



MINUTES OF HCC MONTHLY HYBRID MEETING 24.02.22	ACTION	STATUS
<p>1. PRESENT IN PERSON FOR HCC: Norman Muir, Peter Brown, Roger Ferdinand, Norman McNally, Roger Clarke, Stewart Noble, Tariq Durrani, Nigel Millar. Cameron Foy, Sarah Davies, Maurice Corry, Elizabeth Lambert.</p> <p>HCC PRESENT BY ZOOM David Sinclair, David Allen, Stewart Steel.</p> <p>PRESENT BY ZOOM FOR A&B COUNCIL Cllr Richard Trail.</p> <p>PRESS / PUBLIC BY ZOOM: Vivien Dance, Craig Borland, Christine Woods, Tracey Mayo,</p> <p>IN PERSON: Stella Kinloch, Clair Walker, Paula McIntosh.</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Irina Agnostelli, Cllr Lorna Douglas.</p> <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None</p> <p>MINUTES: The minutes of the January Meeting were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by Roger Clarke.</p> <p>AFFILIATION Having volunteered to join HCC and completed the relevant documents Elizabeth Lambert proposed by RF, NM asked for approval from the meeting which was agreed. NM welcomed Elizabeth to HCC as an affiliated member.</p> <p>NM Advised that HCC has agreed to hold both hybrid and face to face meetings.</p>		
<p>2. FINANCIAL REPORT SN ; Treasurer's Report was circulated 22.02.22 no change from previous report.</p>		
<p>3. WATERFRONT STRATEGY NM Explained that the interlocking elements of A&DH Waterfront, Pierhead Site Development and the Pier all come together in Visions for Helensburgh. HCC should wait to hear from the Community following the VFH Exhibition 12/13 March before going forward.</p>		

<p>4. VISIONS FOR HELENSBURGH Currently 26 clubs and societies have confirmed their participation: The Royal Northern and the Tower are yet to confirm.</p> <p>The exhibition comprising 43 panels will take place at the Victoria Halls on 12 / 13 March is on budget .NMCN asked for volunteers to staff the event which will have tea and coffee available.</p> <p>SD Advised that a large environmental corner will be part of the exhibition and NMCN confirmed that he had this covered.</p> <p>TD asked why the Rotary was not included, NMCN answered that the Rotary had been informed but no response was received. NMCN advised that he had not been contacted by any other groups.</p> <p>NMiller's Comprehensive presentation from A&DH on their Strategic Vision for Helensburgh Waterfront extending from Craigendoran to Kidston was circulated by NM on 21.02.22 in advance of the meeting. The content will form part of the VFH exhibition. Summarised > A Kayak Trail and Motorhome Stop off was proposed for Craigendoran > East Bay is underutilised and could be used for a skate park > Pier Head Site - Is a community asset. What goes on it? Local independent retailer opportunities, Beach Huts? > Esplanade - used to have a paddling pool > Kidston - more work to be done</p> <p>RF Asked why the suggestion for a bowling alley on the old swimming pool site that was shared with HCC 08.02.22 had no mention in the document despite receiving a positive reaction from HCC members and the public. A bowling alley would combine the need for a source of rates income for A&B, provide a much needed indoor amusement facility to attract visitors and retain income in the area. SN Suggested there was an opportunity for watersports and berthing. NMCN Advised planning permission for canoeing already existed.</p> <p>PIER MC and PB are working on options for the Pier with The Queen's Harbour Master, HMNB Clyde and A&B. There is support from the Base to use the pier for changing crews. There is a concept for extending the pier beyond the sandbank to the west ,the remains of the wooden pier are listed and cannot be demolished. The Queen's Harbour Master will determine the depth of water required for berthing.The extension would need to be low maintenance and fit in with A&B's concept for using levelling up funding. PB Gave successful examples of the use of pontoons at Oban North Pier and Campbeltown. Facilities for windsurfing and paddle boarding could be provided.</p> <p>NM Summarised by asking that HCC members do all they could to publicise the exhibition. EL provided posters and leaflets for the event. CB To interview the prime movers for next week's Advertiser</p>	<p>NMCN</p> <p>NM/SD</p> <p>MC/PB</p> <p>CB</p>	
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5 SCOTLAND LOVES LOCAL GRANT UPDATE

TD Advised that the 5K grant requires to be match funded and they were trying to establish if volunteer hours could be used for match funding. A working group comprising TD, NMillar, Carianne Dekoning from the Civic Centre and Robert Aitken of the Rotary, is in place. The intention is to stage four events to coincide with major local events such as September weekend.

They have been advised by musicians that a gazebo is not required and not to use one.

RF noted that the application had included the purchase of a stage but had been informed by Carianne that the Civic Centre had purchased a stage. If the Civic Centre was to be used for the events then the purchase of a stage with the accompanying storage problems would no longer be necessary and the funds for that item would no longer be required.

RF Also pointed out that public liability insurance would need to be in place if the Square were to be used would require an application for permission from A&B.

6. PLANNING UPDATE

NMillar Advised that over 90 objections to Taylor Wimpey's Golf Club application had been lodged including concerns about the impact on peatland, local infrastructure for medical and educational services, water and sewage.

A&DH Enquired how many of the 300 houses had views over the Clyde as claimed in TW's advertising? Less than double figures is A&DH's estimate.

