

Date: Thursday 24th February 2022, 6PM, via Zoom

Topic: Monthly regular meeting

Present: Alex Harvie (Chair), John McHenery (Vice Chair), Lisa Christie (Secretary), Duncan Fraser, Gregor Harvie (Special Advisor), Graham Wallace (Special Advisor).

Attendees: Cllr Ian Murdoch (NAC), Cllr Tom Marshall (NAC), Sarah Baird (NAC), Jan Wilkie (CCDC), Carol Campbell (The Wave), David Nairn (FCC), Adam Lyon (Press) +3 members of the public.

Apologies: Angie McCallum (TH), Debbie Beattie (Police Scotland), Louise Riddex (Locality Officer NAC), Scott Ferris (IOCTA), Lorraine Fraser (Forum).

1	Welcome	The previous meeting's minutes were approved. The meeting was declared quorate.
2	Updates – organisations	
	Police Debbie Beattie (Lisa Christie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calls from 24th Jan – 24th Feb 2021: 3 incidents and 1 crime reported and detected. - 24th Jan – 24th Feb 2022: 6 calls and 1 crime reported regarding damaged car.
	Isle of Cumbrae Tourism Association (IOCTA) Scott Ferris (Margaret Kennedy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Redoing millport.org website. This will include a calendar. - IOCTA AGM is in the Garrison on 30 March in the Goldfish Bowl. All businesses and residents are welcome. Please confirm your attendance. - Working to support the Town Hall.
	Cumbrae Community Development Company (CCDC) Jan Wilkie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update
	Field Studies Council (FSC) Duncan Fraser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The higher education placement students left to return to their own centres for the beginning of the season. - 2 remain until August, bird surveying will continue, but beach cleaning will cease, maybe North Ayrshire Council could commence this for the tourists arriving? - The season now in full swing with 60 Edinburgh Uni students arrived last Sunday. - Cork Uni & Hyde Park Primary arrive this week. - Newcastle Uni arrive on the 6th March with the centre at full capacity with 140 guests. - Recruitment has been successful with 5 new members of staff joining.
	Cumbrae Community Resilience Team Crawford Gillan (Lisa Christie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following a request from North Ayrshire Council & Cumbrae Community Council to publicise the probable storm surge over the weekend, Cumbrae Community Resilience Team volunteers were tasked to support on Sat 5 Feb & Sun 6 Feb. Thankfully no “overtopping” or flooding occurred and no calls were made to the support group helpline number for assistance or provision of sandbags for those unable to get their own. - The volunteers reported that most of the localised pooling of water was due to rainfall and poorly maintained or blocked drains or lack of suitable drainage.
	Cumbrae Forum Lorraine Fraser (Alex Harvie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Forum is continuing to work on the new space which was formerly Scoot Aboot.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting have been held to discuss the rebrand and future communications of the Forum. - Proposal to hold an event for Jubilee, seeking to check this will not clash with other community events.
	Ferry Users Group (FUG) Lisa Christie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update as no meeting since last Community Council meeting
3	Updates – key island projects	
	Flood defence Gregor Harvie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A focus group meeting was held on 9 Feb. - Tender documents are still in preparation. This means construction will not take place until the autumn. - When it begins the promenade will be delivered in phases so the whole promenade is not out of action at one time. - Full project details will be shared with the community when they are ready.
	Town Hall Angie McCallum (John McHenry)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Installation of replacement energy efficient, eco-friendly windows is underway. This work complies with conservation regulations so progress is being made towards a warmer, wind and watertight building. - A funding award from Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust is helping towards a new upgraded electricity supply. - Planning is underway for a Millport Town Hall Easter Event in in the Garrison Grounds or DA Hall on Saturday 9 April between the hours of 11 am and 3 pm. Everyone is welcome.
	Marina Graham Wallace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant’s Marina Viability Study is progressing. Draft due end March / early April 2022. - Breakwater to be completed before marina construction can take place. - Community marina operating models are being explored via community group / CCC / CCDC / MP&HUG. Consultant appointed to assist in process. - Elected Members Workshop to be organised in April/ May (tbc). Workshop will present early findings of viability study for feedback and input. - North Ayrshire Council will (via AGD) publish a project web page for information, updates etc. once the viability studies are complete (April/May).
	The Wave Carol Campbell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The project is continuing work on the feasibility study with a presentation on 25 February. - Site planning is considering the options, there have been two valuations as required for a Community Asset Transfer. - A community meeting will be held in the third week of March. - Questions were raised about the size of the group, Carol reported it includes eight people with Alan Hill as Chair and three formal trustees. More roles are available and will be shared shortly on the website.
	Ten Year Plan Sarah Baird	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 10-year Cumbrae plan is now approved. Signed off by Cabinet. A press release has been issued. The launch for the island is 10 March. Sarah passed on her thanks and said this is just the start of the process.

