

MINUTES OF HCC MONTHLY HYBRID MEETING	ACTION	STATUS	
26.05.22			
The meeting was Chaired by Stewart Noble			
1 WELCOME			
Present for HCC:			
Stewart Noble, Roger Clarke, Nigel Millar. Cameron Foy, Sarah Davies, David			
Allan, Sonja Aitken, Elizabeth Lambert, Peter Brown			
Apologies: Norman Muir, Roger Ferdinand, Norman McNally, Tariq Durrani, David			
Sinclair, Vivien Dance, Stewart Steel Tristan Advertiser			
Public in Person: Cllr Fiona Howard, Cllr Maurice Corry, Cllr Ian Macquire, Richard			
Trail. Angela Anderson, Neil Walden, Gail Steven.			
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None			
MINUTES: SN: Amend request item 5 strike out	RF		
reference to Neil Cameron and email address.			
Item 10 Change 22 hours to 24 as lights never go out.			
Proposed RC seconded DA			
2. FINANCIAL REPORT			
SN ; Treasurer's Report was circulated. The accounts			
have now been examined and will be ratified at the			
AGM.			
Next year's grant will be applied for at the same time.			
NM raised the point that we get the lowest amount in			
A&B per head of population due to the way the grant is			
calculated.			
PB queried if we required more if it wasn't spent.			
NM stated that the low spend had been due to			
meetings being held online during the pandemic and in			
normal times the cost of holding meetings and events			
such as Vision for Helensburgh to be able to meet and			
consult with the public was actually quite an expense.			
SN There is no charge for tonight's meeting due to the			
double booking of the room.			
We are due to be invoiced for the website hosting and			
the domain name.	SS		
3 WELCOME TO COUNCILLORS			
SN: Congratulations to the new Provost Maurice Corry			
and elected Councillors.			
Thanks to the Councillors who have stood down for			
their service to Helensburgh			

4. PLANNING NMillar

TAYLOR WIMPEY good coverage of our concerns by Helensburgh Advertiser.

The main objections concern sustainability and traffic access.

RC David Moore is the planner for the site. It will need to go to a Public meeting as the objections were so many. Main objections were to 700 extra vehicles with only one entrance.

NM In regard to design there are minor objections to detail including the entrance to the clubhouse and other minor details.

Overall the design is adequate but it does not live up to its own promises. They state they have taken advantage of the site to provide stunning views over the Clyde Estuary but the majority of houses face the other way.

They have no balconies, not staggered or tiered in any way to maximise potential views.

The landscaping of open spaces is good and the social housing is of a good standard with 25% of housing as affordable housing.

SD: Stated that TW had not given working details with regard to infrastructure.

Potentially a lot of peatland will be absorbed in the development but it is good to see that A&B have brought in professional experts on peatland from Nature Scotland.

NMillar: Questioned the ability of the town to cope with development. Doctors, schools etc

SD the Academy had stated that it is full this coming year and had had to create a new class for the S1 intake due to placing requests from Dumbarton.

Pre 5's have been struggling to get places.

MC This is an issue for service families arriving in the area. The balance between equality and GIRFEC (getting it right for every child) is never an easy one in allocating placing requests.

The Service families are being encouraged to move up and buy houses and will expect to be able to access schools, doctors etc.

Although under the Future Accommodation model they are encouraged to buy houses at the same time the MOD need to keep quarters that are empty in case they have a demand for them in the future.

