

Appendix 2

Update from Cdr James Leatherby HMNB Clyde

RHU & SHANDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

GUEST SPEAKER 2 – CDR JAMES LEATHERBY (JL) – SPEAKING NOTES

Wed 8 Aug 12 Meeting:

JL opened by stating that he had little new to raise and would mainly be updating the meeting on items previously offered. However, to open with a new one, today marks the 70th anniversary of the official opening of Military Port No.1 at Faslane Bay, an event marked by a low key ceremony undertaken by the Secretary of State for War Transport on 8 Aug 1942.

He followed with his updates, namely that:

- The Bi-centenary of Henry Bell's Comet celebrations were supported by HMS PURSUER on Sat 4 Aug 12 (she led the flotilla of boats from Rhu Marina to Helensburgh Pier and back again on Saturday afternoon – a good time being had by all, reportedly).
- JL had hosted an hour long private visit by 10 members of the Donald family (aged 15 – 85) at their ancestral family home of Shandon House (aka St Andrew's School) on that same afternoon
- That he had been advised that the Minutes of the Thu 29 Mar 12 Clyde Local Liaison Committee meeting had been sent to the Secretary to the R&SCC (ie JC) on 16 Jun 12.
PMN: Found at the meeting that the Minutes had not been received. Consequently, JL undertook to provide a soft copy to the Sec. Action Complete 9 Aug 12.
- That the "Faslane 30" related anti-nuclear demonstration initiative (30 days of protests and non-violent direct action to mark the 30th anniversary of the Faslane Peace Camp) concluded, as originally advertised, on 9 Jul 12. There were 19 arrests made by MDP, in addition to the 12 effected by Strathclyde Police
- The Grade A Nuclear Emergency Response Exercise, Ex SHORT SERMON 2012, will take place on Wed 5 Sep 12. This exercise is designed to test ABC's Nuclear Emergency Plan. However, to achieve that, there will be related exercise activity being undertaken within HMNB Clyde. The impact upon the local community will be the alarms and broadcasts that will be heard coming from inside the Base and an increased level of activity, especially in the vicinity of the COSC in Rhu as external agencies (Council, Police, Fire, Ambulance, etc, etc) will be conducting most of their related business from there.
- HMS AMBUSH (the 2nd Astute Class submarine - currently completing her build at BAe SM Systems in Barrow-in-Furness) will arrive on the Clyde in September.
- The signing of the Armed Forces Community Covenant by the Naval Base Commander (Commodore Wareham) and the Leader of the Council, took place in Lochgilphead on Thu 28 Jun 12. Subsequently, Councillor Maurice Corry (Lomond (North)) was appointed on 2 Jul 12 to be ABC's "Armed Forces Champion". [Noting that Mr Corry was present at this meeting, it was then confirmed that plans are being made for him to make an initial liaison visit to HMNB Clyde on Fri 17 Aug 12.]

Finally, to end with another new one: JL advised that, at the request of Garelochhead CC, The Naval Base Commander has nominated Commander Derek Blount, a Marine Engineer Officer in the Submarine Service (currently serving in HMNB Clyde and a reasonably longstanding resident of Garelochhead) to be a "Guest" attendee at their CC meetings. In effect his appointment is directly in parallel with that of JL's arrangement.

Appendix 3

A&B Local Development Plan, Including Consultation on Late Additions

A reminder of the context and background from Jack Rudram Convenor R&S CC

1. A&BC are developing a new Local Development Plan (LDP) for issue/approval in 2013/2014. As a step in that process they published a Main Issues Report in 2011 listing proposals for changes, including re-designating some landsites for different uses. R&S CC responded to the consultation on this document in July 2011.
2. In July 2012, as a result presumably of submissions made, A&BC advertised a further consultation on Potential Additional Sites which were described in an attachment above (3270340). There are a number of additional sites proposed but only one (Site 8 page 13) which seems relevant to Rhu & Shandon. There is an accompanying Environmental Report available on the A&BC website.
3. Several local organisations, principally Helensburgh Community Council and ourselves, were aware that there were yet further additional sites which had been suggested at one time for inclusion in the LDP but which did not appear in this latest consultation. There was a concern that these could be re-introduced as objections during the next stage of the process (publication of a draft Local Development Plan for consultation), without local organisations having an opportunity to comment on them.
4. This resulted in an exchange of letters/email with the Planners as attached. In essence we have received an assurance from the Planners that they will robustly defend the exclusion any further bids from the LDP when the latter is submitted to the Scottish Government Reporters.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Response Form from Rhu and Shandon Community Council with our views on the Argyll & Bute Local Development Plan Potential Additional Sites Consultation, specifically Site 8 – Ardencaple Extension Glenoran Rd.

Whilst we are aware that the instructions requested that we limit our response to the additional sites nevertheless we would like to remind you of our recent correspondence (jointly with Helensburgh Community Council and others) with your Mr Mark Lodge about potential additional sites which we feared could be re-submitted as objections to the forthcoming draft Local Development Plan. Our letters of 16 and 31 July addressed to Mr Fergus Murray refer, along with MR Lodge's replies of 19 July and 1 August (by email).

With regard to those potential sites listed in that correspondence and of particular interest to the Rhu and Shandon Community Council, we would advise you that the Community Council would object to any re-designation of land to the north east of Kings Point for housing as it is currently zoned as Green Belt, and that our strong objections still stand to expansion of the Rhu Marina PDA 3/29 as proposed as site HL12 in the original MIR Report, given as part of our response to the original MIR consultation.

Acknowledgement of this response would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Jack Rudram
Convenor, Rhu & Shandon Community Council

**Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan
Potential Additional Sites Consultation
Response Form**



Please read the notes overleaf carefully before filling in this form.

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Site Reference Number	Site 8
Site Name	Ardencaple Extension, Glenoran Road

Do you support the proposals for the development of this site?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comments about the site :
The R&S CC object to further extension of the former Dobbie's Garden Centre site for the following reasons:

1. The site is currently in the Greenbelt & the proposed change to residential is not compatible with Greenbelt policy. The Argyll & Bute Council Green Belt Landscape Study (Ironsides Farrar) Feb 2010 describes this general area as (4.10.6) "...contributes to the setting of the town and prevents physical coalescence of Rhu and Helensburgh."
2. Approving further extension of this site to the north puts additional pressure on the recreational area of Duchess Wood to the east.
3. The original area was released for housing from the Green Belt primarily because it was a derelict site following the closure of Dobbies and housing was considered more acceptable than a waste ground.
4. The land was bought for residential development. The buyers knew the area of ground they were purchasing, and obviously deemed it a viable site at that time. Despite the current economic situation it will no doubt be a viable site in the future and extending it at this time is merely responding to a short term set of conditions. Given that Argyll & Bute Council has not yet published a Housing Needs Report there is no evidence to suggest that further housing allocation is required.
5. Reclassification as a residential site will either put additional pressure on Glenoran Road and/or the exit onto Rhu Road Higher. This will significantly increase the number of vehicles exiting onto busy Rhu Road Higher at a sharp bend.