
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

4 September 2019

Planning Committee

Title:	Notification by Clydeport Operations Ltd (Peel Ports Group) to broaden the scope of the Liaison Committee for Hunterston Marine Yard.
Purpose:	To note the intentions of Clydeport Operations Ltd (Peel Ports Group) to broaden the scope of the Liaison Committee for Hunterston Marine Yard.
Recommendation:	That the Committee note the intentions of Clydeport Operations Ltd (Peel Ports Group) to broaden the scope of the Liaison Committee for Hunterston Marine Yard

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Planning permission was granted 25th April 2018 (ref: 17/01273/PP) which allowed the variation of Condition 1 of planning permission 16/00268/PP to allow the use of the Hunterston Construction Yard for the decommissioning of large marine structures. Condition 8 of the permission required a Code of Practice for the operation of the construction, repair and decommissioning of marine structures to be submitted for the approval of the Council. The Code of Practice was to include the formation of a liaison committee. This has been done.
- 1.2 Clydeport Operations Ltd (Peel Ports Group) (COL) has contacted the Council, as Planning Authority, to advise of the intention to extend the scope of the liaison committee. COL intend to widen the scope of the liaison committee to cover the whole of COL's interests at the site, Hunterston PARC, in addition to the decommissioning of marine structures.

2. Background

- 2.1 Details of the liaison committee were approved by the Council, as Planning Authority. The liaison committee is to comprise: Two named Council Members and their nominated deputies, to attend when the Members are unable; A member of each of the following Community Councils – Cumbrae, Fairlie, West Kilbride, Largs and Skelmorlie; Three members from Peel Ports and/or any operator of the site; and an independent chairperson.
- 2.2 In terms of the planning permission, the liaison committee's terms of reference is required to discuss issues relating to decommissioning of marine structures, as stated in the agreed terms of reference for the liaison committee.

- 2.3 Clydeport Operations Ltd (Peel Ports Group) (COL) published a Masterplan for the wider site, known as Hunterston PARC. The Masterplan was the subject of public consultation in June of this year. In June the Planning Committee, as Planning Authority, approved the Council's consultation response.
- 2.4 COL wish to broaden the scope of the liaison committee to allow discussion of wider issues which may affect Hunterston PARC.
- 2.5 Planning permission is not required for this proposal, as the liaison committee would continue to meet the terms of Condition 8 of planning permission 17/01273/PP, as noted above. Conversely, the Council cannot require Peel Ports to broaden the scope of the liaison committee as its formation is tied to permission for decommissioning marine structures.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The proposal by COL to broaden the scope of the liaison committee does not raise any planning issues and is welcomed in respect of the wider public engagement in future developments at Hunterston PARC. The broadening of the scope would be of benefit to the members of the liaison committee.
- 3.2 Given that there are no planning implications and the potential benefits a broader scope could bring, the Committee is requested to note the proposal from Peel Ports. If decommissioning of marine structures should not form part of the terms of engagement of the liaison committee, as required by the above noted planning condition, the Council, as Planning Authority, would have power to take appropriate action as required.

4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial

- 4.1 None

Human Resources

- 4.2 None

Legal

- 4.3 None

Equality/Socio-economic

- 4.4 None

Environmental and Sustainability

- 4.5 None

Key Priorities

- 4.6 The widening of the scope of the Liaison Committee would support the Council plan priority 'North Ayrshire has active and strong community.' In particular the proposal is considered to support the aim to build stronger relationships between council, communities and partners

Community Wealth Building

- 4.7 None

5. Consultation

- 5.1 None

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Background Papers

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