



<b>Minutes of HCC Annual General Meeting 29 May 2025 - Civic Centre Annex 7pm</b>
The meeting was chaired by Convenor, Peter Brown
<b>Welcome</b>
Present for HCC: Cameron Foy, Peter Brown, Norman McNally, Polly Jones, Richard Trail, Stewart Noble, Joanna Pryce, Paula McIntosh, Roger Clarke, Irina Agostinelli, David Sinclair, Stewart Steele, Elizabeth Lambert. Argyll and Bute Councillors Present: Paul Kennedy, Fiona Howard, Math Campbell-Sturgess.
Apologies: Nigel Millar, Tariq Durrani. Cllr Ian MacQuire, Cllr Maurice Corry
Public in person:16
<b>Declaration of Interest and Minutes of Last AGM Meeting</b>
None. Minutes Approved.
<b>Annual Report</b>
Report was presented to the meeting. Previously circulated and posted on the website. A comprehensive summary of HCCs activities 2024/25.
<b>Finance Report</b>
2024/25 accounts had been presented by the outgoing treasurer at the April meeting and approved by the HCC, have examined accountant Michael Paterson and submitted to Argyll and Bute Council. Examined accounts approved at HCC AGM on 29 May 2025. HCC wish to thank outgoing treasurer Howard Green and independent examiner Michael Paterson. May financial report also circulated to members.
<b>Election of Officers</b>
The following Officers were proposed, seconded and agreed by the meeting <b>Convenor</b> - Peter Brown (Proposed by Stewart Noble, seconded by Polly Jones) <b>Secretary</b> - Joanna Pryce and Elizabeth Lambert (Proposed by Peter Brown, seconded by Polly Jones) <b>Treasurer</b> - Cameron Foy (Proposed by Peter Brown, seconded by Polly Jones) <b>Co-convenors</b> - Polly Jones and Norman McNally (Proposed by Stewart Noble, seconded by Cameron Foy)
<b>Committees</b>
The following committees were agreed: (all HCC members are entitled to attend) <b>Town Centre Improvement:</b> Cameron Foy, Norman McNally, Roger Clarke, David Sinclair, Irina Agostinelli, Paula McIntosh. <b>Town Planning Improvement:</b> Elizabeth Lambert, Stewart Steele, Cameron Foy, Joanna Pryce. <b>Community Planning Partnership Representative:</b> Elizabeth Lambert, Joanna Pryce. <b>Campaigns:</b> Polly Jones. <b>Planning:</b> Nigel Millar, Roger Clarke, Richard Trail, Stewart Noble, Norman McNally, Tariq Durrani. <b>Waterfront:</b> Peter Brown, Norman McNally, Cameron Foy, Polly Jones. <b>Website:</b> Stuart Steele. <b>Local Place Plan:</b> Elizabeth Lambert, Nigel Millar, Norman McNally <b>The Music in the Square</b> committee has allocated all funding and is therefore no longer required. HCC with to thank all involved with the committee for their hard work over the recent years.
<b>HCC May Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Police report</b> – agreed to send every 3 months. HCC will communicate with new police contact, Kierran Cameron. <b>Leisure centre and swimming pool</b> - Communication from Douglas Hendry who is prepared to look at a discussion to provide information to HCC on matters regarding Leisure centre. Live Argyll are expected to release a public statement 30 <sup>th</sup> May regarding what is happening with fixing the leisure centre. Helensburgh swim club representatives discussed the impact on finding alternative swimming venues for clubs. Suggested a public meeting with A&B council and Live Argyll to include the swim club and diving club to request regular updates. <b>Waterfront campaign</b> - Discussion presented by Peter regarding the progression of the campaign. Plans for another crowd fund for legal fees proposed. <b>Local place plan</b> – Plan due to HCC for approval end of June or early July.

**Secretary Report**– Upcoming dates for June circulated.

**Treasurer Report** – Circulated to members,

**Planning Report**– Circulated to members.

**Questions from public** - None

**Any Other Business**

Stewart Noble parliamentary petition reply approved.

Community Council Scheme Review deadline 22 June, the forms for co-op candidates were made available at the meeting.

Pharmacy updated that they are looking for accurate report of current pharmacy services in the community, HCC asked to write letter detailing lack of service to health board and letter of support for application.

Town signs - plans to have 'twinned with' by August.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 26 June 2025