



Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting Civic Centre Annex 7pm 15th December 2022

The meeting was chaired by Norman Muir.

Welcome

Present for HCC: Norman Muir, Roger Clarke, Nigel Millar, Cameron Foy, Howard Green, Elizabeth Lambert, Peter Brown, Norman McNally, David Sinclair, Polly Jones, Richard Trail, Wendy Hamilton, Sarah Davies, Stewart Noble, Jonathan Meuli

Apologies: Stewart Steel, Tariq Durrani, Joanna Pryce, Paula McIntosh, Irina Agostinelli, Cllr Fiona Howard

Public in Person: Colin Thompson, Alan Morris, James Adlington, Gill Simpson, Taylor Cameron

Argyll and Bute Councillors: Mark Irvine, Ian MacQuire, Gary Mulvaney, Paul Kennedy

Declaration of Interest

None

Community Speaker: Gill Simpson. Helensburgh Community Hub.

Gill reported on the Hub, which has been open two years, The CAB, the Food Bank, and A&B Rape Crisis are all based there now. The Book Nook provides books, warm space and a place to chat. Recently they have launched the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Community Speaker: Alan Morris, Chair, Friends of Hermitage Park

Alan informed HCC about the new trustees, who have taken over since the AGM to ensure continuity of community involvement in the park.. Further information in the new year.

Community Speaker: Stewart Noble, John Logie Baird Centenary trust.

Stewart talked about the history of JLB in Helensburgh and outlined plans for a major centenary program in 2025-26, to include an exhibition, walking trails and educational activity.

Action: HCC are encouraged to get involved with what will be a major event for the town.

A&B Councillors updates

The councillors present introduced themselves.

Update on Churchill PO & store closure campaign

More than 1200 people have signed the online petition. A day of action and public meeting have been held. Leafletting of Morrisons will take place Sat 17th Dec. Aim is to obtain a stay to the closure while new operators are sought.

Action: Continue to circulate the petition and support campaign activities.

Update on Waterfront project

HCC heard report of a meeting between HCC members and A&B council officers following the Local Area Committee. The council plans to market the waterfront space for undetermined commercial purposes with Addison Young immediately. Expressions of interest expected within six weeks. Discussion took place. Cllr Mulvaney agreed to present the decision-making process and the form of community involvement as soon as possible. HCC reiterated the need for real community engagement.

Action: HCC to continue engagement with A&B about the development

Next Meeting

Thursday Jan 26th 7pm Civic Centre Annex