RC the Council has a duty to provide adequate

infrastructure for the town.	
NM When extremely large new estates are planned	
then the infrastructure is planned alongside them. In	
our case we may end up with a similar number of new	NM to
houses being built but because it is done incrementally	contact
the existing infrastructure is expected to cope.	Pippa Milne
Should we invite A&B to hear our concerns?	
SD: Has met with Andrew Collins with regard to the	
location of the Top Up Tap opposite the toilet block	SD
and Scottish Water are progressing with	
planning permission	
NM to meet Howard Young in regard to finding out	
about the planning rules in regard to the buildings	NM to meet
being built as offices, gyms, etc in gardens several	HY
have been built recently and not all are small or in	
keeping with a conservation area.	
SA was wondering if they were built to a standard to	
withstand heavy winds?	
5. TOWN IMPROVEMENT	
RC The beach cleans have been well attended and	
thanks to D Howie for the tractor and HOOD Skips and	
Heron Bros for taking away the waste.	
Bin Survey – Continuing we wait to see where the new	
bins will be placed by the Council.	
There is now a lighting engineer based in Helensburgh	
but the issues continue not to be resolved concerning	
the lighting faults that have been reported. Cllr FH	
offered to follow up regarding the lighting faults in the	
square.	
C Sq beds – Mares Tail in the beds near Post office,	
shrubs have been replaced with grass in this area.	
£400 is available to be spent on planting for the	
square.	
The Council beds should be planted in June.	
SD Hermitage Park waiting for parts for play	
equipment. There is no maintenance programme it	
relies on reports of faults from the public.	
There is no reporting tool it needs to be reported to the	
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amenity department.01546605514.	
DA This should fall under the Park Managers role.	
CF Can something be done about the Welcome to	
Helensburgh Signs? Could they be cleaned or	
repainted?	
RC RF had looked into getting new signage but it	
comes under the remit of A&B, Ellen Morton had been	
involved in the purchase of the original ones.	

CF the Macintosh lampposts up at the top of		
Colquhoun street are also in need of repainting.		
A&B are unlikely to allow us to do it ourselves and		
equally unlikely to do it themselves. Is there a solution?		
6. VISION FOR HELENSBURGH		
SD – Took the boards to Hermitage Primary and		
received a very positive response from the pupils.		
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Douglas Hendry had responded to NM that Ross		
Maclaughlin would review the documentation. There		
has been no further update from the Council about the		
Pierhead proposals. They seem unwilling to move from		
wanting retail. The majority of the public at V4H were		
against big retail outlets on the front.		
SA The town has changed a lot since 2012 when the		
proposal was agreed now a lot of shopping is online.		
CF shops have had a rates exemption during the		
pandemic it will be an extra cost on top of rising prices		
that may hit our local shops when it resumes.	NM to report	
NW The waterfront group met on 9th May but the	back at next	
outcomes have not been reported back.	meeting	
MC – Pier report attached.		
The new pier would require minimum maintenance and		
would run alongside the existing pier which is a listed		
structure and would act as a observation platform.		
The seabeds belong to various organisations however		
everyone is positive and supports the proposal.		
The meeting with Fergus Murray was positive		
showcasing the economic benefits that have resulted		
in Oban from the new harbour and Cambletown the		
same.		
SN what is the timescale to apply for funding?		
MC aiming for a 5year build with the planning and		
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funding bids to run alongside each other.		
Cllr IM the previous seabed survey will be placed as a		
hardcopy in the Library for reference when the group		
has been wound up as a charity.		
Community Links would be a good point of contact as		
they have all the funding links and do a lot of the		
bidding for you.		
MC I am extremely grateful for your suggestion and the		
work that was put in by the group. We would not be in		
the position we are now without all the work that your		
group had put in previously.		
I would like to continue to be a part of the CC on this		
matter.		
There were doubts about his eligibility to stay on the	NM	

Community Council as an elected Councillor. It was agreed he would contact Melissa Stewart for clarification.	
7. ROUND UP UPDATES	
SN Amendments to the rules governing CC seem to be only that when we are consulting the public we need to also included those not able to vote such as schools. It was agreed by all present to agree the proposal. SD Good news for Fun First winning the award for support to military families.	SN to contact MS
NM Music in the Square had provided 2hours of entertainment last Sat with Tartan Harmony and ceilidh band. They had offered to help at the Summer Festival but the offer was declined. They are available for other public events. DA apologised that he had forgotten to provide the photo of the bad bend mentioned at the last meeting. He called on everyone to support the Highland Games on the 4 th June.	DA
NW is waiting for a response from NMcN re his e-mail SD and EL offered to clean the notice boards which NW had reported as needing attention. Cllr IM was wondering if the Payback team could be used for more projects in Helensburgh. The contact is Mary Holt 01631 527935 mary.holt@argyll-bute.gov.uk . EL stated that the team do a great job in James Street	NM
Garden and Duchess Woods.	

Next Meeting Thursday 23rd June 7pm Civic Centre (To be advised)

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