

MINUTES



Date: 29 September 2022 – 6pm via ZOOM

Topic: Monthly Regular Meeting

Present: Alex Harvie (Chair), John McHenry (Vice Chair), Keith Hammond (Secretary), Gregor Harvie (Adviser), Cllr Ian Murdoch, Mrs Neilson (Cumbrae Primary), Angus Campbell (FUG), Louise Riddex (NAC), Adam Lyon (Press) and 2 members of the public

Apologies: Carol Campbell (The Wave), Duncan Fraser, Graham Wallace (Adviser), Cllr Tom Marshall, Cllr Eleanor Collier, Cllr Todd Ferguson, Cllr Alan Hill, Sarah Baird (NAC), Thomas Reaney (NAC), David Williamson (Golf Club & CCDC), Lorraine Fraser (Cumbrae Forum), Trish Broadley-Clews (Golf Club), Jan Wilkie (CCDC), Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Crawford Gillan (Cumbrae Resilience Group), Mark Semple (Police Scotland), Nikol Morrison (Millport Motors), Scott Ferris (Isle of Cumbrae Tourism Association), Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall)

Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Alex H declared the meeting quorate. Minutes of 25 August approved
Organisations	
Police Scotland, update from Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair and Vice Chair met with Police to discuss overnight parking and enforcement. Police propose bringing together a multi-agency group to review the situation and discuss options. The police are also gathering feedback from the community council in relation to the main events on the island to help shape the planning for next year and engagement with the organisers to deliver successful and safe events on Cumbrae.
IOCTA	No report
CCDC, email from Jan W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August saw our two biggest festival weekends within the grounds of Garrison House. Millport Country Music Festival had ticket sales of 2,500. Carbon Neutral Islands – Representatives of Community Energy Scotland met ‘virtually’ with the CCDC Board. Scottish Government have released £40k funding towards the advancement of this project and creation of a temporary job(s). Discussions have taken place between NAC and CCDC, although timescales are tight. Meeting with Pure Energy, proposal for the installation of EV Charge Points within Garrison grounds if funding can be secured.
Cumbrae Forum	No report
Millport Motors	No report
Cumbrae Primary. Mrs Neilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly garden times with the P4/5 class. Aim to grow and harvest produce for community café in the spring. The building of the outdoor classroom will begin in November, funded by the Forum along with a £20,000 grant from the Healthy Island Fund. School lets have begun again. Playgroup has restarted and P6/7 children can enjoy handiwives: currently they are adapting ‘lawyers’ cloaks to be used in the Mock Court challenge – <i>we are looking for a local lawyer to help support us.</i> In response to parent and pupil consultation, out-of-school learning trips are planned. The whole school will visit the Science Centre in October (funded by the Forum). The pantomime is booked at the Beacon. P1/2/3 have been studying under the sea and will visit the FSC at the end of term. Long-term plan for seniors to be involved in scientific investigations making use of FSC experts and promoting outdoor learning. All children continue to care for chickens and take home the eggs. The venture will be showcased at a district event as good practice in learning about sustainability.
Millport Golf Club	No report
Field Studies Council, email from Duncan F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dusseldorf Uni visited in Aug after a 2 year break due to covid, Cork Uni came for a 3rd visit this year catching up on missed visits. Liverpool brought a large group of 65 at the beginning of Sept. RV Actinia charter by Marine Scotland to do DNA sampling.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively seeking candidates for 2 positions in kitchen, cash incentives on offer.
Ferry Users Group	No report
Island projects	
Data	No report
Ten Year Plan	No report
Flood Defence, Gregor H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tender process is continuing and there is nothing to report.
Town Hall, email from Angie McC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheeting out continues along with first fix electrics and joinery work. A new BT pole has been erected and water and electricity upgrades installed. Atrium foundations underway so work can commence on the additional structure. The opening for the street level entrance to the flats (called Clifton Apartments) complete, the three two-bed flats are to be called Balloch, Fintry and The Loft. Award of £25,000 from the People's Postcode Lottery will fund a staff member in the future and £509,450 from the Island Infrastructure Fund will fund the completion of phase two in the basement. Here the Heritage Centre, Green Room, Men's Shed, additional accessible toilet and office will be developed.
Marina	No report
The Wave, email from Graham W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barry Fleeting (SportScotland) informed CCC that several offers were received around the asking price and before the closing date. They are under review.
Issues	
Planning & licencing, John McH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wind Farm application withdrawn, probably in order to address objections. A future application is expected. The problems with online responses through the planning portal were noted. It was reaffirmed that North Ayrshire Council had a responsibility to ensure the portal was functioning. CCC asked that feedback be conveyed to the Planning Authority by Cllrs. It was noted that when several objections are made to a proposal under the same point then they are considered as one point by the planning authority but if many people make separate objections this indicates the strength of voice in the community and has political consequences. The discussion concluded by affirming the CCC role in the Solar Farm application had been to give the island an informed choice as an exercise in local democracy which was not the same as leading people into taking a view as in signing a petition.
Carbon Neutral islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to add to previous report by CCDC
Japanese Knotweed, Gregor H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gregor Harvie reported the approach by NAC had been ad hoc and had not fully tackled the problem. Cllr Ferguson reported that he had spoken to Thomas Reaney who was awaiting an update. The pressing nature of the problem was stressed by the Cllrs. Cllr Murdoch advised against personal attempts to eradicate knotweed, it should be undertaken by experts.
Councillors' updates- community issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Ferguson reported that ticket issues still in play with Calmac. Cllr Murdoch reported that road resurfacing is to be done this year in Kames Bay. Electric charging point which was outside the Post Office had been paused as no one had been consulted about the position. Problems discussed about parking laws not being enforceable.
Next meeting	Thursday 27 October 6pm Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9329701663