



MINUTES OF HCC MONTHLY MEETING 28.10.21 BETHSEDA HALLS	ACTION	STATUS
<p>1.PRESENT FOR HCC: Norman Muir, Peter Brown,Roger Ferdinand, David Allen, David Sinclair, Maurice Corry, Roger Clarke, Stewart Noble, Sarah Davies,</p> <p>PRESENT FOR A&B COUNCIL Richard Trail</p> <p>PRESS / PUBLIC: Ross Hanvidge, Vivien Dance, Richard Horrell Gail Steven</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Provost Cllr David Kinninburgh , Cllr Lorna Douglas, Gemma Penfold, John Tacchi, Stewart Steel, Liz Marion, Sonja Aitken,Tariq Durrani, Nigel Millar.</p> <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None</p> <p>MINUTES: Accepted as an accurate record of the Monthly Meeting held 30.09.21. Proposed David Allan</p> <p>THANKS: NM thanked David Allen for arranging use of the Bethseda Halls</p>		
<p>2. FINANCIAL REPORT SN ; Treasurer's Report was circulated 27.10.21</p>		
<p>3. PLANNING UPDATE RC : Little to add to the September Update An enquiry via the website from a party from Edinburgh interested in the Craigendoran site was received. RC arranged a site visit but no details of the intentions of the enquirer were forthcoming. SD Asked if a date had been received for the Taylor Wimpey application RC Not as yet. SD Enquired if there was any progress on identifying land for the proposed Community Garden? SN Suggested that the Walker's Rest at the top of Sinclair Street opposite Kennedy Drive would be ideal. It is owned by A&B but the narrow lanes could be an access problem. SD Proposed that HCC should identify possible sites. DS Suggested that a Community Orchard would be a possible use. RC Advised that a new water main was being laid to the East of the town. CONT/...</p>		

<p>PLANNING UPDATE CONT</p> <p>DS Has contacted Scottish Water to request that they attend a HCC meeting to give a presentation.</p>		
<p>4. PPSL UPDATE Stewart Noble</p> <p>SN Described the continuing dissatisfaction with the current situation where local planning applications were being voted on by councillors outwith the area despite there being a consensus of local councillors with more detailed knowledge.</p> <p>SN gave the examples of Ardencaple and the Leisure Centre where the opinions of HCC and Local Councillors were overruled.</p> <p>NM and SN attended a couple of meetings with A&B but the status quo of the PPSL was the result. SN suggested HCC petition the Scottish Parliament to define what is the meaning of 'local'</p> <p>NM Advised that Carmunnock CC was suing Glasgow City Council over a similar issue.</p> <p>MC: Advised that there were two possible routes to progress matters at Government level:</p> <p>Planning Committee and or the Petitions Committee. The former has the ear of the Minister, the latter would take longer but could bring pressure to bear on the former.</p> <p>MC agreed to progress and advise on the best route and wording.</p> <p>DS Stressed that we need to obtain a definition of what is meant by Local.</p> <p>NM Stated that it was a matter of principle, the need to take a HCC approach and for definition.</p> <p>VIVD Asked why single out planning as the issue when all decisions eg Finance are being made by Kilmory.</p>	<p>MC</p>	
<p>4a PUBLIC INPUT</p> <p>Commented that the Taylor Wimpey application for the golf course development does not meet the Environmental Impact Analysis. Does the EIA apply to the town as a whole or just the occupants of the development?</p> <p>RC Advised that TW had stated that they would comply with the regulations at the time of commencement.</p> <p>DS Explained the relative merits of ground and air heat pumps.</p> <p>SN Commented that one of his neighbours had drilled to a dept of 60ft when installing a ground pump.</p> <p>Member of the public Gail Steven :</p> <p>Attended the meeting to enquire about the planning application details related to the site adjoining Morrisons.</p> <p>RC; reply.</p> <p>The original application for a hotel, public house and housing was withdrawn following SEPA stating that the site was unsuitable for the intended development that included a hotel.</p> <p>CONT/..</p>		

<p>Public Input cont/...</p> <p>The application was amended to use for office space .</p> <p>PB commented that he understood outline planning permission had been granted.</p> <p>Provision of office space for civilian contractors currently on the base to move into to release space for navy use.</p>		
<p>5. ARMISTICE SUNDAY</p> <p>NM: Instructions for all participants were circulated 27.10.21. Volunteer ushers are required .</p> <p>The 94 year old erstwhile President of the RBL will be laying the wreath for RBL whose members are assisting with arrangements for the day.</p> <p>SD Commented that the cost of £17.00 per hour to rent the Community Room at Hermitage Park was excessive.</p> <p>VIVD On behalf of the community offered thanks to HCC for taking responsibility for the event and keeping it going.</p>	<p>NM</p>	
<p>6. VISION FOR HELENSBURGH</p> <p>NMCN Had given his apologies for absence due to family commitments having given an impressive presentation the previous evening at the Victoria Halls to an invited audience.</p> <p>MC Complimented NMCN on an interesting evening and the following breakout session.</p> <p>The biggest issues to emerge from the groups were:</p> <p>Communications</p> <p>Meetings between organisations to share plans and experience.</p> <p>Involvement of young people.</p> <p>Use of space once old pool demolished.</p> <p>Establish a battle plan for development of the waterfront and pier.</p> <p>The need to motivate the local organisations to better communicate..</p> <p>NM Promised that VFH would keep going through public exhibitions planned for January to March 2022 and a Place Plan would be established as a result. RF Suggested that the town was suffering from survey fatigue and hoped the completed surveys were sufficient to support VFH.</p>		
<p>7. ROADS AND AMENITIES</p> <p>NM At a meeting with Plastic Free Helensburgh it was discovered that the Chord Project included a manual for the town laying out instructions for maintenance.</p> <p>SN Stated that it was important that the Square be maintained during the winter months.</p> <p>STREET SIGNS</p> <p>DS Raised the issue of the poor condition of street signage with much of it being illegible .</p> <p>MS Understood that an order had been placed with Erskine to supply new signs.</p> <p>NM To raise the subject with our roads colleagues.</p>	<p>NM</p>	

