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Date: 30 June 2022

Topic: Monthly Regular Meeting

Present: Alex Harvie (Chair), John McHenry (Vice Chair), Duncan Fraser, Gregor Harvie (Adviser), Graham Wallace (Adviser), Keith Hammond (Co-opted Secretary), Cllr Tom Marshall, Cllr Eleanor Collier, Cllr Todd Ferguson, Louise Riddex (North Ayrshire Council) Mark Semple (Police Scotland), Carol Campbell (The Wave), Iain Morrison (Millport Motors), Lorraine Fraser (Cumbrae Forum), Scott Ferris (Isle of Cumbrae Tourism Association), John McNeilly (Millport Town Hall), Adam Lyon (Press) + 1 member of the public.

Apologies

Cllr Iain Murdoch, Cllr Alan Hill (NAC), Trish Broadley-Clews, Jan Wilkie, Sarah Baird (North Ayrshire Council), Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Crawford Gillan (Cumbrae Resilience Group).

Welcome	Chair noted the meeting was not quorate because of the resignation of Lisa Christie. Proposed Keith Hammond as Secretary, John McH seconded. Meeting that followed was then quorate. (Alex H)
Organisations	
Police Scotland	Mark Semple reported between 29 May – 29 June 2022 there were 20 incidents on Cumbrae which resulted in 4 crime reports being raised - one assault relating to the Care Home being looked at by the Care Home Inspectorate. He is looking at resources for the coming months. This is the team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS Mark Semple • PC Craig Brougham • PC Simon Winsor • PC Thomas Arthur • PC Len McDonald (Town Centre) • PC Euan Graham (Town Centre) • PC Ross Pollard – Campus Officer • PC Deborah Beattie (Millport)
Island of Cumbrae Tourist Association	New funding application underway for Bank Holiday Weekend fireworks display – licencing issues and insurance costs have risen. Meeting planned in next couple of weeks to decide how things move forward. IOCTA website redone. Events being listed on Millport.org (Scott F)
Field Studies Council	Another busy month at the FSC Millport with annual visits from universities from all over the UK: York, Aberdeen, Manchester, Newcastle, Durham, Leeds & Glasgow, bringing over 370 students & staff to the centre. Over 230 pupils from various state, boarding & prep schools: St Aloysious, Glasgow Academy, CraigClowan Prep, Strathallan, and a large group visit for the first time from Wetherby Prep School (Prince William & Harry's first school) from London who had an absolutely fabulous time exploring the Island.
Ferry Users Group	Weather resilience an issue with Calmac; reliable replacement boat needed but not available until coming year; staff shortages and union dispute making things difficult; spare vessel being investigated for peak period in summer. Minister's meeting 1 June 2022, promised review of various requests, including marshalling of long lines at Largs and Millport. North Ayrshire's sponsoring of cars discussed as a problem.

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	Why are more cars being encouraged as it leads to problems on the island? Benefits no one on the island and contradicts green policies. It was noted that if cars are restricted here then there may be a call for similar moves on other islands. (Duncan F)
Cumbrae Community Development Comp	Written report - Further damage to toilets at the Crocodile. CCTV Cameras ordered. NAC Regeneration Team seeking to work with CCDC on upgrading island facilities. Exhibition in the Garrison on Lighthouses from 7 July. Summer events on CCDC / IOCTA websites (Jan W)
Cumbrae Forum	New website near completion. Lunch Club stopped for the Summer and will begin again in September. (Lorraine F)
Millport Motors	Round island route planned but no date for starting. Looking for suitable vehicle. Also fuel costs now high and might be a problem. Open top 1964 bus being looked at. (Iain M)
Millport Golf Club	Written report - Storm damage and greens being repaired. Increasing club membership. Restaurant being opened five days a week. New lawn manager. (Trish BH)
Island projects	
Holiday Meals Project	Meals being provided for children who would get free meals during school time. Every Tuesday until 2-30 in the Library. Activities to be organised in tandem with the meals. Begins this coming week. Special event on 11 July – face painting, games etc - in conjunction with events on the mainland with the North Coast Locality Partnership. Cllr Ferguson mentioned that there had been a meeting of councillors on a possible Cumbrae Partnership Group (a similar arrangement is already set up on Arran). A new NAC administration looking at local partnerships which could tie into ten year plan. (Louise R)
The Wave	General meeting coming up this Monday, after which all the reviews will be made available and a summary of the project. Sport Scotland completed their marketing assessment, and the Water Sport site is now up for sale – details online on Facebook adverts. Report on the Croc Talk front page. (Carol C)
Flood Prevention Scheme	The tender process is ongoing and so there is nothing to report at present. (Gregor H)
Town Hall	Flooding of town hall basement 16 June put back the project after week of storms. Basement flood causing unforeseen work having to be done on very old tanks, water pipes and drainage system. Treatment of basement underway. The project progressing. (John McN)
Marina	Viability Report had been considered by the Executive Leadership Team NAC and a positive response had been received. Further work to be carried out on operational models and a report will then be put out for consideration by the working group towards the end of July giving the business case etc. (Graham W)
Issues arising	
Mandate project	Meeting planned on the Economic Baseline Report for the Island, census report coming out that should give details about the island population and thought about survey of views through questionnaire. Immediate task of building the email list on Cumbrae.org so that views can be expressed and discussed on current policies etc. (Keith H)

