



Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting

Civic Centre Annex 7pm 27th April 2023

The meeting was chaired by Norman Muir.

Welcome

Present for HCC: Norman Muir, Roger Clarke, Nigel Millar, Cameron Foy, Howard Green, , Stewart Steel, Tariq Durrani, David Sinclair, Polly Jones, Richard Trail, Joanna Pryce, Sarah Davies, Paula McIntosh, Jonathan Meuli

Apologies: Peter Brown, Norman McNally, Irina Agostinelli, Stewart Noble, Elizabeth Lambert, Councillor Ian MacQuire

Public in Person:9

Argyll and Bute Councillors: Fiona Howard, Paul Kennedy, Maurice Corry

Declaration of Interest

None

Minutes of Previous meeting

Approved

Update on Pier

Provost Maurice Corry, Anne Foy (Destination Helensburgh), Tim Henderson (Marine Engineer). The group is working to produce a business case for investment for Argyll and Bute council, as a result of HCC's Vision for Helensburgh

Police Report

Previously circulated. Paula raised issue of speed limits and road safety. Member of the public asked that the British Transport Police be invited to report incidents on trains. 10th May police will visit independent retailers following request at HCC business meeting.

Presentation from Virgin Broadband

Helen Reilly, Community liaison for Fibre Broadband. They are deploying fibre broadband in the town (along with Openreach and Axione). They have a community program with special offers for those on Universal Credit, Community Hubs and charitable organisations. Maps of Helensburgh and Cardross deployment attached

Treasurers Report

Annual Accounts circulated. Discussion at next meeting. HCC still needs a new treasurer.

Secretary's report

Secretary has contacted Tower cinema to offer support.
Community Planning Partnership 9th May – SD needs proxy.
Stewart Steel demonstrated new website, which will shortly go live. HCC congratulated Stewart, Jonathan and Cameron on an excellent job.

Taillan visit report

Tariq and Nigel reported that the visit was a complete success. The delegation was well looked after by HCC and we look forward to building on this to forge a long term partnership. (Visit assessment attached). Cost to HCC reduced to £81 by £200 grant from A&B. In kind contributions of £374

Town Centre Issues

Peter Brown's proposal for a community expression of interest was circulated and positively received, Comments or questions should be sent to him before May 3rd deadline. Neil Walden made a proposal for an iconic building (attached) and asked for comment.

Unresolved issues with bins and infrastructure will be discussed with A&B official Tom Murphy on May 19th.

Top-up tap has been damaged by reversing car. It will be removed, repaired and replaced by Scottish Water.

East Bay Beach Clean 15th April was a big success (more than 40 volunteers). Next Saturday 29th April at the pier. A submission has been made to A&B Supporting Communities Fund to fund skips for future beach cleans.

Letter to be sent to Tree Trust congratulating them on this year's outstanding blossom.

AOB

Visioning event: Scottish Climate Action Network to set up A&B hub. Details to follow.

Jo reported on Helensburgh Writers workshop recent successes. HCC to send congratulations.

Questions on Signage from Loch Lomond raised by a member of the public.

HCC to work with Destination Helensburgh to restore the Mine on the sea front raising money for local projects.

Member of public asked for a discussion of the new Leisure Centre.

Action

Next Meeting

7pm May 25th Civic Centre Annex TBC