



## Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting

### 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 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, David Sinclair, Polly Jones, Simon Vella, Sarah Davies, Tariq Durrani, Stewart Steel, Richard Trail, , Paula McIntosh, Stewart Noble

**Apologies:** Louise McCormack-Fisher, Irina Agostinelli, Joanna Pryce  
Cllrs Mark Irvine, Ian MacQuire

**Public in Person:** 15

**Argyll and Bute Councillors:** Paul Kennedy, Fiona Howard, Maurice Corry

#### Declaration of Interest

None

#### Reports

**Police:** written report circulated. Secretary to arrange in-person session

**Treasurer:** report circulated

**Planning:** Helensburgh Heritage Society have objected to the application by HMNB Clyde re Ardencaple Tower in respect of the dilapidated state of surrounding grounds. HCC agreed to write to the Navy regarding responsibility for this area.

**Secretary:** Highlighted several consultations (circulated) and asked HCC members to respond

- National and local Speed Limits
- A&B budget
- Broadband (R100)
- Visitor Levy (HCC business meeting 5/2 to discuss)

**Community Planning Partnership** 11/2

**Pre-meeting with local CCs** 4/2.

**Hugh O'Neill (A&B)** asked for HCC help with consultation on Scottish Play Park funding at Hermitage, Kirkmichael, Red Gauntlet and Kidston.

**Banking Hub:** As already announced, Helensburgh branch of BoS is to close in 2026. Cash Access UK has proposed to provide a banking hub.

Wendy Hamilton & Louise McCormack-Fisher have resigned from HCC, leaving 2 spaces for co-option. Our thanks for their service.

#### Waterfront

**Presentation by Peter Brown (attached).** Judge has given permission for the judicial review to go ahead. Preliminary hearing now moved to 3/28. HCC still seeking pro bono legal assistance.

**Damage to Leisure Centre in Storm Eowyn;** thanks to A&B staff and volunteers involved in prompt cleanup. Questions were asked about the insurance for the building and the timescale for repairs. A&B councillors told HCC of a contingency plan which would involve moving services from the Leisure Centre to the Library, and the library's services to the Hermitage Park Pavilion. Questions were asked about the plan for other services provided by the library and park pavilion, and the need for appropriate consultation with all involved.

## Local Place Plan

Online Survey will close 2/2. Focus Groups and drop-in sessions are being planned to facilitate in depth discussion with the community.

## Music in the Square

A grant of £500 was agreed to the Military Wives Choir. Other organisations are encouraged to apply as the deadline is approaching. Tariq suggested funding for a future Helensburgh's Got Talent event with Hermitage Academy and the Rotary.

## AOB

Tariq reported that the Taillin delegation had expressed their concern about the storm damage, and suggested that a discussion about a Helensburgh delegation should be scheduled. Polly raised the idea of a discussion about future agenda items.

## Next Meeting

7pm Civic Centre Annex 27<sup>th</sup> February