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Date: Thursday 26 May 2022, 6pm, Zoom

Topic: Monthly regular meeting

Present: Alex Harvie (Chair), John McHenery (Vice Chair) Duncan Fraser, Gregor Harvie (Advisor), Graham Wallace (Advisor), Cllr Ian Murdoch (NAC), Cllr Tom Marshall (NAC), Cllr Eleanor Collier (NAC), Cllr Todd Ferguson (NAC), Elke Scheibler (Field Studies Council), Lesley Stringer, Joy Hamilton (Police Scotland), Carol Campbell (The Wave), Adam Lyon (Press), +2 members of the public.

Apologies: Sarah Baird (NAC), Lorraine Fraser (Cumbrae Forum), Scott Ferris (IOCTA), Nikol Morrison (Cumbrae Motors), Julie McAleese (Cumbrae Primary), Angie McCallum (Millport Town Hall), Jan Wilkie (CCDC), Crawford Gillan (Cumbrae Resilience Group), Cllr Alan Hill (NAC)

Welcome	Meeting declared quorate, previous meeting's minutes approved. (Alex H)
Organisations	
Police	From 28 April to 24 May: 10 incidents logged (3 theft, 2 crime reports, 1 999 call from Cardiff Street and one incident involving discharge of a BB gun). Yellow lines being painted by NAC. Last year at the same time much busier because we were just coming out of Lockdown. Things settling more. (Joy H)
Isle of Cumbrae Tourism Association	List of events taking place sent through. (Email from Lewis Stevenson which will be added to CCC calendar)
Field Studies Council	First Wedding Reception at the centre, School visits (120 academy students + 50 primary school children), 250+ University students from various institutions, new centre manager in post: Elke Schebler who is in charge of 15 staff (including domestic support, technical, educational and administrative staff) dealing with 11,000 guests per year. One of the largest employers on the island. (Elke S)
Cumbrae Forum	No update for this month.
Ferry Users Group	25 people met & planned meeting with Minister. Discussed was the 4 hour wait for replacement boat when there is a breakdown, disabled drivers having to get out of their vehicles to purchase tickets from office, consensus at meeting that a more convenient way for purchasing from cars, long lines in summer and excessive wait for residents, seasonal tickets and organisational arrangements for island's complaints, presently one complaint to Calmac is bounced around to Scottish Transport and vice versa with nothing done. John McHenery, Lisa Christie and Angus Mackie to meet with Transport Minister. (Duncan F)
Cumbrae Primary School	Busy with pre-sales of P6/7 anthology of stories. The book is on sale in the Garrison from 13 May. Preparations underway for Ukrainian children expected next week. Chickens arrive Thursday! (Julie M)
Cumbrae Resilience Team	No update for this month.
Cumbrae Community Development Company	Grant application made for building repairs; motorhome park busy; Garrison host to Classic Car Rally, crowning of the Cumbrae Queen and Primary School book launch; 'Man Trailing' first event and now planning celebrations organised for Jubilee event (3 June) family tables

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	encouraged near the pier during day and marquee event in the evening. (Email report from Jan Wilkie)															
Millport Motors	John understood a non-diesel bus service to be a possibility; advisors from mainland companies looking at some of the possibilities for electric buses. Transport will change with application of new environment policies. (Verbal report from John MCH)															
Key projects																
Flood Prevention Scheme	A couple of picnic benches were removed from Kames Bay, but no other preparatory work in the planning for the summer. (Gregor H)															
Town Hall	Waterproofing work in basement proceeding, this is needed for builders to store materials on site; walls being installed for top floor flat which have good views. (Email from Angie M)															
Marina	Looking at different 'operational models' but no significant developments to report. (Graham W)															
Ten Year Plan	NAC island plan, carbon neutral project, Green Island project, Cumbrae Economic Baseline Report, research being done on Cumbrae and Arran as case studies. (Email from Sarah B)															
The Wave	<p>The project began as a Community Asset Transfer with the aim of maintaining the water sport facility for the island. It required a plan showing financial viability. This could not be produced within the required timescale of the Transfer. A public meeting was held on 24th May posing the question to the community of whether or not it still wanted a water sport centre and where they would like it to be given the difficulties of the present site on Ferry Road. Carol now looking at how water sport services for the island could be taken up by other ongoing projects. Looking at staffing resources needed to do this. A survey produced the following.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ideas</th> <th>Still needed</th> <th>Who should deliver</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Watersports</td> <td>yes</td> <td>Possibly the marina project - wave involvement is question mark</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health and wellbeing</td> <td>yes</td> <td>The wave to investigate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Youth activities – including weather proofed</td> <td>yes</td> <td>The wave to investigate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hospitality and Accommodation</td> <td>No comments</td> <td>This should be left to market forces</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For more info, see website – www.thecumbraewave.org (Carol C)</p>	Ideas	Still needed	Who should deliver	Watersports	yes	Possibly the marina project - wave involvement is question mark	Health and wellbeing	yes	The wave to investigate	Youth activities – including weather proofed	yes	The wave to investigate	Hospitality and Accommodation	No comments	This should be left to market forces
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Cumbrae Primary	Children's books now sold, chickens arrived, sports day coming up and Alice in Wonderland event planned. Older children visiting Largs Academy in preparation for move to the Academy. (Email from Julie McA)															

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Issues arising	
Mandate & data project	Present task is building up email addresses so that island people can give opinions through newsletter and have a say in ongoing issues. Carol to help with island contacts. Considerations of data to be collected at some point by islanders for islanders, giving more accurate representation of the unique nature of the island population, improving upon the NAC Economic Baseline Report. (Alex H)
Planning	XLCC asked by NAC to undertake a baseline noise analysis on the island, this hasn't been done. CCC to write to them. Carbon Neutral Island – update on recent decision to include Cumbrae. Application from Fintry Bay for alcohol licence. Application for Garden Centre positioned in town off Cardiff St. Planning policy has been drafted by CCC, this will be put on website. (John M and Gregor H)
Japanese knotweed	Mapping of Knotweed in circulation on CCC website and newsletter. CCC to contact affected landowners. (Gregor H)
Councillors' updates	The community welcomed Eleanor Collier and Todd Ferguson as new Councillors, and Ian Murdoch, Alan Hill and Tom Marshall as re-elected. Discussions included: calls for signage in College Street; road structure issues for new eco cabins; beach cleaning; painting of the sea wall and confusion with NAC; procurement strategy for the island.
Community issues	Discussion about road repairs and upcoming works; drains and 'gulley sucker' visiting times; solar panel email from resident; recycling on the island – CCC to write again and chase.
Next meeting	Thursday 30 June Future meetings: 25 August, 29 September, 27 October, 24 November (AGM).