



MINUTES OF HCC MONTHLY HYBRID MEETING 27.01.22	ACTION	STATUS
<p>1.PRESENT IN PERSON FOR HCC: Norman Muir, Peter Brown, Roger Ferdinand, Norman McNally,, David Sinclair, Roger Clarke, Stewart Noble, Sarah Davies,Tariq Durrani, Nigel Millar. Cameron Foy</p> <p>HCC PRESENT BY ZOOM Irina Agnostelli, Maurice Corry, David Allen</p> <p>PRESENT BY ZOOM FOR A&B COUNCIL Cllr Richard Trail , Cllr Lorna Douglas.</p> <p>PRESS / PUBLIC BY ZOOM: Vivien Dance, Stella Kinloch, Ross Hanvidge</p> <p>IN PERSON: Beverley Clarke, Elizabeth Lambert</p> <p>APOLOGIES: NONE</p> <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None</p> <p>MINUTES: No minutes were required for the December Meeting</p>		
<p>2. FINANCIAL REPORT SN ; Treasurer's Report was circulated 24.01.22</p>		
<p>3. REVIEW OF 2021</p> <p>NM welcomed Cameron Foy to the HCC as a new affiliated member. HCC councillors introduced themselves to Cameron</p> <p>> PIER. MC has engaged with various interested organisations such as The Queen's Harbour Master and Luss Estates to gain their input and formulate a strategy. It is still early stages but have outline ideas to be revealed as part of the VFH presentations in March</p> <p>> VISION FOR HELENSBURGH</p> <p>NMCN has circulated an outline of the funding required. Hall hire forms a substantial part of the estimated cost of £1800 for the two events. Input from A&B, Sea Defence and A&DH strategy will be circulated.</p> <p>cont/....</p>	<p>PB/MC</p> <p>NMCN</p>	

<p>VFH cont/...</p> <p>A number of clubs and societies have already confirmed their participation: Destination Helensburgh Community Hub Friends of Duchess Wood Hermitage Park Royal Navy Plastic Free Helensburgh The Rugby and Cricket Clubs and the Royal Northern are still discussing and yet to confirm.</p> <p>The exhibition will take place at the Victoria Halls on 12 / 13 March.</p>	<p>NMCN</p>	
<p>> COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>NM Identified the need for HCC to become more visible and accessible to the public. In addition to the shrub bed and beach cleaning NM suggested that HCC take a market stall each month, SD supported this idea. RF affirmed the need for increased use of the media and once again suggested that the Advertiser runs a list of HCC councillors using photos and mini biogs with the intention of making ourselves more available.</p> <p>NM and RF will work together with SS to prepare a campaign</p>	<p>NM RF SS</p>	
<p>> LITTER BIN SURVEY</p> <p>NM / SD will conduct a survey to determine which bins are most used/ need repaired or replaced, gather opinions and identify recommendations for improvements</p>	<p>NM/SD</p>	
<p>> WEBINARS</p> <p>TD Circulated a schedule of 4 webinars on the theme of Enterprise and the Entrepreneur:</p> <p>4th February : Vivien Dance Chair of Helensburgh & Lomond Chamber of Commerce Title: <i>Reward v Risk, the highs and lows of enterprise and entrepreneurship from a Helensburgh perspective.</i></p> <p>17th February: Jen Smith of the Business Gateway Title: <i>'The Role of the Business Gateway in promoting entrepreneurship'.</i></p> <p>2nd March: Peter Andrews Director, FP Business Services Ltd Title: <i>From business idea to Business Success</i></p> <p>17th March Professor Eleanor Shaw OBE, MA., PhD., FRSA Associate Principal Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship University of Strathclyde Title: <i>'Exploring Entrepreneurial Leadership in the 'next' normal – leadership in a post-Covid environment'.</i></p>	<p>TD</p>	

