



Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting

Civic Centre Annex 7pm 30th April 2023

The meeting was chaired by Norman Muir.

Welcome

Present for HCC: Norman Muir, Roger Clarke, Nigel Millar, Howard Green, Elizabeth Lambert, Norman McNally, Stewart Steel, Tariq Durrani, David Sinclair, Richard Trail, Joanna Pryce, Wendy Hamilton, Sarah Davies, Stewart Noble, Jonathan Meuli

Apologies: Cameron Foy, Peter Brown, Polly Jones, Irina Agostinelli, Paula McIntosh

Public in Person: 8

Argyll and Bute Councillors: Fiona Howard, Paul Kennedy, Iain MacQuire

Declaration of Interest

None

Minutes

Minutes of February meeting approved.

Treasurers Report

Previously circulated. Discussion of "Scotland Loves Local" money. To be further discussed. We will need a new treasurer soon since Stewart Noble has reached his term limit. He will be happy to mentor.

Action: Community councillors to volunteer

Police Report

Sergeant Graham O'Donnell reported on: 19 incidents including disorder in Hermitage Park involving adults from outside town: emphasis on proactive community policing. Explained use of CCTV. Suggested Simon King should attend next retailers meeting to address shop crime concerns.

Planning Report

JLB innovation Hub will launch soon (17th April). LiveArgyll will take responsibility for running in the Library. Email: jl@liveargyll.co.uk

Hill House

Update from Elizabeth Davidson. NTS are applying for an extension for the planned life of the box while decisions re restoration are made. After restoration it will be removed within design life (10 years)

Winter Festival: Gail Broadhurst

This year will be 9th/10th Dec. Hope to use more venues and involve more community groups.. Volunteers are needed.

Action. Email media@helensburghwinterfestival.co.uk

Mackintosh Club

Bruce & Nicola Jamieson presented a vision for the club now that M&Co is closed. They have set up a community interest company and are looking for a strong panel of local directors.

Action: Email Nicola@mackintosh.club

New website

Stewart and Jonathan have almost completed this. It will be live next month.

Town Centre

Norman is yet to receive a reply from Argyll and Bute council re Infrastructure faults in Helensburgh.

Action: Follow up with Argyll and Bute
Waterfront Survey
Stewart gave a detailed interpretation of the findings and has circulated it to all councillors.
Community Clubs Event
This joint event with the Rotary was very successful. Consideration will be given to a future repeat.
Retail and Business meeting
Attended by more than 40 local businesses. Wendy set up a facebook group for ongoing communication. Email contact list created. A further meeting will be held on June 21 in Victoria Halls.
Twinning Visit
A program for the visit was circulated to all councillors, who are encouraged to get involved. A grant of £200 was approved by HCC. An application to the Supporting Communities fund has been made.
Training
A number of councillors have attended training on resilience, community engagement and planning..
AOB
<p>The top up tap is now open.</p> <p>Large scale beach clean with 27 volunteers and 2 full skips, 1 paid for by a grant from Grab Trust. A Supporting Communities Fund application has been made to fund further skips.</p> <p>Volunteer Shrub Bed tidying will take place April 1.</p>
Next Meeting
Thursday 27 th April 7pm Civic Centre Annex