



<b>Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting – 28 August 2025 - Civic Centre Annex 7pm</b>
The meeting was chaired by Co-Convener Norman McNally and Convener Peter Brown
<b>Welcome</b>
Present for HCC: Peter Brown, Nigel Millar, Cameron Foy, Richard Trail, Stewart Noble, Joanna Pryce, Tariq Durrani, Norman McNally, Paula McIntosh, Stewart Steel, Roger Clarke. Present Argyll and Bute Councillors: Paul Kennedy.
Apologies: Irina Agostinelli, Elizabeth Lambert, Polly Jones, David Sinclair.
Public in person: 13
<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>
Discussed and approved.
<b>Police Report</b>
In person report presented and discussed. 10 new CCTV cameras being installed in various anti-social hotspots around the town.
<b>Helensburgh Fire Station</b>
Presentation regarding the downgrade of the fire station. Discussed were cuts to the service including 23 changes to staffing levels across Scotland. Helensburgh station proposed working hours being Monday to Friday 8am-6pm resulting in increasing response times, increased risk to public and firefighters. Also discussed was the risk to safety and new technologies i.e. electric cars and lithium battery. Lack of funding. New housing developments, wider risks or climate change and flooding, tourist population and road traffic. The consultation runs to 16th September. HFS asks that people take part in the online consultation <a href="https://www.savesf.com">savesf.com</a> , Jackie Baillie's constituency petition form <a href="https://www.jotform.com">jotform.com</a> , HFS's <a href="https://www.change.org">change.org</a> petition. HCC proposed and supported a motion opposing the changes.
<b>Introductions and Questions from the public</b>
HCC and A&B Councillors introduced.  Questions from the public: Pier out of action and toilets still not working and more autonomy for towns like Helensburgh from A&B council. Bins regularly overflowing at Kidston point. Encouraged to lodge request with the council on their website. Post on Scotland's Scenery Facebook page praising the recycling centre. Asked why the scaffolding at the leisure centre is not up as promised. The scaffolding will be expected in the next 2 weeks. Public concern on the need to keep track of the action points and A&B council and Lomond Area Committee and concern over health and safety regarding the playground of Hermitage primary despite being a 'flagship' school.
<b>Pharmacy update</b>
Pharmacy application has been pushed back again, HCC members, Cameron and Elizabeth will attend the online hearing on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September.
<b>Reports</b>
<b>Waterfront campaign</b> – Recap of what is happening regards of the judicial review. <b>Secretary</b> – Dates for community diary discussed. <b>Treasurer</b> - Report circulated and approved. <b>Planning</b> – Discussion of the RBOS building and property above – proposed café/restaurant and flats above. <b>Local Place Plan</b> – Recap and update presented. LPP representatives wish to thank all the public who took part in the consultation. The draft report almost complete and issued to HCC on

11 Aug which was approved by HCC. Issuing draft is set for 15 Sept to A&B council, surrounding community councils and National Park who will then have 28 days to make representation. This has to be completed by 13 Oct after which it will be submitted. Information can be found at [VisionforHelensburgh.org](http://VisionforHelensburgh.org).

#### Any Other Business

Dates for diary:

Sat 30 August Helensburgh beach clean 10am

Sat 6 September Colquhoun shrub beds 10am

Sat 20 September East Bay beach clean 10am

Baird TV centenary – 20 September is the launch date of JLB TV centenary, more information available from [fionabakerrhu@gmail.com](mailto:fionabakerrhu@gmail.com). Also 24 September, Steward Noble will give a talk on the life of John Logie Baird to the Helensburgh Heritage Trust at 7pm in the Civic Centre marriage suite. Non-members are welcome.

JLB innovation Hub - Nigel and Tariq will look into why the uptake is low.

#### Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 25 September 2025 at 7pm, Civic Centre.