8. HCC ROUNDUP

SN Reminded the meeting of the Community Councils Constitutional Review with regard to the use of zoom / hybrid meetings.

SN also reminded the meeting of the forthcoming John Logie Baird Centenary. Charity status for the event had been lodged with the Scottish Charities Organisation.

Funding Application to Scotland Loves Local Fund II made by Tariq Durrani and Nigel Millar

TD announced at the Sept meeting that an application for £18k had been made by himself and Nigel Millar. This would require match funding of £9k from the applicants.

In his absence **TD** had asked **SN** to convey his assurances that the match funding would be in place and no liability would fall on HCC should there be a shortfall.

RF pointed out that under the rules of the SLLFII match funding was required to be in place at the time of the application and asked that **TD** and **NMillar** show details of how they intended to raise the match funding required.

Cyclepath

SD Attended the H&L Planning Committee where it was reported that everything was OK only to find out 5days after the meeting that 5years was still the target date with the Hermitage Academy - Helensburgh Centre route would be the last to be completed despite there being no land acquisition problems that continue to affect the route to Dunbarton.

NM To contact Colin Young for an update.

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Parking on Millig Street

SD raised the issue of parking on Millig Street due to work on the Care Home.

Once completed the Care Home only has provision for 25 spaces and it should be anticipated that this could increase the parking on Millig Street.

MC Suggested that HCC should write to the Care Home Owners to express the concerns.

DS Pointed out that the planning application had been made and passed. Therefore the responsibility lay with A&B.

Covid Booster Jabs

DA Stated that he knew of a lady still waiting and they were 7weeks behind.

NM Informed the meeting that that he was expecting a press release from the Health & Social Care Dept on 29.10.21 stating that the First Minister was aware and looking into it.

PB Added that the HSCD had issued an apology that due to a data processing problem letters had not been sent.

Road through the Square

DA Complained that the road at the west end of the raised area of the square is disintegrating.

RF Pointed out that vehicles speeding along West Princes Street contributed to the problem that did not exist on the east end of the raised area.**RF** Reiterated his previous requests that traffic calming measures or speed cameras were required at the start of the 20mph limit at John Street / West Princes Street

<p>Roundup Cont/..</p> <p>DS Raised the issue of sewage on the front.</p> <p>Security</p> <p>MC Following his article in the Advertiser MC suggested that those responsible be invited to attend an HCC meeting.</p> <p>SN Having participated in the CCTV Trust SN understood that the cameras were originally being monitored in Clydebank by disabled persons but this was abandoned because of the cost.</p> <p>VivD Liaises with the Police to monitor the Square during the Christmas Lights / Festival. Visited the Police office and was shown the monitoring system at East King Street and was impressed by the quality and definition of the cameras and monitors. However they are not monitored in actual time.</p> <p>RF Again raised the possibility of subsidising the placing of outward facing cameras on commercial premises in the town.</p> <p>NM To ask the A&B CCTV expert to advise.</p>	<p>NM</p>	
<p>AOB</p> <p>SD Reminded the meeting of the Beach Clean and Shrub Bed Maintenance on Sat 30.10.</p> <p>VIVD Gave an update on arrangements for the Christmas Lights Switch on and distributed a leaflet.</p> <p>Installation of the lights commence 29.10 and continue for the next week after which there will be a short break and then return 5 days later to erect the tree donated by Luss Estates and funded by Covid Recovery.</p> <p>Lights switch on will be 10.00 - 18.00 on Saturday November 20th.</p> <p>During the day over 200 volunteers organised by Donna Hicks will provide entertainment on a platform stage. There will be kiddies rides and an artisan market. River Radio will be broadcasting live throughout the day.</p> <p>Santa will arrive by a Heritage Fire Engine and a new lighting feature is dedicated to thanking the NHS. The town will be lit for 7 weeks.</p> <p>HCC congratulated VIV and her Elves for all their work.</p> <p>Winter Festival</p> <p>Will be held 27/28 November with 80 market stalls, a Pet competition, Find the Penguin and the annual Santa Dash</p> <p>WALTER SMITH</p> <p>RF Proposed that HCC register their sadness on the passing of one of the town's favourite residents, past manager of the Scottish National team and Rangers FC.</p> <p>Next Meeting Thursday 25th November Venue TBA, Prepared by RF</p>		