

**Date:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 6PM, via Zoom

**Topic:** Monthly regular meeting

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

**Attendees:** Cllr Ian Murdoch (NAC), Louise Riddex (Locality Officer NAC), Mark McArthur (CPS), Scott Ferris (IOCTA), Jan Wilkie (CCDC), Angie McCallum (TH), Lorraine Fraser (Forum), Carol Campbell (The Wave), Adam Lyon (L&M), + 8 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Donald Campbell (CCC Treasurer), Stewart Kennedy, Sarah Baird (Senior Islands Officer), INSP Alison Wilson (Police Scotland).

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the previous Community Council.
<b>2</b>	<b>Updates – organisations</b>	
	Cumbrae Primary School Mark McArthur, Pupil Council Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funding has been awarded for a sustainability project to introduce keep and look after chickens.</li> <li>- Awarded government grant for an outdoor classroom which will also be available for the community.</li> <li>- Children attended sessions at the FSC for 15 weeks to learn about environment and sustainability.</li> <li>- A 10-week writing project with a local author will displayed in the Garrison in April.</li> <li>- Alice in Wonderland school show planned for June 2022.</li> </ul>
	Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last year Dec – January: 22 incidents, 2 crime reports (vandalism to cars)</li> <li>- December - January this year: 12 incidents - 1 crime report (vandalism car - query poss RTC)</li> <li>- Assist member of public – 9</li> <li>- 999 calls - 1 (silent poss misdial)</li> <li>- Millport office - 1 incident (office repair)</li> <li>- Vandalism - 1 (crime report query RTC)</li> </ul>
	Isle of Cumbrae Tourism Association (IOCTA) Scott Ferris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Redoing millport.org website.</li> <li>- App getting set up for visitors.</li> <li>- Received funding from Visit Scotland towards September Weekend.</li> </ul>
	Cumbrae Community Development Company (CCDC) Jan Wilkie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- North Ayrshire Venture Trust provided funding to support a new part-time admin role at GH.</li> <li>- 11 motorhomes used the facility over the New Year period.</li> <li>- Work has been getting done in the café and it is due to reopen within the first week of February.</li> <li>- The CCDC AGM will be held in March.</li> <li>- Toilets- delay with pay entry system but due to be completed in 4-6 weeks</li> </ul>
	Field Studies Council (FSC) Duncan Fraser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The centre has a new manager: Elke Sheibler from Uni of South Wales following promotion of Alex MacFie.</li> <li>- FSC staff have been carrying out beach cleans and have removed 140kg of litter over the month.</li> <li>- Bird survey recorded a number of species including mistle thrush, fieldfare, woodcock, buzzard &amp; peregrine falcon.</li> <li>- Residential groups restarting – 12 Feb Bahia Council, 21 Feb Napier university students.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Permanent and seasonal vacancies – contact Catriona Cameron for details or check the website.</li> </ul>
	Cumbrae Forum Lorraine Fraser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The former Scoot Aboot shop is getting renovated to become a hub for the Forum. This will include office space and a community letting space and drop in centre.</li> <li>- Lunch club to commence on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at a cost of £15 per year.</li> <li>- There are currently around 170 members with 45 people using the lunch club weekly.</li> </ul>
	Ferry Users Group (FUG) Lisa Christie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Covid has caused delays on the go-live date for ArTuras ticketing system.</li> <li>- Single tickets will be offered opposed to round trip only.</li> <li>- Concessions will be able to be purchased online.</li> <li>- Purser will be at Cumbrae slip or on board vessel to purchase tickets departing Cumbrae.</li> <li>- Website will ask for sailing times but customers will not be committed to scheduled ferries and no preference will be given for those with tickets booked for a specific date/time.</li> <li>- Season passes will or have already been phased out with the exception of monthly season pass to continue as long as possible until go-live date.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>Updates – key island projects</b>	
	Flood defence Gregor Harvie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two working groups have been established with North Ayrshire Council to get community input into the scheme.</li> <li>- There have been some changes of personnel at North Ayrshire Council.</li> <li>- The flood defences are currently out to tender.</li> <li>- When a contractor is appointed it will be important to arrange a community engagement process so that the impact on the community is minimised and the benefits maximised.</li> </ul>
