



## Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting 28 July 2022

### Civic Centre Annex 7pm

The meeting was chaired by Norman Muir

The meeting took the form of a general discussion rather than a set agenda.

### Welcome

Present for HCC: Norman Muir, Roger Clarke, Nigel Millar, , Cameron Foy, David Sinclair, Elizabeth Lambert, David Allan

Apologies: Stewart Noble, Sarah Davies, Tariq Durrani, Peter Brown, Sonja Aitken, Irina Agnostelli, Norman McNally Stewart Steel

Public in Person: Cllr Fiona Howard, Richard Trail, Peter Slade, Sara Alvarez

### Declaration of Interest

None

### Bins

There have been comment from the community that commercial bins are detracting from the attractiveness of the view of the town especially along the front.

Some premises seem to leave them on the pavement constantly it is uncertain whether this is because they have nowhere to store them or because they don't know when they will be emptied.

Glasgow seems to be able to set rules about this and bins must be removed by 9am. Could this be done here?

Can we compare Helensburgh to other CHORD towns and see how they manage commercial bins?

**Action Fiona Howard to contact the council regarding current rules set by the Council and enforcement.**

**Elizabeth Lambert to contact Glasgow to set up a meeting with their waste manager.**

### Bylaws

Would setting bylaws be the answer to some of the issues? It would make people more aware of the rules and also be able to be enforced.

Would A&B council be persuaded to write them up? They would need to cover a defined area and be unambiguous in their language to stand up in court.

Who would enforce the bylaws?

### Pavements

Some residents in East King Street had been complaining about the state of the paving but the Council said it wasn't their responsibility. A large amount of the town still has verges owned by Luss Estates.

There is a map of which verges are still privately owned. See Fig 1 below

### Parking

There is concern that there is no parking for buses and coaches at the front car park or anywhere designated in town.

Lochs and Glens are bringing in 12,000 visitors a year and currently don't have a

designated drop off point or parking area.

In the consultation the area across from Speedy Hire had been proposed as a drop off area but this had not been adopted.

Could the taxi rank outside Wilkies be used as a coach drop off?

Could car parking in town be better signposted?.

**Action HCC to ensure that provision for coaches is clearly marked.**

### **Hermitage Park**

The garden around the War Memorial in Hermitage Park has fallen into disrepair. Some remedial action was taken by the Navy and Helensburgh Legion to bring it into a passable condition.

The keys for the memorial garden are held by the park manager or in his absence at the Pavillion.

The Park has recently won a green flag award but this has attracted comment that some areas in the park need attention. There is only one gardener in the park and a lack of volunteers since the friends disbanded.

The park will be due a final inspection from Heritage Lottery.

The agreed maintenance schedule should be held by Arlene Cullen.

### **Next Meeting**

August 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm Civic Centre Annex TBC

Fig 1

