



Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting – 25 September 2025 - Civic Centre Annex 7pm

The meeting was chaired by Convener Peter Brown

In attendance

Present for HCC: Peter Brown, Nigel Millar, Cameron Foy, Richard Trail, Stewart Noble, Joanna Pryce, Tariq Durrani, Norman McNally, Stewart Steel, Roger Clarke. Polly Jones, David Sinclair, Elizabeth Lambert, Irina Agostinelli.

Present Argyll and Bute Councillors: Paul Kennedy, Fiona Howard.

Apologies: Norman McNally, Paula McIntosh.

Public in person: 9

Minutes of Last Meeting

Discussed and approved.

Police Report

Report received and discussed.

Introductions and Questions from the public

HCC and A&B Councillors introduced.

Questions from the public:

Pier toilets are now open but question the opening time of 8-4pm. They should be open later in the summer.

Question for the A&B councillor's present – do Live Argyle have business interruption insurance for employees who have had been made redundant due to the leisure centre disruption? If so what is covered by the insurance?

With the new pharmacy not been approved, will the CC appeal this decision? The CC states they do not have the right to appeal on their behalf, but the pharmacy says they will continue their dedication and appeal the decision, and the CC will continue with support. Individuals are encouraged to make their views known to NHS Highland. If they have problems at local pharmacies make sure to follow the official complaints procedure so it is noted.

Reports

Waterfront campaign; No update at the moment.

Leisure Centre - Update on A&B website – scaffolding to be fully erected by October.

Secretary - Items responded to from website contact us

Complaint about Parking near Upper Station.

Complaint about speeding in Craigendoran.

Current Consultations

How health and social care functions and services are delegated across Argyll and Bute.

Closes 19th October

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-community/community-planning/consultations/consultation/review-argyll-and-bute-integration>

Amended Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils

Submit any formal response to communitycouncils@argyll-bute.gov.uk no later than Midnight on Sunday 19th October 2025.

Town Improvement Report - Play park equipment is out for tender

Ongoing Issues:

Kirkmichael Portacabin - The survey before demolition has been done, and no asbestos has been found. Now waiting on the council to confirm that the electrics are no longer live.

Then it's a case of who will remove the portacabin, how much it will cost and who is paying for it?

Parking for Buses - Ongoing

Benches in Colquhoun Square - Wood on order for repairs

Treasurer - Report circulated and approved.

Planning - Report and applications discussed. Note on the Hill House ready to make internal improvements and the cage is expected to be removed 2028.

Local Place Plan - Recap and update presented. LPP representatives wish to thank Tristan for his reporting of the plan in the Helensburgh Advertiser and Stewart Steele for his help on the website.

The place plan is available online www.visionforhelensburgh.org and at Destination Helensburgh, Helensburgh Parish Church, Helensburgh Community Hub, Helensburgh Library, Helensburgh Civic Centre and Grey Matters. Response deadline is 17 October. Members will be at Helensburgh market on Saturday 11th October 2025 to answer questions.

Any Other Business

Beach clean Sat 27 September at 10am.

Local groups and individuals are being offered the chance to work with an appointed artist to design and create a new artwork for the Outdoor Museum in Colquhoun Square.

<https://www.theoutdoormuseum.co.uk/community-competition/>

The deadline for submission is 10th November 2025

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 30 October 2025 at 7pm, Civic Centre.