



Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting

31st October 2024 Civic Centre Annex 7pm

The meeting was chaired by Peter Brown.

Welcome

Present for HCC: Roger Clarke, Nigel Millar, Cameron Foy, Howard Green, Elizabeth Lambert, Peter Brown, Norman McNally, Simon Vella, David Sinclair, Polly Jones, Sarah Davies, Irina Agostinelli

Apologies: Paula McIntosh, Tariq Durrani Stewart Steel, Richard Trail, Joanna Pryce, Louise McCormack-Fisher, Stewart Noble

Public in Person: 20

Argyll and Bute Councillors: Paul Kennedy, Fiona Howard

Declaration of Interest

None

Waterfront Campaign

Polly Jones provided an update on the rally and petition. Digital petition stands at 4500 + paper: total nearing 5000. 400+ residents at rally with support from skateboard park. Need to decide how to present petition to A&B council. Please keep writing to councillors.

Proposal to submit petition (legal document) for judicial review of waterfront decision (circulated beforehand). Within 3 months of decision, therefore deadline 15th Nov, Estimated cost £5000 for petition stage – covered by crowdfunding. HCC now a member of SCVO, so can instruct an advocate directly. We are applying for pro bono advocate assistance and protection from liability. HCC unanimously approved the motion to proceed with the judicial review.

Complaint lodged with Public Service Ombudsman re Area Committee questions.

Agreed need for a legal vehicle for potential community transfer. Will be a SCIO with a board and at least 20 members. Underway.

Presentation from Friends of Duchess Woods

Luss Estates is selling Duchess Woods-15 acres of urban woodland. Presentation explained the history of the woods and the Friends organisation. Friends do not believe they have the expertise or resources to maintain the woods, which do not offer a significant source of revenue. Sale is to be finalised 13th November. HCC will continue to monitor.

Cycling UK

Kirsten Gibson introduced herself as local organiser. Her purpose is to promote active travel and provide community support. She has some access to funding. She can be contacted at: Kirsten.gibson@cyclinguk.org

Local Place Plan

The online LPP Survey is live at the Vision for Helensburgh website:

<https://www.visionforhelensburgh.org>

Residents, visitors, businesses and organisations are encouraged to respond. Final report needs to be submitted by June next year.

Christmas Lights

Vivien Dance presented work of Helensburgh Festive Lighting Charitable Trust. She thanked the community for its continued support. Switch on November 23. HCC agreed to write a letter of support.

Remembrance Service

This will take place Sunday 10th November in Hermitage Park. HCC are encouraged to help with stewarding.

Reports

Planning: Battery storage project was rejected by PPSL committee.

Treasurers report circulated. Bank signatories updated. Accounts will need to record waterfront legal crowdfunding as a separate revenue stream. Beach Clean: Grant from Supporting Communities fund will support 4 more skips.

Secretary's report. There is to be a joint meeting of local community councils 8th November prior to CPP 12th November. Memorial for Norman Muir: Peter and Sarah to pursue with Susan Muir. Music in the Square: Enable have received their £300 grant, and invite HCC to their session 7th Nov. Further applications are under consideration.

Police report circulated.

AOB

Helensburgh Community Pharmacy: Muaz Jamil and Daniel Frame reported that they had now moved to the community consultation phase, and hope for plenty of support. The facebook page Helensburgh Pharmacy is now live. Neil Walden raised need for Welcoming/warm spaces to be visible on A&B website. Will be further discussed at CPP.

Next Meeting

7pm Civic Centre Annex November 28th