



MINUTES OF HCC MONTHLY HYBRID MEETING 26.05.22 The meeting was Chaired by Stewart Noble	ACTION	STATUS
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 reference to Neil Cameron and email address. Item 10 Change 22 hours to 24 as lights never go out.	RF	
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		

<p>4. PLANNING NMillar</p> <p>TAYLOR WIMPEY good coverage of our concerns by Helensburgh Advertiser.</p> <p>The main objections concern sustainability and traffic access.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>NM In regard to design there are minor objections to detail including the entrance to the clubhouse and other minor details.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>They have no balconies, not staggered or tiered in any way to maximise potential views.</p> <p>The landscaping of open spaces is good and the social housing is of a good standard with 25% of housing as affordable housing.</p> <p>SD : Stated that TW had not given working details with regard to infrastructure.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>NMillar: Questioned the ability of the town to cope with development. Doctors, schools etc</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Pre 5's have been struggling to get places.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Service families are being encouraged to move up and buy houses and will expect to be able to access schools, doctors etc.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>RC the Council has a duty to provide adequate</p>		
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<p>infrastructure for the town.</p> <p>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 houses being built but because it is done incrementally the existing infrastructure is expected to cope.</p> <p>Should we invite A&B to hear our concerns?</p> <p>SD: Has met with Andrew Collins with regard to the location of the Top Up Tap opposite the toilet block and Scottish Water are progressing with planning permission</p> <p>NM to meet Howard Young in regard to finding out about the planning rules in regard to the buildings being built as offices, gyms, etc in gardens several have been built recently and not all are small or in keeping with a conservation area.</p> <p>SA was wondering if they were built to a standard to withstand heavy winds?</p>	<p>NM to contact Pippa Milne</p> <p>SD</p> <p>NM to meet HY</p>	
<p>5. TOWN IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Bin Survey – Continuing we wait to see where the new bins will be placed by the Council.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Council beds should be planted in June.</p> <p>SD Hermitage Park waiting for parts for play equipment. There is no maintenance programme it relies on reports of faults from the public.</p> <p>There is no reporting tool it needs to be reported to the amenity department.01546605514.</p> <p>DA This should fall under the Park Managers role.</p> <p>CF Can something be done about the Welcome to Helensburgh Signs? Could they be cleaned or repainted?</p> <p>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.</p>		

