



Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting - 24 April 2025 - Civic Centre Annex 7pm
The meeting was chaired by Convenor, Peter Brown
Welcome
Present for HCC: Nigel Millar, Cameron Foy, Howard Green, Peter Brown, Norman McNally, Sarah Davies, Polly Jones, Richard Trail, Stewart Noble, Joanna Pryce, Paula McIntosh, Rodger Clarke, Tariq Durrani.
Apologies: Irina Agostinelli, David Sinclair, Simon Vella, Elizabeth Lambert, Stewart Steel. Cllr Ian MacQuire, Cllr Maurice Corry
Public in person:15
Argyll and Bute Councillors: Paul Kennedy, Fiona Howard.
Minutes of Last Meeting
Approved.
Police Report
Report not received from police this month.
Introductions
Convenor April update – There is a proposal to review and make amendments to the establishment of community councils in Argyll and Bute by the community council elections 2026 (as covered in presentation). Cllr Moreland's report on the leisure centre is aiming to be available end of May. A massive thank you from the community council extended to Sarah and Howard who are leaving for pastures new. They have made a huge impact in Helensburgh with their participation of many voluntary groups within the community.
Questions from public
What is the HCC doing to attract young people to the community council? Public informed that there have been various public meetings regarding what can be provided for young people and have access to The Scottish Young Parliament which provides a national platform for young people to discuss issues important to them and the place they live in. Regarding the leisure centre, are the council consulting solicitors as well as insurers? Cllr. Fiona Howard informed that there will be a meeting next week and the community will be kept informed.
Hill House Renovation update
Lottery money bid was accepted, and the project hopes to be completed by 2028 with the box being removed and the gardens put back. Another update due in June.
Local Place Plan update
Presentation from Norman Burton. Following on from the LPP events, results and comments have been collated and documented. The HCC are invited to approve the plan 15 May, the plan to be issued to A&B councillors by 25 May and submitted to the A&B council by 30 June.
Future Agenda and Roadmap update
Postponed.
Coastal Change Adaptation Consultation
The plan sets out actions that the Scottish government will take to respond and adapt to the impact of climate change in the area such as rising sea levels and properties at risk. This plan will set out actions from 2024-2029.
Reports
Waterfront campaign: This is ongoing and will be updated when there are any changes. Secretary: Beach Clean 26 April 10-11.30am. Bank hub drop in took place, informed that they are looking for premises. Still looking for a replacement for Sarah Davies as HCC CPP representative. Treasurer: Report circulated by Cameron Music in the Square: Tariq circulated outstanding requests, all applications have been accepted and approved. Planning: Planning report circulated by Nigel
Any Other Business

Concern over Post Office Queues, will find out if the Post Office or Morrisons are to be contacted regarding staffing levels.

A reminder of 'Don't mow your lawns in May' from Plastic Free Helensburgh

Date of Next Meeting (AGM)

Thursday 29 May will be the AGM.