

Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting Civic Centre Annex 7pm

The meeting was chaired by Peter Brown.

Welcome

Present for HCC: Roger Clarke, Cameron Foy, Howard Green, Elizabeth Lambert, Peter Brown, Norman McNally, Stewart Steel, Tariq Durrani, David Sinclair, Simon Vella, Polly Jones, Joanna Pryce, Sarah Davies, Stewart Noble, Paula McIntosh

Apologies: Nigel Millar, Richard Trail, Louise McCormack-Fisher, Irina Agostinelli, Cllr Mark Irvine, Cllr Ian MacQuire, Cllr Maurice Corry.

Wendy Hamilton has resigned from HCC – we thank her for her contribution.

Public in Person: 27

Argyll and Bute Councillors: Paul Kennedy, Fiona Howard

Declaration of Interest: None

Waterfront Development

Presentations on current situation and prospects by: Peter Brown (Convenor) Polly Jones (Vice-Convenor), Cameron Foy. At the current Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee meeting, 40 questions were submitted. Written answers are arriving to individuals from unnamed council officials. HCC is continuing to investigate the land ownership, and the ongoing lack of consultation. HCC continues to support a community-led development. The online & paper petition has gathered nearly 4000 signatures. HCC will have a market stall 28/9 to engage with the public. Public event planned for 29/10. HCC encourages people to continue writing to councillors, MSPs and MPs, and to submit complaints and freedom of information requests. The presentations are attached to these minutes.

Local Place Plan

Elizabeth Lambert presented the plan for producing a Helensburgh place plan. Dedicated web site will launch in October. There will be an extensive consultation with individuals and organisations, culminating in a public exhibition in early 2025.

Music in the Square

This fund is now being widely advertised and applications can be made via the HCC website. A grant of £300 to Helensburgh Enable for musical instruments was agreed. An application from the JLB centenary celebration has been received.

Reports

Treasurer: Circulated and approved. Planning: Circulated and approved

Police: Circulated. Questions to the secretary.

Secretary's Report

Last beach clean of year 28/09. Annual Remembrance event 10/10 Hermitage Park. HCC members needed for marshalling. Resilience and Emergency webinar attended – add to next month's agenda. Scottish Playpark grant has now gone to tender. Memorial to Norman Muir being planned. HCC contact details have been circulated.

Next Meeting: 7pm Civic Centre Annex 31/10