<p>4 PUBLIC INPUT</p> <p>None.</p>		
<p>5 AOB</p> <p>Local Issues</p> <p>1> Hermitage Park</p> <p>Issues between A&B and Friends of Hermitage Park. Following the article in the Advertiser it was agreed that A&B's attitude toward the FOHP was unacceptable given the amount of funding they had attracted and support they had provided</p> <p>Funding of Memorial Gardens - NM to approach A&B regards the renewing of the Memorial Gardens.</p> <p>Friends of Hermitage Park have funds they need to dispense before deadline. HCC has been asked to hold the funds - this was agreed. HCC to oversee and be responsible for the renewal of the Memorial Gardens only.</p> <p>NMillar suggested that we could have recourse to the Lottery Fund if any problems.</p> <p>Bev Clarke Suggested NM work with FOHP.</p> <p>RF Asked if there would be any involvement from the RBL RC said their AGM is 7th Feb when they expect to be re- inaugurated. RC to liase.</p> <p>IA Questioned the point of CCTV if the youths responsible could not be prosecuted under Scottish Law.</p> <p>It was asked if the funds could be used for CCTV in the Memorial Gardens only.</p> <p>NM advised that there was little vandalism in the Memorial Garden area as a result of the gates behind locked at night.</p> <p>SN Stated that there is some CCTV in the park.</p> <p>RC Voiced the opinion that A&B should maintain and pay for the CCTV as they own the park.</p> <p>If HCC are to hold the funds for the Memorial Gardens then we should have control not for the whole park, just the Memorial Gardens.</p> <p>NMillar Having informed FOHP that the park is no longer anything to do with them A&B are now committed to maintain the park.</p> <p>VDance Speaking for the Chamber of Commerce stated that the demise of FOHP and those involved had been demoralised by what has happened. The conduct and behaviour of A&B toward volunteers has been unacceptable and HCC should find out why paid employees of A&B are allowed to adopt such an attitude.</p> <p>NM HCC will continue to drive the matter forward and are fully committed to this being an inclusive process.</p> <p>SD Asked that HCC should record our thanks and appreciation to FOHP for keeping the park going throughout COVID.</p>	<p>NM</p> <p>RC</p> <p>NM</p>	

> EDUCATION

NM Asked if there was anything HCC could do to formulate a response to A&B on the proposed education reforms.

SN Suggested that we host a meeting with PTA's.

PB advised that Hermitage Academy will be responding.

Stella Kinloch Chair Hermitage Academy Parent Council

This proposal will have a big impact on the budget and HCC should be taking an interest.

Will result in reducing 77 heads down to 14 by removing the Head Teacher qualification and appointing a Head of School.

Proposal requires a wider consultation and should be paused,

40 Community Councils have suggested that the proposal should be paused as the consultation is not providing sufficient information

SK Asked that HCC should request more information.

SD Confirmed the need to talk to local schools as the proposals do not have a budget or details of the schools to be affected.

NMcN Suggested that HCC contact A&B and invite them to present to HCC and PTA's.

NMillar Agreed that HCC should facilitate a meeting.

March 4 is the deadline and that is why the process should be paused.

NM To write to A&B to organise a meeting and should add teachers to the list of invitees.

SN Agreed there is a need for deferment. But suggests that we take a good look at the form which only allows for positive comment and gives no space for disagreement.

NM / SD

> REMINDER Scottish Water Webinar 2nd Feb at 11.30

> GOLF CLUB PLANNING APPLICATION

SN: A&B website has the proposal

As a concerned resident of East Abercromby SN has examined the application in great detail and finds the following :

53 Environmental impact assessment documents

20 documents for the site plan

a total of approximately 500 documents are involved in the application giving the impression that applicant is trying to 'snow' interested parties with the volume of documents

Despite this SN could not find a site map for the new golf course.

SN proposed that HCC write to A&B to request the application be reconstituted to make it more intelligible.

The transport assessment alone runs to 250 pages.

HCC to ask A&B that the application be put in abeyance until the application is made comprehensible.

NMillar Advised that other applications have had understandable presentations.

NM/SN

SD Noted that there are now 6 lights out in the Square.

> ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES for 2022

PLANNING GROUP ;

Nigel Millar, Stewart Noble, Roger Clarke, Sarah Davies, Sonia Aitken

TOWN IMPROVEMENT;

Norman Muir, Norman McNally, Roger Clarke, Sarah Davies

VISION FOR HELENSBURGH;

Norman McInally, Maurice Corry, suggested addition Stewart Steele

PIER

Peter Brown, Maurice Corry

COMMUNICATIONS

RogerF, Norman Muir.

NOTES ON HYBRID MEETING

This was the first HCC hybrid meeting to combine face to face and zoom. The Drumfork venue had previously been used to meet with the Captain of the Base and the Audio Visual screens were successfully used.

This encouraged the use of the venue for the hybrid meeting. Despite the best efforts of Tariq Durrani who regularly hosts the HCC webinars and spent over an hour trying to link in to the system the technology gremlins won, despite numerous attempts using the IT dept secret weapon of Turn it off and Turn it back on.

Our apologies to those who attended the meeting via zoom and were unable to hear all that was said.

The format and location of the meeting scheduled for 24th February is under consideration will be advised asap.

PREPARED BY RF.