the Garrison. Further report to come as Council reconvenes. (Sarah B)
Millport Buses	Thought being given to an all-round the island route. Possibilities for new ticketing phone technology being considered and possibility of dial-a-bus being brought back in. (Nikol M)
The Wave	Public meeting pending, date now confirmed as 24 May in The Garrison 6-7pm. This will outline current status and proposed next steps for The Wave project. (Email from Carol C)
Issues arising	
Mandate & data project	Discussion about CCC's aim to be able to draw on the opinions of the full island. Also to update the data which exists. A sub group to be established. (Alex H)
Website	Call for dates for events on the island so that the website is useful to all. (Gregor H)
Planning	Green house proposal and flat roof 'modern' house on Marine Parade. Mixed feelings in the island community relating to second proposal. (Alex H & Gregor H declared interest in the green house proposal.) Planning approach document to be prepared on Community Council response to planning for next meeting. (John M and Gregor H)
Japanese knotweed	Knotweed is visible around the island, with evidence of trimming by North Ayrshire Council (NAC). CCC will establish whether the affected landowners have been contacted by NAC. (Gregor H)
Councillors' updates	North Ayrshire Council in recess. Following the meeting, 5 new Councillors were elected: Eleanor Collier (stage 1), Ian Murdoch (stage 1), Todd Ferguson (stage 3), Alan Hill (stage 10) and Tom Marshall (stage 12). Email of welcome sent by Chair.
Community issues	Discussion about road repairs.

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Community Council updates	Lisa Christie has resigned as Secretary with immediate effect and from the Community Council following the meeting with the transport minister. (Alex H)
Next meeting	26 May 6pm Zoom - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82855208596 Future meetings: 30 June, 25 August, 29 September, 27 October, 24 November (AGM).