

MINUTES

Meeting date: Thursday 30 April 2026, 6pm via Zoom

Attendance: Alex Harvie (Chair), Duncan Fraser (CCC), John McHenery (CCC), Angus Campbell (CCC), Gregor Harvie (Adviser CCC), Stuart Paton (Police Scotland), Jan Wilkie (CCDC), Lorraine Fraser (Cumbrae Forum), Scott Watson (CNI), Dianne Smith (Walking Orchard), Paul Kernachan (Wee Cumbrae), James Henney (NAC), Calum Corral (Largs and Millport) + members of the public, 17 total

Apologies: Graham Wallace (Adviser CCC), Kari Lundie (CCC), Canon Alec (Cathedral), Susan Hunter (Town Hall), Nikol Morrison (Millport Motors), Cllr Marshall

	Recording of the meeting available online: https://youtu.be/VyFsHxG1LJg
Welcome Alex H	<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
Police Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 calls, 3 crime reports, road traffic collision. 10 tickets for road traffic offences coming in. 20 mile an hour speed limit coming into force – pending signs going up. Issue of safety on the corner before the ferry, cars speeding for the ferry and cyclists. Need for better road awareness on the island.
Coastguard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
IOCTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is underway in preparation for September weekend. Tourism desk is open again.
CCDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garrison House: stonework snagging concludes in May; investigations into window/glazing issues are underway. Options appraisal: community support received for a solar car park, new facilities, and court upgrades, with feedback aiding a grant application for a feasibility study. Events: Steve Jordon exhibition concludes mid-May, followed by the Titanic exhibition; upcoming events include the Cumbrae Queen Crowning (3 May) and Millport 10 Miler (10 May). Pit Stops: roof installations are complete, with solar and battery upgrades for the Fintry block scheduled for mid-May to enable reopening.
Cumbrae Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We funded another very successful Easter Camp for primary school children, with 20 local children talking part and about 8 visitors attending. Lunches were supplied by Garrison Cafe. We intend to fund another camp in summer, details to follow. Cumbrae Forum are working with Meeting Centres Scotland and AILN (Ayrshire Independent Living Network) to establish a Dementia type café and befriending service. The café will be held in Cumbrae Parish Church, on a Friday afternoon from 2-4 pm. Start date is pending, we are looking for volunteers. Training will be provided by the Dementia Befriending Manager at AILN. Volunteer packs from Eleanor (07312096224) or Lorraine (07971276944).
Golf Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Cumbrae Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Field Studies Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Busy month: 200 primary pupils, 3 universities Salford, Edinburgh and Uni of West of Scotland with 160 students. Visit from Her Royal Highness.
FUG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New timetable. FUG is suggesting alternatives to 25% cut in services. The Island Impacts Assessment wasn't carried out and CCC is supporting with a challenge. Planned maintenance. Slipway works progressing, some issues with depths. Discussion about updating the timetable.
Wee Cumbrae	<p>Presentation made of latest work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scottish horror comedy in post production. Water supply now in progress. Renewables discussion – visit from CNI.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to the island – possible pontoon. • Castle Studies Trust undertaking a study on the keep. • Ask for help to connect with planning dept at NAC. Gregor Harvie to action.
Dun Creag Shores (Sailing centre)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
Key island projects	
Place Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 380 responses to second home council tax survey, negative impact on the island is stark. • Lack of robust impact assessment and now limited monitoring by NAC.
CNI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three quarters of the way through 31 installs of solar PV and battery. Represents £1.5m investment in island. • CNI were finalists in environmental champions of the year. • Replacement defibrillator at Fire St and Bowling Club, CCDC helped with financials.
Walking Orchard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three young people have named themselves Tree-O. • They are building a map and identifying where tree planting can happen. • NAC offered the support of an arboricultural officer and noted new road legislation. • CCC has put in an application to Kelburn Wind Farm to support this. • CCC will transfer NAC funding to CNI to administer.
Millport Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usage & networking: Trustees are actively engaging new groups and regular attendees (eg, Pipe Band, Table Tennis) while exploring cost-effective measures to increase community use. • Upcoming events: schedule confirmed through August, including an Open Day (23rd May), mobile cinema, tribute acts, and the Cumbrae Garden Club Flower Show. • Facilities & bookings: fully stocked bar and three holiday apartments; bookings are already secured into 2027 with rising interest for private and corporate hire. • Maintenance & operations: Ongoing snagging works by McLaughlins are in progress; all venue enquiries to Alan Paterson.
Marina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First concept for marina not possible, looking at new design options.
Cathedral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cathedral of The Isles invites the community to the Cathedral's celebration of its 160th anniversary of founding as a Cathedral with full Choral Evensong at 3pm on Saturday 6th June. The Bishop of Argyll and The Isles will be preaching. You and Greg should have received your own personal invitation through the post.
Planning & licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New house and garage – 11 Kirkton Crescent • Premier shop alterations and new door • 15 Glasgow St • 25 Marine Parade removal of wall (including post box)
North Ayrshire Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Heaney (NAC Senior Manager Streetscene Operations) joined the meeting for the first time and gave an overview of recent NAC works: • Installation of picnic benches, 8 more on order. • Beach cleaning. • Bins and litter picking (one of operatives is currently injured). • Decision to delay installation of new play facility to the end of the season. • Life saving equipment on waterfront.
Councillors	No councillors present.
Next meeting	Thursday 28 May 2026, 6pm via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85971422973