



MINUTES OF HCC MONTHLY HYBRID MEETING 28.04.22 The meeting was Chaired by Stewart Noble.	ACTION	STATUS
<p>1.PRESENT IN PERSON FOR HCC: Stewart Noble Roger Ferdinand, Norman McNally, Roger Clarke, Tariq Durrani, Nigel Millar. Cameron Foy, Sarah Davies, David Allen, David Sinclair,</p> <p>HCC PRESENT BY ZOOM Elizabeth Lambert, Maurice Corry, Stewart Steel.</p> <p>PRESS / PUBLIC BY ZOOM: Vivien Dance, Tristan Advertiser, Paula McIntosh, Erin Maquire</p> <p>IN PERSON: Cllr Richard Trail. Angela Anderson, Neil Walden</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Norman Muir, Peter Brown, Lorna Douglas, Irina Agnostelli</p> <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None</p> <p>MINUTES: SN: Amend request item 7 Planning replace word junction with queue. Done Proposed NM seconded David Allen.</p> <p>WELCOME: SN: Requested that the passing of Tom Tait past chairman of HCC be minuted.</p> <p>APOLOGY TO THOSE WHO JOINED THE MEETING ONLINE</p> <p>Please accept HCC's apologies for the failure of the audio link. Despite the best efforts of Tariq Durrani and Roger Clarke we were once again unable to enable the audio link with the result that verbal communication was not possible. This has become a continuing embarrassment and every effort will be made to ensure future hybrid meetings are audio enabled before commencing.</p>	RF	Done
<p>2. FINANCIAL REPORT SN ; Treasurer's Report was circulated 25.04.22 . Note that the cost of hiring the hall currently £31.00 will increase by 30% in line with rates for Live Argyll and Victoria Halls.</p>		

<p>3. VISION FOR HELENSBURGH</p> <p>NMCN Not much to report. Has liaised with those who volunteered at the Exhibition. Waterfront MC was asked to submit on paper the report on information gathered during the exhibition. Royal Navy should be present at the meeting with A&B. NMcN is looking for volunteers to sign up to the working groups for the. Four main issues resulted from those attending: > Waterfront strategy : Kidston to Craigendoran in particular The Pier and no retail on the front. > Environment: litter, maintenance, planning, surroundings, townscape, water quality. > Amenities : for youth, visitors , young families. > Local Connectivity/ mobility: local transportation formats</p> <p>NMillar; A&DH have submitted their report.</p> <p>NMcN The Pierhead group and the Pierhead are a combined activity and are part of the Waterfront Strategy. SN: Asked if the public could help. NMcN YES. RC: Reminded that the Pier is to be resurfaced as part of the Leisure Centre work. PIER NMcN: Funding for repairs to the wooden Pier is expected from the Levelling Up Grant. This is separate to the Pier extension project being worked on by PB/MC. SD: Has met with Andrew Collins with regard to the location of the Top Up Tap opposite the toilet block and Scottish Water are progressing with planning permission. Cllr Richard Trail Had nothing to add but commented that the two things are separate at the moment and should be combined. MC: Asked to submit a written report to RF who will include in the minutes.</p>	MC	NOT REC'D
<p>4. PLANNING</p> <p>NMillar Four applications received for extensions. Usually extensions are purpose built but several are re-constructed containers. However cannot find reason to object on aesthetic grounds. SN: Is the reason that these are for airbnb?</p> <p>TAYLOR WIMPEY Report submitted by A&DH has been circulated to HCC. A&B are pushing to get objections in. RF: Proposed that the A&DH report should be submitted as is. Agreed. SD : Stated that TW had not given working details with regard to infrastructure. NMcN: Details of social impact required, nb. 60% of run off is sewage - what happens to the other 40%? Angela Anderson 30% goes into the Clyde through a 6mm screen. Cont/.....</p>		

Planning cont/...

RF asked NMillar: Are developers made aware of the criteria applied by A&DH to planning applications.

The design statement for Helensburgh is as follows:

- > Is it distinctive
- > Imaginative
- > relationship to the landscape
- > variety of design
- > provision for open space
- > sustainability

SN : Added that planning applications should be assessed against the LDV criteria and plan.

Potentially a lot of peatland will be absorbed in the development but it is good to see that A&B have brought in professional experts on peatland from Nature Scotland.

NMillar: Questioned the ability of the town to cope with development.

Angela Anderson: Water retention will be diminished by the new golf course and hard surfaces.

CFoy: Pointed out that A&B will receive a hefty increase in income as a result of the TW development.

NMillar: As part of general taxation.

SN: Only 20% of A&B's income derived from council tax.

5. AREA PLANNING GROUP

SD

Minutes and SD's report have been distributed to HCC.

1) Fire Service / Police

On behalf of HCC SD thanked the Emergency Services on dealing with the Hermitage fire.