	Clyde Coastal Community Councils, Marine Planning Partnership David Nairn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CCCC brings together five community councils. There has been a governance review on the Marine Planning Partnership up to the high-water mark which is excluding community councils. CCC has statutory function down to the low water mark. - It was agreed to take the matter offline and hold a separate meeting.
	Oyster project David Nairn / John McHenry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wilding project is now moving into Phase 2, the intention is to create legacy and jobs. - A meeting was held 11 Feb with North Ayrshire Council. Following this, David Nairn visited Cumbrae to assess potential for oyster spat ponds. A further meeting was scheduled for 9 March and has been postponed till 9 April.
4	Issues arising	
	Website Gregor Harvie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new community website which gives easy access to all the groups and projects on the island is now live: www.cumbrae.org
	Planning John McHenry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The views of the island aren't being taken on board – see today's paper. This includes the expansion of caravan sites where the community's views were overruled. - The application for the fish farms is still in. The company is waiting for licences, they intend to proceed. - A cycle path consultation will take place in March but this doesn't include Millport. - A Hunterston meeting is scheduled for 8 March.
	Japanese Knotweed Gregor Harvie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Council has offered landowners a reduced price for treating knotweed. However, they missed two landowners and Gregor has informed them of this.
5	Councillors' updates Councillor Tom Marshall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended the Tourism Forum with other Councillors. Reviewed the Visitor Management Plan. - Council tax set to rise 3%. - Fife Regatta returns next year.
	Councillor Ian Murdoch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tourism Forum has the potential to make a difference but needs funding. - Solar farm: in support of calling in the EIA. It needs 2 seconders. There is a handbook on EIAs with case studies. - Budget Meeting next week. - Millport Focus Group on Wed 9. - Roads programme has had funding and Ferry Road will be tackled in March. - Ferry Users Group was postponed.
6	Next meeting date and time	
	Lisa Christie	<p>31st March, 6pm on zoom. (The Zoom link has since been created: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87032238787)</p>
7	AOB	
	Drains / flooding Lisa Christie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Community Council has requested update on when the machine will be over to clear the gullies as many drains are blocked with sand, silt or leaves causing localised areas of surface water. - Councillor Murdoch said he had raised the matter.

	Roadworks Lisa Christie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hastie Avenue was due to be closed except to emergency access between 9-4. Residents were not informed and unhappy at lack of notice. - CCC contacted the Council's roads department and is being added to mailing list. - Works were due to start 28th Feb at 9am. - (Post meeting update announced there is currently no start date due to manpower issues.)
	Electricity complaint John McHenery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A complaint has been received from a resident about the size of their bill. The Council had replied but this had not been sufficient. - Action agreed – John McHenery and Donald Campbell to assist in meter investigation.
	Pot holes Lisa Christie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These are due to be repaired in April.
	Painting of railings John McHenery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the request of willing volunteers NAC was approached by CCC to see if help could be obtained with materials to paint the front wall and railings. NAC have gone beyond this and undertaken to have their contractors do the work in spring.