

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES FROM ZOOM MONTHLY MEETING 26th NOVEMBER 2020.	ACTION	STATUS
1.PRESENT: Norman Muir, Peter Brown, Roger Ferdinand, Tariq Durrani, Nigel Millar, John Tacchi, Norman McNally, Roger Clarke, Sarah Davies, Irina Agostinelli, Stewart Noble, David Allen, Stephen Clayton, David Sinclair, Ross Hanvidge,(HA).		
Public: Christine Woods, APOLOGIES: Cllr Lorna Douglas , Did not receive invitation. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None		
MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting held 29.10 20 were accepted as a true record. Prop: DA.		
2. TREASURERS REPORT Circulated 25.11.20. No change from previous report.	SN	DONE
3. PIER PB Distributed a paper containing his thoughts on the Pier in advance of the meeting. To summarise the main points were: >Establish community opinion >Who can we work with? >Is there a viable proposal? >Form a sub group to progress. cont/		

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NM: To circulate survey reports. Agreed to the suggestion of forming a sub group. NMCN: We should look at the Pier as part of an overall strategy for the foreshore rather than an individual project. Suggested we contact the Pier group and investigate means of generating funds e.g wind power.	NM	
NMillar: Any proposal should be financially self sustaining in the long term and be put before the public.		
JT: Given that the UK Govt is short of £500bn is it likely that we could find £850k to renovate the Pier?		
David Sinclair: Advised that we should not be over ambitious. PB: Asked NMcN for feedback from the Vision for Helensburgh survey.		
NMcN: replied that the subject of the Pier figured strongly in the feedback. SD: Observed that the Save the Pier Committee had received good support from the public but was unable to source funds.		
The Pier should be regarded as part of planning for the future. JT: Pointed out that the Pier is a Grade C structure and suggested that it be pulled down. He also said that the town does not have much passing marine traffic.		
NB: Stated that we have a moral responsibility to preserve the Pier. JT: Affordability?		
PB: Advised that the Oban pontoons brought in an extra £800k to the area and a similar idea for Helensburgh would provide an opportunity to bring more people to the town.		
RC: Do the survey reports refer to the Pier as a whole or just the wooden part? He was advised that the stone part of the Pier is OK and the concerns relate only to the wooden structure. NMillar: Asked if the Pier provided deep water access and was advised not.		
PB: Commented that pontoons would attract weekend sailors and provide temporary berthing for visiting craft.		
SN: Asked if we have to accept the Pier on its own rather than part of the sea front. Could it be used as a site for solar panels or wind power generation.		
RF: Suggested that given the tidal rise and fall on the Clyde we could also look at wave generated power as it is more reliable than solar or wind power.		
RC: Pointed out that A&B refused Cardross Golf Club permission to install solar panels. TD: Asked that Ross Hanvidge not report on the discussions about the Pier in the meantime. Cont/		

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PIER Cont/ NMcN: Disagreed with the idea of a sub group. NM: Reminded the meeting of the need to put any proposals before the public. NMcN: Asked that it should be integrated with Vision for Helensburgh when put before the public. NMillar: Stressed the need for reasonable and informed guidance on any proposals. NM: To liaise with PB re forming a sub group to move the matter forward.	NM/PB	WIP
4. HMNB TRANSPORT SURVEY NM: Asked that all comments should be sent to RF by Tuesday 1st Dec at the latest as we have to respond by Friday 4th Dec. JT: Said that he did not have enough knowledge of 7,000 people traveling to comments. NMilllar: Stated that the paper is a shoddy piece of work and asked for facts and figures / details of how many travel by the haul road/A814/ Arden roundabout. RC: Shift patterns at the base would make rail travel not a viable option. DA:Suggested that people could park at Faslane to use the station for forward travel to Helensburgh and Glasgow. IA: Pointed out that the early trains to Helensburgh Upper have been cancelled.	RF/NM	
5. PLANNING NM: No applications apart from small modifications SD to join the Planning Zoom meeting 27.11.20	NM SD	
6. TOWN IMPROVEMENT JT : Reported that the leaflet campaign to recruit volunteers to help with the shrub beds has resulted in 3 volunteers coming forward. JT will meet them in the Square 28.11.20. to brief them	JT	

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7. CYCLEWAY HERMITAGE TO TOWN CENTRE DA: Stated that the new cycleways in Glasgow were causing chaos because of reduced lane width and bus stops. PB: Cautioned that interaction between cars and cyclists were more of a danger. SD: HCC should go ahead with the proposed town cycleway. A&B are dragging their feet and continue to actively support the proposal. NMillar: The Cardross to Dumbarton route would be very expensive. 2 potential routes for the Hermitage - Town Centre have been identified and the safest route should be chosen IM: Advise that there is a shortage of supply of bikes due to increased demand. A fine had been issued and then withdrawn for parking on the cycle lane on Sinclair Street. The law only recommends that you do not park on cycle lanes. PB: Stated that whether or not this is an offence is dependent on how the lane is marked out.		
RECYCLING: IA: Reported that Peter Leckie is being very responsive to her enquiries. The cost of emptying the green bins is balanced by income from the contents of the blue recycling bins. Irina will submit a written report to update HCC and prepare a webinar. NMillar: Congratulated Irina on the depth of her research and asked if there was any 'low hanging fruit' that we could address in the short term. RF: Referred to a report of a Keep Scotland Beautiful meeting attended by SN / SD that highlighted how the use of polystyrene containers by take aways in North Berwick was tackled. For full details see the email shared by SN 20.11.20. NM: Tasked SD / SN to liaise with IA to prepare the webinar. Cont/	IA	

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RESPONSE TO BOUNDARY COMMISSION SD: Asked when HCC will discuss our comments / suggestions. NM: This will be on the agenda for the December meeting.		
MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC Christine Woods: Noted that there were only two lifebelts on the Pier and there was access to a sandy area via a stairway on the pier. CS: Asked if HCC considered the rock armour at the site of the new pool to be a climbing hazard. NMcN: Advised that the rocks would move while they settled. CS: Attended the CPS meeting but as she has stood down from HCC can longer report on proceedings. SD: Is looking into the CPS and proposes to attend future meetings on behalf of HCC. WEBINARS The next webinar will be held at 7.00 pm Thursday 3rd December. The subject will be the town energy supply.		
Prepared by RF.		