What will happen to the land? No answer at this time.

2) Youth Engagement Officer

The newly appointed officer announced in the Advertiser wants to encourage good engagement with the youth of the town,

SD: Asked how HCC can become involved.

Will contact Chloe the new NYSP for Helensburgh with a view to joining HCC.

SD has contacted Andrew Collins re the lighting in the Square. The key to lighting columns has been passed to Blackhill Depot who are waiting for the key to be found or replaced.

Alan Comrie of SPT: Updated APG on the report from planning on the cycle paths.

Email **Angela Anderson**; for information on National Local Cycle Paths.

SD Good News:

Congratulations to Tree Conservation Trust on the magnificent display of blossom this spring.

Neil Cameron: has lots of pictures, contact him by email

neil@scotlandinstyle.co.uk

New bench design same for Leisure Centre (approved A&DH) installed by Heron Bros to mark end of John Muir Way.

6. ROUND UP

>World Heritage Site

TD: Has proposed that Helensburgh should apply for World Heritage Site status and a short statement (no more than 300 words) be prepared for submission by 6th May.

SN Has circulated a draft for comments to **TD**.

CFoy: Commented that we need to better protect what we have.

NMcN: If we get it are we prepared to receive increased visitors as a result?

SN: We are fortunate that Morar Lodge hasn't been demolished.

CFoy: Many of the houses of architectural interest have had bungalows built in their front gardens eg Queen Street.

SN: There is no minimum plot size for such developments.

HCC voted in favour of submitting the application.

TD

>Webinars

The current series of webinars has been completed.

TD invited new topics for consideration.

The next webinar on Changes to bring about Conservation of Energy will be held Thurs 16th May.

> Beach Clean

Sat 30th - it is hoped to remove the seaweed.

SD: 30 people attended the last beach clean collecting 80 bags of rubbish.

> Lighting

Following last meeting with Hugh O'Neil there is now a lighting engineer based in Helensburgh.

Next meeting with Hugh O'Neill w/c 2/5 to discuss details of replacement street signs and white lining.

MC: Understands street signs are in production at Erskine.

>Memorial Gardens

NM: Has distributed a report that RC will copy to RBL Helensburgh.

SN: Stated that the walls and gates are Grade 1 listed.

NMcN: Although HCC led the ownership is with A&B who should be responsible for funding activity and carrying out the work. More discussion led by A&B is needed.

NMiller: Friends of Hermitage no longer exist. A&B have an ongoing obligation to the gardens.

Neil Walden: Has offered use of his house adjacent to the Memorial Garden as a site to install security cameras to monitor the garden but has had no response from A&B. He will copy the **NM** report to his neighbours. NC noted that the wreaths laid on Remembrance Sunday are not removed.

MC: Will raise the subject when he attends the armed forces covenant meeting in Leeds w/c 2/5.

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Roundup cont/..

Scotland Loves Local Grant

Will select major events to pair with Music in the Square, the first to be the Beer & Gin Festival 21/5 12-2pm at the Civic Centre with a Ceildh Band, Matinee in Musicals and Tartan Harmony. The PA will be supplied by RC.

Bag packing at supermarkets will form part of match funding.

TD/
NMillar

9. PUBLIC INPUT

See Neil Walden in AOB

10. AOB

IrinaA.

Submitted by email questions on youth facilities and asked if we have youth workers.

>**Skate Park:** Will it be included in the 'grey area' when the old pool is demolished.

RF: In the meantime the tarmac square in Hermitage Park is ideal for skateboarders and roller skaters.

>**Parkour:** Would A&B fund the provision similar to that in Coatbridge and some areas of Glasgow.

>**Football:** Why are the goal posts not up on East King Street.

RC: The goal posts are in place.

SD: Is addressing these issues.

MC: A&B have a youth officer

Neil Walden addressed the meeting on the following concerns:

> Energy Crisis - why are lights in Hermitage Park on for 22 hours and Hermitage Academy and Civic Centre are lit up.

> Scotrail plans to slash hours for booking offices will affect concessionary fares, advice for visitors, access to toilet facilities and reporting of incidents.

> Hermitage Park - are funds available for CCTV? Levensgrove Park in Dumbarton is better managed. Has the Park Manager resigned.

> Maintenance of Council Buildings - Civic Centre, Hermitage primary school annex.

Blairvadach what's happening?

NMillar, Developer Williamson has bought the property to renovate and convert into flats.

> Flyposting for circus and carnival

> Motorcyclists in Argyll - there is a need for education to prevent deaths.

Unfortunately there was insufficient time to fully discuss Neil's concerns which are noted for a future meeting.

Prepared by RF 07.05.22.

**Next meeting will be face to face / in person only 26.05.22
Council Annexe .**