	Town Hall Angie McCallum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Judith Barbour has been appointed as the new Community Liaison Officer.</li> <li>- Town Hall has received more funding recently.</li> <li>- Photos of updates on the building works are being uploaded on Millport Town Hall Facebook page.</li> <li>- Basement has been dug out to meet DDA standards and is currently being made water-tight.</li> <li>- Town Hall working group are encouraging the community to get in touch and make connections.</li> </ul>
	Marina Graham Wallace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposals are moving forward with NAC. Funding through AGD has been earmarked (c. £2m).</li> <li>- Consultants have been appointed to carry out further detailed work on the proposed site incl. bathymetrics, wave modelling etc.</li> <li>- Further work is progressing on development options, operational models, establishing the community's marine tourism priorities and the resources required for delivery etc.</li> </ul>
	The Wave Carol Campbell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good progress is being made.</li> <li>- A SCIO has been formed.</li> <li>- An employee has been appointed to assist.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The website should be operational this week.</li> <li>- Feasibility &amp; business plans will now be progressed.</li> <li>- Members will be invited to join the new SCIO</li> <li>- Any enquiries/expressions of interest welcome</li> </ul>
	Ten Year Plan Alex Harvie (for Sarah Baird)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The 10-year socio-economic island plan is now being finalised for publication on 3 March (TBC).</li> <li>- Thank you to everyone for their input.</li> <li>- There will be some form of event/activity on the island.</li> <li>- The plan will have an annual action plan associated with it and discussions are ongoing about how this will connect into the groups and projects already in progress on the island.</li> <li>- The next step is to have a meeting about island data with North Ayrshire Council.</li> </ul> <p>ACTION: Community Development Officer to pass on up to date demographic data.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Issues arising</b>	
	Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar farm</li> <li>• Design brief</li> </ul> Gregor Harvie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The lapsed planning application for a large solar farm at the highest point of the island has been resurrected and a screening opinion sought by the applicant.</li> <li>- CCC have sent a letter to North Ayrshire Council strongly recommending that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for the solar farm so that alternative sites can be properly assessed.</li> <li>- Minor changes have been proposed to the design brief for the Kirkton development off Golf Road.</li> </ul>
	Website	<p>Gregor Harvie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A community website is in development to give easy access to all the groups and projects on the island.</li> <li>- It will launch shortly – <a href="http://www.cumbrae.org">www.cumbrae.org</a></li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>Councillors' updates</b> Councillor Ian Murdoch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Councillor Murdoch thanked everyone for coming forward for the new CCC and listed his priorities.</li> <li>- More rat and seagull proof bins to be rolled out on the island.</li> <li>- Has been trying for a meeting with Transport Scotland regarding CalMac, but has not had any success to date.</li> <li>- To come over to the island within the next fortnight to look at road surfaces.</li> <li>- Ferry slip to Ferry Road resurfacing has been confirmed for March 2022.</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>Co-option of new CCC member</b> Alex Harvie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Duncan Fraser was co-opted as the sixth member of Cumbrae Community Council, proposed by John McHenery and seconded by Lisa Christie.</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<b>Next meeting date and time</b> Lisa Christie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The next meeting of Cumbrae Community Council will be held on Zoom on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 6PM.</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>AOB</b>	<p>Councillor Murdoch suggested that the North Coast holds all-inclusive Community Council meetings every quarter.</p> <p>ACTION – make contact with other CC's to arrange quarterly meeting.</p>
	<b>Community wish list</b>	<p>During the meeting Louise Riddex explained that there is a community benefits wishlist and that groups can fill in an online form to ask for support.</p>



		<p><a href="#">Community Benefits Wishlist: application form – North Ayrshire</a> <a href="#">Community Planning Partnership</a> (On the form, Cumbrae falls under North Coast)</p>
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