



Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting

Civic Centre Annex 7pm 30th Nov 2023

The meeting was chaired by Peter Brown.

Welcome

Present for HCC: Nigel Millar, Cameron Foy, Howard Green, Elizabeth Lambert, Peter Brown, Norman McNally, Stewart Steel, Tariq Durrani, David Sinclair, Polly Jones, Richard Trail, Joanna Pryce, Wendy Hamilton, Sarah Davies, Paula McIntosh

Apologies: Roger Clarke, Stewart Noble, Irina Agostinelli

Public in Person: 7

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

Declaration of Interest

None

Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

Police Report

Apologies from Inspector Barry Convery: written report circulated.

Treasurer's Report

Circulated

Planning Report and Levelling Up Money

Nigel Millar spoke to his report, including a recent A&B report on affordable housing detailing future possibilities for development, and questioned newspaper reports of £20 million "levelling up" money apparently allocated to A&B.

Action: Secretary to ask a question at H&L committee as to how allocated levelling up money will be used, and how that will be decided

Pier

Anne Foy reported from Helensburgh Pier Extension Project following recent Stantec report questioning economic viability. HPEP continues to believe there is a way forward to an operational pier and are talking to A&B. A&B have proposed to discuss asset transfer of pier to the community. This evidently involves consideration of current state of repair, future maintenance funding, insurance, liability etc. Agreed that all the groups involved with the pier will work together .

Action: Norman McNally to represent HCC and facilitate a meeting

Waterfront

Peter Brown reported current state of the bid as ready to submit for December 6th. More than 20 Helensburgh residents had worked on the document, and it captured the breadth of expertise in the town, building on the work from Vision for Helensburgh and our recent survey work. Thanks due to everyone who has worked so hard on the bid. A full article will be in the Helensburgh Advertiser on Thursday.

Action: Zoom call on Monday night for HCC to discuss and agree proposal.

This meeting took place. Present were PB, EL, NM, NMc, SD, CF, HG, PJ, DS, SS. The bid was agreed unanimously and has been submitted

JLB Centenary
Current committee needs more support. This needs to be a priority in the new year. More interested volunteers are necessary and all will be welcome.
20Mph speed limit
Long supported by HCC. Sarah, Fiona and Paula to follow up
Place Planning Training
Sarah and Howard to attend. Plan to draw together ideas and synthesise a current vision will be important project.
Play Parks
Letter received from Hugh O'Neill at A&B outlining proposed improvements to all A&B playparks based on Scottish government funding and asking for HCC involvement. This will go to tender again.
Taillan en Medoc twinning
Letter of condolence re Norman Muir received. Provost Corry keen to lead a delegation. Hermitage Academy are building links with Da Vinci College. Taillan delegation would like to work on development of art and culture festival. Opportunities for involvement of the business community
Maintenance of Colquhoun Square shrub beds
Discussion to take place in the new year re memorial for Norman Muir and future involvement of the business community in the work.
AOB
<p>New H&L disability access panel to meet 14th Dec. Details circulated – all welcome.</p> <p>Thanks to everyone involved in the remembrance service. It is hoped that the British Legion will take the lead next year.</p> <p>Congratulations to Stewart Noble on the submission of his parliamentary petition regarding local planning democracy.</p> <p>The appointment of a new HCC Convener to be discussed at January meeting</p> <p>The Helensburgh Community Festival Lighting Trust (elves 😊) were congratulated for their festive contribution to the town. The Business group was also thanked for festive window competition.</p> <p>Neil Walden raised the issue of visibility of warm spaces and coordination by A&B. To be raised at H&L Cttee and community planning partnership.</p> <p>Issue of litter particularly near Hermitage Academy raised by a member of the public. Plastic Free Helensburgh reported on new litter picking stations and a planned meeting with Tom Murphy of A&B on this issue.</p>
Next Meeting
No meeting in December. Next: Thursday 25 th January 2024. Season's Greetings to all