

MINUTES OF HCC ZOOM MEETING 25.02.21		
1.PRESENT: Norman Muir, Peter Brown, Roger Ferdinand, Tariq Durrani, Nigel Millar, Norman McNally, Roger Clarke, Sarah Davies, Stewart Noble, Stephen Clayton, David Sinclair, Irina Agostinelli, Liz Marion, Sonia Aitken.		
Public: Cllr Lorna Douglas, Fiona Baker (Hermitage Park) APOLOGIES: John Tacchi, David Allen, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None MINUTES: Roger Clarke proposed that Minutes for the meeting held 28.01.21 were accepted - agreed.		DONE
2. TREASURERS REPORT No change from previous report 25.11.20	SN	DONE
3. COMMUNITY PLANNING - Sarah Davies Sarah represented HCC at the meeting held 29.01.21 and submitted a written report on the subject of the cyclepath. SD was able to raise the subject on two occasions. Alan Camry is surveying the Cardross to Dumbarton route and also looking at Rhu - Faslane . The Hermitage to Town Centre was not included in his survey. Males Tales gave a presentation and SD suggests that we invite them to talk to HCC. Basecamp is a new facility providing links via a dash board for representatives to communicate with each other in person. The next CP meeting is scheduled for 20th May and SD will attend. RC; Enquired if the Cardross - Dumbarton route was via Moss Road. N.Millar; Pointed out that the Rhu - Faslane route via Shandon had many concealed driveways , a potential hazard to cyclists. SD; Took the opportunity to speak to Heather Munro to offer HCC support on the Cardross survey.		

4. PLANNING - Nigel Millar Golf Club Development.

NM attended the Taylor Wimpey meeting held at the Golf Club w/e 19th February.

The proposal is to build 300 homes from their Scottish / Caledonian collection on the site at the SW corner of the club 25% will be affordable housing. Dunbritton Housing Association will be the landlord for these homes to be constructed on land purchased from the golf club at the SE corner of the site at Kent Drive / Churchill.

The existing clubhouse is in a state of disrepair and will be replaced by a new clubhouse and 6 hole learning course.

The new clubhouse will provide tremendous potential for use by businesses hosting promotional events.

Access to the site is via Sinclair Street / East Abercromby. The development could introduce up to 500 cars to the area in addition to the current use by the golf club.

It has been suggested that the public transport circular route be extended to serve the Dunbritton site.

SN; Foresees traffic problems at the junction of Sinclair / East Abercromby as a result of the development. Suggested that an alternative route from the Blackhill Depot would be an option to serve the Dunbritton site.

SN; Enquired what form of heating would be used for the homes. **Ans N.Millar**; Taylor Wimpey are alert to the issues of climate change and will continue to monitor the regulations up to the time of occupancy in 2024.

RC; Questioned the location of the clubhouse.

Ans N.Millar; Asked if HCC should make a recommendation for the location.

N.Millar; Asked if a traffic impact assessment should be requested.

Confirmed that HCC had raised no objections to the development at this time.

CONVERSION OF ARNOLD CLARK SITE TO GARDEN CENTRE:

SN; Asked where the delivery entrance would be located.

N.Millar

5: TOWN ENTRY SIGNS : Tariq Durrani

TD Presented the two options that had been developed from suggestions made at the previous meeting. The differences were as follows

Macintosh or Transport Font?

A show of hands decided to use the Transport Font by 5 to 4

Graphics or watercolours?

Graphics were the preferred option 6 to 3 with the caveat that they should be made more bold

It is proposed that the existing supports be refurbished and used for the new signage.

IA: Asked if the signs would fade?

RF ans: Not if colourfast inks are used.

RF to obtain estimates of costs

RF

6: PIER PAPER DISCUSSION

The question was raised whether the wooden pier should be repaired or demolished.

RC; Is the pier listed?

Ans. Yes C listed but could be de-listed.

NMcN: Suggested a better use for the stone part of the pier should be sought and the possibility of extending the pier be investigated to provide access to deeper water.

David Sinclair: Asked what could it be used for and how would it be maintained?

PB; Has the question been asked by Vision For Helensburgh survey?

NMcN; Strategy for the whole seafront should be formulated. Pier still has pedestrian use.

RC; Suggested that HCC should hold fire until the leisure centre is completed.

N.Millar; Is it the right time to decide? Should the public decide?

SN; Could the Heritage Fund be approached for funding?

FIONA BAKER; Suggested that the Enterprise Fund should also be considered with a view to restore and reinvest and the ROI be assessed.

There is a need to get A&B behind any proposals eg a car ferry / passenger ferry to Greenock.

IA; Suggested that Destination Helensburgh of which **FB** is a member be involved.

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PIER PAPER Cont/		
NM; The pier has a projected 15 year life.		
Conclusion:		
HCC would see repair as the preferred approach and best option.		
7: AOB		
SN; Asked if the drinking fountain suggestion should be		
considered. SD; To contact the Grab Trust and approach Heron Bros as a source of funding.	SD	
Grab Trust Oban Recycling leaflet was discussed and the idea dismissed.		
NEXT WEBINAR Thursday 11th March on Recycling presented by Irina Agostinelli.		
PREPARED BY RF.		