



Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting Civic Centre Annex 7pm 26th January 2023

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, Stewart Steel, Tariq Durrani, David Sinclair, Polly Jones, Richard Trail, Joanna Pryce, Sarah Davies, Irina Agostinelli, Stewart Noble, Paula McIntosh, Jonathan Meuli

Apologies: Wendy Hamilton, Norman McNally, Cllr Graham Hardie, Cllr Ian MacQuire, Helensburgh Advertiser

Public in Person: 7

Argyll and Bute Councillors: Fiona Howard, Gary Mulvaney, Paul Kennedy

Declaration of Interest

None

Police Report:

Report given by Inspector Andy Barron. Total January incidents 110. 23 April Advanced Motorist training event at Helensburgh Academy

Agenda 3: Community Club event

March 4th Hermitage Academy 10-3. Jointly organized by HCC and Rotary. 32 clubs signed up.

Action: Encourage clubs and keep day free for HCC stall.

Agenda 4: Crossing Patrol budget proposal from A&B.

Community councillors and the public shared their concerns about the proposal to cut school crossing patrols and replace with volunteers.

Action: Unanimously agreed that HCC would write to express these community concerns.

Agenda 4 Waterfront Development

HCC was updated about status. A&B has advertised for "expressions of interest" in the site. Continued concerns were raised about lack of consultation with the community. Questions were raised about the reinstatement of the skate board park. Cllr Mulvaney promised a regular monthly meeting with HCC representatives.

Action: HCC resolved to hold a "charrette" (public planning consultation) with the community, which would involve an online survey and at least one public meeting.

Agenda 5: Community Council Communications

An outline of improvements for the HCC website was presented. The improvements and necessary funding were agreed

Action: Stewart and Jonathan will execute.

Agenda 6 Churchill Post Office Update

A campaign involving HCC and community activists led to a petition signed by more than 1800 people and submitted to Morrisons. The shop and PO are both now closed. PO equipment is still on site and Royal Mail are cooperating. Two

prospective tenants are in discussion with the owners of the freehold regarding a lease.

Agenda 7 Reports

Treasurers report: previously circulated and agreed.

Planning: Soft opening of the JLB innovation hub at the library is imminent.

Broadband: Various fibre broadband providers are now actively installing in Helensburgh. Virgin is extending its network near the golf course and Rhu front.

Openreach are laying fibre to poles in some streets. Axione and Hyperoptic also in build.

Other business

Destination Helensburgh reported on a place branding exercise involving students from GSA.

Questions asked as to where information about “warm spaces” in Helensburgh could be found. Third Sector Interface (TSI) have a comprehensive list, which is not easily accessible.

How should the public give feedback on facilities and operation about the new Leisure Centre?

Action: HCC to contact TSI and Live Argyll re these questions.

Next Meeting

7pm Civic Centre Annex February 23rd