



## Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting – 26 June 2025 - Civic Centre Annex 7pm

The meeting was chaired by Treasurer Cameron Foy.

### Welcome

Present for HCC: Nigel Millar, Cameron Foy, Richard Trail, Stewart Noble, Joanna Pryce, Tariq Durrani, Elizabeth Lambert.

Present Argyll and Bute Councillors: Fiona Howard.

Apologies: Irina Agostinelli, Peter Brown, Polly Jones, Norman McNally, Paula McIntosh, Stewart Steel, Roger Clarke

Public in person:19

### Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved with amendment for Norman McNally to be removed from Planning Group list.

### Police Report

Report received and circulated.

### Introductions

Convener June update – Congratulates to HCC member Elizabeth Lambert for her award of Volunteer of the Year.

### Questions from public

Concerns over the signage of the new vape shop not being suitable for the conservation area. Ask for update on the waterfront space – this is ongoing. Meetings with council officials refused.

### Hermitage Primary PAL

Presentation by PAL (Parents for Active Learning) regarding the land ownership next to Hermitage Primary School. PAL are asking for support to stop the derelict land being turned into social and emergency housing, siting safety concerns and instead should be used to create a sports pitch which the school does not have. PAL shared their vision of what they want to see done with the land.

### Reports

**Waterfront campaign** – Stop the supermarket campaign to save our waterfront fundraiser for court case is open and asking for donations. Judicial review will be heard 4 July 2025 at the Court of Sessions in Edinburgh. Legal reps are working on updated notes of argument and have received the corresponding notes of argument from the respondent's side.

**Secretary** – Support for pharmacy has been submitted, their hearing with the Health Board Panel will be on 6 August 2025. This will be attended by Cameron Foy and Elizabeth Lambert on behalf of the HCC.

**Treasurer** – Report circulated and approved.

**Planning** – Report circulated.

**Local Place Plan** – Next meeting 29 July 2025.

**Helensburgh Got Talent 2025** – Successful evening. Special thanks to the organisers Pamela Frew – head of drama, Elizabeth Lambert for her support and running the tuck shop, Nigel Millar for organising and comparing, Richard Trail for presenting the prizes on behalf of the Rotary Club.

### Any Other Business

Beach cleans at East Bay and the pier were well supported.

Thanks to the Colquhoun Pipe Band for playing in Colquhoun square every Wednesday evening in June, attracting large crowds.

Bus and coach parking – A&B Council and Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee agreed to look at the parking provision on the waterfront and appointed Cllr. Fiona Howard to lead. Please email Cllr Howard at [Fiona.Howard@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.Howard@argyll-bute.gov.uk) if you wish to comment on the provision of bus and coach parking in Helensburgh.

Twinning signage – We were approached by the Thouars Twinning group to see what could be done to reinstate the twinning on the town signs, The cost of an additional sign below the current one is too expensive so the option of vinyl lettering has been proposed as a temporary solution. Leisure centre update – contractors appointed to completely replace the roof and fix internal damage by March. No mention of swimming facilities and the swimming clubs have had no response from A&B Council.

The Planning group would welcome more help with reviewing planning requests, and this invitation is extended to members of the community with relevant experience.

The Town Improvement group are looking for assistance in transporting equipment for the beach cleans. We also need more assistance with the shrub bed work on Colquhoun Square on the first Saturday of the month March to September 10am.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 31 July 2025