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<p>Planning</p>	<p>Policy - A draft policy detailing CCC responsibilities and procedures for dealing with planning and licensing issues was approved. (Gregor H)</p> <p>XLCC - no one from CCC could get to the planning meeting of 29 June 2022 but concerns about noise levels and proper visual representation of the proposal not being available for public were agreed to be raised by Fairlie CC. Cllr Ferguson spoke in support of the proposal, pointing out that it involved a £250 million investment, any blocking of the planning application might leave the Hunterston site open to becoming a base for the decommissioning of oil rigs which would involve heavy industry. It was noted that XLCC were seeking planning permission ‘a bit at a time’ and Cllr Collier and Cllr Hill had submitted a letter calling for planning permission to be deferred until the whole application was available, allowing the full impact of the factory on the area to be understood. The ‘track record’ of XLCC was not known along with the possible adverse effects of some of the new technology that XLCC intended to use. Cllr Collier reported that the request to defer was rejected. Gregor H noted the lack of noise reports on Cumbrae, as requested by NAC. The scale of proposed factory could be compared to the Forth Bridge. The tower would be the tallest structure in Scotland. These aspects of XLCC’s proposal made it difficult to grasp the potential visual and audible impact. Cllr Marshall noted this site would be developed for commercial use and there were clauses in the XLCC application limiting the noise. (The actual contract is subject to a confidentiality agreement by parties involved.)</p> <p>The meeting noted that more facts and detailed studies should have been made before planning permission was sought and decided upon. Cllr Ferguson said Nature Scotland, MOD, Historic Scotland etc had been contacted with details of the proposal but had not raised objections. He disagreed with the proposal of a deferral. The project had been planned over the last two years. The XLCC’s application was passed at the Planning Committee of the 29 June meeting but in light of the feeling amongst the island population the Chair of CCC queried Cumbrae’s understanding of the project as well as their views.</p>
<p>Festival events</p>	<p>Written report - Millport Country and Western beginning Friday 19 August – uncertainty of train strike may affect event – multi-agency meetings with Garrison, Millport Motors, Calmac, NAC, Police Scotland and Fire Service. Zoom arrangements in hand but no parade this year. Camping hosted by Golf Club; Glamping provided by the Canvas Co at the Golf Club. FSC and Cathedral providing accommodation for artists. Looking for 4 helpers with the event - £10 per hour.</p>
<p>Japanese Knotweed</p>	<p>Progress is being made contacting landowners affected by Japanese knotweed, however, time is running out if a programme of treatment is to be started this year.</p>
<p>Community Issues</p>	<p>Carbon Neutral Island – The SG are deciding on an umbrella organization to coordinate the national activities of the 6 islands. Initial stages will cover carbon/energy audits and this was discussed at a visit of Arran Eco Savvy to the island. Possibly the work on Cumbrae will be based at the Garrison where a CCDC employee has carbon audit training. The SG co-ordinators will visit the island in the summer and consult with</p>

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	<p>organizations and interested parties with the objective to progress with the involvement of the island and will cover all the different areas of the carbon problem. SG agree there is need for sound and island appropriate data.</p> <p>The proposed start date was put back to August but Cllr Collier pointed out that is has been moved further back.</p> <p>Roads – The resurfacing of Clyde and Woodlands appear complete and the work on Cardiff/West Bay is underway.</p> <p>Drains/flooding – It appears nothing has been done about this and it will be raised again with NAC.</p>
Next meeting	25 August, 6pm via Zoom