



Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting 25 August 2022

Civic Centre Annex 7pm

The meeting was chaired by Norman Muir.

Welcome

Present for HCC:, Norman Muir, Roger Clarke, Nigel Millar, Cameron Foy, Irina Agnostelli, Norman McNally, Stewart Steel, Tariq Durrani, Stewart Noble

Apologies: Sarah Davies, Peter Brown, Sonja Aitken, David Sinclair, Elizabeth Lambert, David Allan

Public in Person: Tristan Stewart-Robertson, Fiona Howard, Ross Macfarlane

Declaration of Interest

None

Agenda 2 Treasurer Report

The Treasurer presented a largely unchanged financial position and confirmed that the annual grant from Argyll & Bute for this year had been paid.

Action - Noted

Agenda 3 – Pierhead Report

There was considerable discussion on this agenda item. There was overwhelming support for pursuing the community demand to have enhanced facilities for recreation and leisure on the site, instead of Argyll & Bute's stated intention to pursue a retail option for the site. An initial meeting between the Community Council and Argyll & Bute was a welcome opportunity to state our respective views. A second meeting has been agreed to continue the discussions. A positional statement has been produced by the Community Council which will be tabled at this meeting to re-emphasise our position and gain acceptance of our proposals

Action - The Community Council will confirm the date of the second meeting and table our position statement to further reinforce the community case.

Agenda 4 – Bin Discussion and Future Action

The bin survey conducted by Plastic Free and ourselves forms the basis of future improvement in the functionality and location of suitable litter bins. Progress is patchy at the moment but we are expecting improvement shortly. A further issue concerns the placement of contract bins which may cause obstruction on pavements and an unsightly feature in the town centre

Action - Plastic Free will investigate the situation regarding industrial bins and the Community Council will press ahead with the renewal programme for town litter bins.

Agenda 5 – Town Entry Signs

TD gave an update on the situation. We are still hopeful that the signs will be manufactured.

Action - We will continue to monitor the situation.

Agenda 6 – Hybrid meetings and Webinars

It was generally agreed that the webinar programme had been a great success in

maintaining contact with the community. Hybrid meetings of the Community Council were a little more problematic but further research would continue.

Action - Webinar topics would be sourced and a programme produced. Further examination of the practicality of hybrid meetings will take place

Agenda 7 – Community Council Elections

The application period for registration as a candidate ends on 8 September. I earnestly hope that current members would wish to continue in their role. Therefore please fill in the registration forms before the end of the period.

Action – With individuals to apply

Agenda 8 - AOCB

Music in the Square

TD notified that two events had been held.

The next meeting of the HCC will take place on 29 September 2022 at 7.00 pm

Next Meeting

September 29th 7pm Civic Centre Annex