



Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting Civic Centre Annex 27th June 2024 7pm

The meeting was chaired by Norman McNally.

Welcome

Present for HCC: Roger Clarke, Nigel Millar, Cameron Foy, Howard Green, Elizabeth Lambert, Norman McNally, Stewart Steel, David Sinclair, Richard Trail, Sarah Davies, Stewart Noble, Paula McIntosh

Apologies: Peter Brown, Tariq Durrani, Polly Jones, Joanna Pryce, Wendy Hamilton, Irina Agostinelli, Simon Vella, Louise McCormack Fisher

Public in Person:6

Argyll and Bute Councillors: Fiona Howard, Paul Kennedy

Declaration of Interest

None

Reports:

Treasurer's report circulated. Annual Grant is due. There will be a need for money to support the Local Place Plan.

Planning: West King St outbuilding application for "temporary building. Further info to be sought. 155 West Princes St large extension. 1 objection to proximity and height lodged. Ylem energy storage system – planning group continue to monitor- planning officer has raised queries re green belt- PPSL will not be till August

Vice Convenors session

Norman McNally and Polly Jones will contact HCC members to conduct an audit of skills and expertise of the new HCC.

Waterfront Update

H&L committee will discuss at their business day. Decision likely to be made at Policy and Resources meeting in August. HCC has written to the Council Leader asking for a meeting. Request has been acknowledged.

Subgroup Updates

Town Centre: beach clean 29th June at the pier. Shrub bed tidying 6th July. Quarterly meeting with Tom Murphy 12th July. Issues to be raised: bins, dead trees in the square, bedding plants, replacing paving slabs. Outdoor museum group meetings to resume.

Music in the Square: Application Form is now available with further details on the website. Talent Show was well received. Donation of £400 to Clan Colquhoun Pipe Band at last in the Square 26th June. Good press coverage of both. Written report from Eilidh Steel re Sugarboat project – HCC would look favourably on a further application to complete.

Communications: Visits to website up 62%. Need for a meeting.

Place Plan: next meeting 9th July. We have written to Luss Estates seeking informal exchange of views.

Business Group: need to meet and make plans up to Winter festival.

Pier Regeneration: Bill Purdon reported that their expression of interest has been acknowledged and an officer has been appointed to liaise. Waverley will visit 18th August.

AOB

Joint meeting of Community Councils was held June 6th, facilitated by David Haggerty. HCC, Rhu & Shandon, Cove & Kilcreggan attended. Community Wealth building meeting 11th July with TSI to discuss opportunities for Helensburgh.

Illegible street signs raised. Repair of railway bridge in E Abercromby Street still unfinished. South end of Colquhoun Street is unkempt- could there be a mural or other improvement.

Next Meeting

July 25th 7pm Civic Centre Annex