

Meeting of the Council

Wednesday 19 December 2018

Response to Question

(7) a question by Councillor Murdoch to the Chair of the Planning Committee in the following terms:-

At the last Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th December, Ms Rita Holmes, Chair of Fairlie Community Council was mentioned in part of a discussion regarding the Hunterston Decommissioning Site.

Can you confirm in what content was her name mentioned and why considering she was present at the meeting was she not allowed to answer on her own behalf.”

Response:

“As a background comment I reminded the Planning Committee that Planning Permission for decommissioning at Hunterston was granted in April and at that time a Hearing was convened at which Mrs Holmes participated representing Fairlie Community Council.

At the December meeting of the Planning Committee there was tabled a Consultation Response on behalf of the Council to SEPA with respect to the application for a waste management license at Hunterston Construction Yard.

Despite Standing Orders not specifically allowing for convening a Hearing on a Consultation , and given the Public Interest , it was decided to allow a formal request by ”Friends of the Clyde “ to present their objections at a Hearing. Mrs Holmes did not ask to be heard as part of that Hearing and indeed prior to meeting indicated to me that she was present as an observer only.”