



Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting Civic Centre Annex 7pm 26/10/2023

The meeting was chaired by Peter Brown.

Welcome

Present for HCC: Roger Clarke, Nigel Millar, Cameron Foy, Elizabeth Lambert, Peter Brown, Norman McNally, Stewart Steel, David Sinclair, Polly Jones, Richard Trail, Joanna Pryce, Wendy Hamilton, Sarah Davies,

Apologies: Howard Green, Tariq Durrani, Stewart Noble, Paula McIntosh, Irina Agostinelli

Public in Person: 4 & David Hagerty (A&B Community Development Officer)

Argyll and Bute Councillors: Fiona Howard, Mark Irvine, Paul Kennedy

Declaration of Interest

None

Minutes of previous Meeting

Approved

Norman Muir

Tributes to Norman Muir from HCC, the public and local councillors. He was a true champion of the Helensburgh Community and will be sorely missed.

HCC Vacancies

It was agreed not to replace Norman in haste. Peter Brown will continue as Acting Convenor until the new year. Wendy Hamilton has agreed to remain an HCC Member, leaving 2 vacancies which members of the public are encouraged to fill.

Police Report

Barry Convery, the new Area Inspector for Helensburgh, Dunoon and Bute, was welcomed to his first meeting. He will attend HCC meetings and be our contact. He gave a verbal report covering 222 varied incidents over the last month. Questions were asked about how to best contact police when the local station is closed. Phone 101 and use the Police Scotland website. Halning Gallagher is newly appointed youth engagement officer

Planning Report

Nigel Millar spoke to previously circulated report raising issues re Argyll Lodge Care Home and noting that a public hearing will take place in respect of 4 West Lennox Drive as the planning official's approval was overturned by the PPSL committee

Remembrance Parade

Will take place 12th November. Elizabeth, Roger, Sarah and Geoff (British Legion) are organising. HCC members are encouraged to volunteer as marshals. A member of the Muir family has been asked to lay the HCC wreath in Norman's honour.

Waterfront Proposal

The group have been meeting regularly and held a productive meeting with the Helensburgh skateboard project. HCC will submit a bid as required by 6th Dec. Concerns were raised re transparency and identity of other bidders.

Parliamentary Petition

Stewart Noble had previously circulated his petition. Richard Trail spoke to his paper in opposition. A vote was taken. HCC supported Stewart's proposal. Good wishes to Stewart for a speedy recovery.

Music in the Square

Nigel Millar presented a forward program of events. He reported on a meeting between himself, Tariq, Howard and Stewart to discuss the handling of the grant. He accepted that arrangements had not always been sufficiently transparent. In future events will be agreed in advance by HCC. Questions were asked about how members of the public and local groups could apply for money from the fund. (to be discussed at a future meeting)

Resilience/Place Planning

David Hagerty introduced himself and reported on how he could support HCC and the community in producing a local place plan. Training will take place on 30th November and 6th December. Details have been circulated to HCC.

AOB

The successful official opening of the JLB hub was welcomed. Congratulations to all involved. Jo reported on successful initiation of a Young Writer's Club at the hub. Last regular beach clean of the year will take place 28th October. In light of Norman's passing, future care of the shrub beds needs to be discussed. Scottish Water will be working with Plastic Free Helensburgh to raise awareness of their wipes campaign. Neil Walden congratulated the Grab Trust on their excellent recycling in Helensburgh leaflet. He also drew attention to the recently restarted Neighbourhood watch campaign.

Next Meeting

7pm 30th November Civic Centre.
THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER