



## Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting Civic Centre Annex 7pm 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

The meeting was chaired by Norman Muir.

### Welcome

Present for HCC: Norman Muir, Roger Clarke, Nigel Millar, Cameron Foy, Elizabeth Lambert, Peter Brown, Stewart Steel, Tariq Durrani, Polly Jones, Richard Trail, Joanna Pryce, Norman McNally, Paula McIntosh, Jonathan Meuli

Apologies: Wendy Hamilton, Howard Green, Sarah Davies, Irina Agostinelli, Stewart Noble, David Sinclair; Taylor Cameron, Cllr Mark Irvine

Public in Person: 2 and Helensburgh Advertiser

Argyll and Bute Councillors: Cllr Fiona Howard,

### Declaration of Interest

None

### Agenda 1: Police Report:

Report given by PC Graham O'Donnell. Incidents included, road traffic accidents, drink driving, vandalism, shoplifting, and drink related issues outside pubs.

He encouraged the community to report issues either via 101 or via email.

He praised the good working relationship they have with MOD police and the RNP.

He said they were going to get extra support to tackle issues relating the young people from outside the area coming in carrying weapons and causing trouble.

### Agenda 2: Review of Community Council Procedures.

Norman Muir circulated a document of the working subcommittees of the HCC and who is on them.

This information can also go on the website.

All subcommittees are to update the HCC meetings of any ongoing work or actions requiring approval and to keep the HCC informed.

### Agenda 3: Community Club event

March 4<sup>th</sup> Hermitage Academy 10-3. Jointly organized by HCC and Rotary. 60 clubs signed up. Volunteers required to set up at 9am and assist clubs. Also to help at the HCC table explaining the role of HCC and encouraging participation in the survey.

Tariq circulated a copy of the entertainment schedule that will be provided by the music in the square project.

**Action:** Sign up to Volunteer and keep the day free for HCC stall.

Peter to produce display from Powerpoint.

Nigel Miller to bring board of pictures of waterfront.

Suggestions of display material welcome

### Agenda 4 Waterfront Development a. Skatepark

Jacqui Hood from Helensburgh Skatepark Project gave a report on the reinstatement of the equipment. On inspection the original ramps were not fit to reinstate.

With the support of Andrew Collins from the Waterfront Development Project and Unit 23 Skatepark Dumbarton, the funding and purchasing of new equipment is

hopeful.

A temporary area has been set aside to be used as a skatepark while the future of the area is planned. It will depend on the outcome of the final plan for the development area if the skatepark will feature long-term.

Norman Muir expressed on behalf of the HCC his thanks for Jacqui's work for the Skatepark and offered the HCC's support if required.

**Action: Ongoing support for the Skatepark project**

**Agenda 4 Waterfront Development b. Report from A&B meeting**

Meeting with Kirsteen McLeod at Civic Centre 21/02/23 by reps from HCC this was just an initial meeting to discuss timeframes and procedures. The discussion had been positive.

Fiona Howard suggested that meetings can also be held with elected councillors if required. Norman Muir said it wasn't required at this stage but would be considered if needed later.

**Action:** Peter to clarify with Kirsteen if the meetings can continue as well as being able to ask questions at planning meetings.

**Agenda 4 Waterfront Development c. Website/Charrette**

Improvements for the HCC website are underway. The waterfront website is also live and the survey has attracted 69 responses with additional leisure being the top response. The survey will run for 3 more weeks.

Discussion was held about how to maximise responses, it was decided to proceed with all methods to capture the community voice. Newspaper, digital, QR codes, paper copies, posters.

**Action:** Stewart will use the Clubs event to increase participation.

Elizabeth and Sarah to utilise Social Media.

Peter to produce paper copies.

Polly to produce a QR code for the HCC and the Advertiser.

**Agenda 5: Reports**

a. Treasurer's report was circulated and accepted.

Request to order flags and cloth for display use for promotion of HCC at a cost of £277.80 from Sailflags was approved. The designs have been circulated via email.

Agreement was made to develop a recognisable brand across communications to make HCC recognisable using HCC Crest, Burgundy, Sans Serif Font. Hills Motif.

b. Planning – No update on Taylor Wimpy.

Planning for extension in Colquhoun street with striking modern design meets approval by HCC.

Openreach continuing digital upgrade plans across town.

c. Beach clean Sat 25/02/23 at Pier 10am all welcome.

**Action:** Elizabeth will Coordinate with communication team over colour, design and font and proceed to order the flags and cloth.

**Agenda 6 Twinning Event**

Tariq outlined the plans for a visit in April from potential twinning town Le Taillan, including school visits, Ceilidh, wine-tasting, Hill House as possible activities.

They will stay at the Riva Hotel and Destination will assist in showing off the town and all we have to offer.

**Action:** Tariq, Cameron and Nigel to organise the week. 15-22/04/23 HCC to keep week free to host at events.

<b>Agenda 7 Mackintosh Club</b>
As M&Co vacates the property on Sinclair Street it might be an opportunity for the Mackintosh Club to extend.
Jonathan Meuli will invite the Mackintosh Club to a meeting to discuss their plans.
<b>Other business</b>
A meeting has been planned by three HCC members who represent businesses in the town for local businesses to hear from the Federation for small Businesses. Norman Muir will update the HCC with details of the meeting date, time and venue. Cllr Howard expressed an interest for Councillors to be invited.
Coronation Event – Events are being planned by the Navy at Drumfork and they expressed a willingness to get involved in any Community events in the town. Nigel Miller said the Music in the Square project are planning a concert. CllrHoward stated there were no plans for a Council run event. The HCC indicated it was late to be starting to plan a large event for May at this stage especially when we already have other projects in progress.
<b>Action: Norman Muir to liaise with Capt Nick Gibbons about what the Navy have planned.</b>
Reading Festival – Peter invited the HCC to the event being held at the Community Hub 17-19 March booking via Eventbrite. The HCC expressed their thanks and hopes the event will be successful.
<b>Next Meeting</b>
7pm Civic Centre Annex March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2023