HCC has never objected to the Golf Club development in principle. However A&DH will be objecting to the various house design types, placemaking aspects, road layout and possibly more.

HCC itself is likely to object to road access arrangements and question the ability of the town infrastructure to cope with the extra residents. Insufficient emphasis has been given to carbon reduction initiatives.

NM Stated there is an extension to the end of March and agreed there is a need to finesse the application.

SN Advised his neighbours are gathering support for a petition to object to access to the site via East Abercromby Street.

MC Suggested that access via the Blackhill Site would cause less of a problem and also expressed his concerns about impact on the Medical Centre and Schools

COMMUNITY PLANNING

SD Has now attended 4 meetings which, in her opinion, are getting better. The last meeting was attended by 3 Community Councils. The meeting received a report from National Parks on bins sponsorship. The Police have appointed a Youth Engagement Officer who is shared with Dunoon.

7. ROUNDUP

>BINS

SD Had been advised that A&B has approved extra money for bins

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ROUNDUP cont/...

NM/SD Will be conducting a survey of the bins from Kidston to the Tower on Wed. There are now 9 lights not working in the Square, no response from A&B Bin collections have been disrupted due to vehicle breakdowns, A&B have sourced a replacement vehicle and are endeavouring to catch up on collections.

Cllr RT was asked to address the lights on behalf of HCC.

NM HCC has agreed to take over responsibility and NM has contacted Melissa Stewart for a layout and replanting plan.

RT

NM

>JOHN TACCHI MEMORIALISATION

NM/ RF

RF Understands the the cost of a plinth could be excessive and suggested that HCC plant an oak tree in John's memory. It was agreed that Hermitage Park would be an ideal location and NM will arrange a meeting with RF and the Park Manager to discuss.

8. AOB

EDUCATION- CONCERNS OVER SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING

Stella Kinloch Chair of Hermitage Academy Parent Council and Administrator of Argyll & Bute Parent Council Network .

SK

Has visited other Community Councils with regard to the 5-10 year proposal to restructure the roles of head teachers.

SK Asked for the support of HCC.

There is no evidence of this model being used elsewhere

SK expressed concerns that A&B's school clustering proposals could have an detrimental effect on schools in Helensburgh and Lomond.

A drastic cut in the number of head teachers created by clustering/collectives could result in a high turnover of staff.

Communities are being asked to sign off on the proposals in principle but there would be no way back once the details are known.

There are too many unanswered questions and no evidence that the new roles will increase attainment, recruitment or teaching time.

NMCN Asked what is propelling the change, Education or Finance?

NMCN stated that the theory first needs to be proved and it hasn't.

Claire Walker Attended a meeting where A&B had no answers to the questions raised.

Head teachers will no longer be required to teach.

Whilst there may be some benefits 35% are small schools and will not benefit.

Private Nurseries are not part of the consultation process.

Stewart Steele Asked if there are schemes like this elsewhere?

Answ: NO

NM Asked if this was. an A&B policy only?

Answ: YES

Are there any other options?

ST Answ: NO

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EDUCATION cont/..

Tracey Mayo

Has been involved in this for over 12months and there is no evidence for the model. Concerned about the sustainability of island life.

There is not enough evidence to make a safe decision, do we know what we are being asked?

Is there a case for such radical change?

We do not have answers on national recruitment and do not have enough evidence to make a safe decision.

Peter Brown

There is a need to increase known teacher time.

All HB/Lomond head teachers are already non teaching.

There is no clear statement for HB schools.

Salary levels could cause a loss of teachers to other areas.

NM We need to put something in black and white so we have a record and need a paper from parents so that their concerns can be put together by HCC and sent to A&B.

RC HCC must work with the PTC's and engage with the schools to prepare a statement.

NM Suggested that we get all the PTCs round a table to prepare a draft.

NMCN We have an unproven policy with no evidence that HCC need to measure.

A&B have written to HCC to request an opinion.

NMillar Reminded that HCC are here to reflect the views of the community.

DA Added that his teacher wife has not heard of any groups that have a good word to say about the proposals.

SD As a former head teacher offered to draft a response.

NM Stated that every school in HB must be involved in preparing a good, non emotional, argument.

MC Asked if the proposal is based on the model being run as an unofficial experimental shared headship between Oban and Tiree?

CF Asked if we were being asked to support a model for rural areas to be imposed on HB that can support a head teacher.

SD To make an appointment.

SK Invited HCC to sit in on the next Hermitage Academy PTC meeting.

ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

Paula Mcinloch

Raised the issue of speeding and dangerous driving in the town.

A&B claim to have done all they can to address this but that is not enough.

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ROAD SAFETY Cont/...

The introduction of a speed camera In Cardross is a step forward but the problems in Helensburgh especially in 20mph zones in Millig Street and West Princes Street.

Why are A&B reluctant to sign up to the Campaign to adopt 20mph limits in urban and village areas in Scotland where 223 child casualties of which 80 were serious and 3 fatal.

RC Stated that A&B were duty bound to impose a 20mph limit.

NMCN Proposed that HCC request that a 20mph limit be imposed in the town as a whole and asked for a vote.

RC seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

The next HCC meeting will be held Thursday 31st March . Format and venue TBA.

PREPARED BY RF. 28.02.22