



## Minutes of HCC Monthly Meeting – 30 April 2026 - Civic Centre Annex 7pm

The meeting was chaired by Peter Brown.

### Welcome

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

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

Apologies: Irina Agostinelli, Stewart Noble, Stewart Steel, Cllr Maurice Corry.

Public in person: 9

### Declaration of interest/Minutes of Last Meeting

None/Approved

### Introductions/Questions from the Public

Convenor – Expressed thanks to all involved with the success of JLB100TV, special thanks to Fiona Baker and HCC members Elizabeth Lambert, Cameron Foy, Norman McNally, Richard Trail and Stewart Noble for their work with events.

Community Council elections will take place later this year and encouraged the public to apply to join HCC.

Also discussed was LDP 3 with a breakdown of the survey questions and information including town centres and retail, historic assets and places, transport, aquaculture relevant to Helensburgh. Response by Peter to be submitted was approved by HCC.

Questions from Public – With the success of the JLB exhibition, should we have a permanent one? Public told this is being discussed.

### Resilience

**Resilience** – Presented by Norman McNally. Discussed was the resilience plan outline including risks, three tier classification system (concentrating on tier 1 and 2), proposed role of HCC, community representation, local leadership, link to authorities, communication and public information and supporting community preparedness. Next steps - finding centres of assistance, proposed public events and spreading information to the community on where to go when required.

### Report on LPP

Local Place Plan update – Plan was submitted in Jan 2006 to Argyll and Bute Council planning department; work will be done on the validation process this week (21 April) and will liaise with the HCC should they require anything else. When it's validated then it will be registered. Also discussed was a clear exit strategy. A funding roadshow including external funders will take place at Helensburgh Civic Centre 4 June (more information to come later). LPP representative asks for HCC attendance. There will be an LPP event Sat 21 Nov, this will be a celebratory event for all successful LPPs in Arrochar's 3 village hall. HCC asked to help design event, will update at a later date.

### Reports

**Police** – Report sent and discussed. Report highlights road safety, CCTV upgrades, agriculture related theft and the new community Officer, PC Jack Deans.

**Leisure Centre/Waterfront** – Discussed was the leisure centre roof update - phase 3 on the roof remains on track with 75% of first fix work complete, with phase 4 scheduled to start mid-May. After phase 4, 5 and 6 is complete the entire second fix is to be done. Internal work still

being reviewed. Further information regarding this can be found on the Argyll and Bute Council website. No Update on Waterfront campaign at the moment.

**Secretary** – Report circulated. Items discussed: play parks refurbishments, issue of dangers from protruding metal from a fence left on the waterfront by Scottish Water after work, and a complaint of no cleaning of a bus stop East Princes Street for three years still not resolved.

Dates for diary:

Community Planning Partnership Meeting Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May 10am Civic Centre.

Beach Clean 23<sup>rd</sup> May Helensburgh Pier 10am

Shrub Beds Colquhoun Square 6<sup>th</sup> June 10am

Helensburgh and Lomond Area meeting Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June 9:30am Civic Centre

**Treasurer** – Report circulated and agreed, this includes a payment of £242.75 made on 31st March 2026 to Helensburgh Clan Colquhoun Pipe Band as agreed at the March meeting which closes the Loves Local Fund and the Music in the Square initiative. Payment of £47 to the Information Commissioner's Office for data protection fee and approval requested to reimburse Peter Brown £24.35 for recorded delivery postage in relation to the Waterfront Campaign (receipts have been provided).

**Planning** – Report circulated. West Abercromby Street new dwelling inside property boundary agreed in principle. Proposed hotel in Sinclair Street called the town house has been passed by council. Public meetings at the Golf Club 14 May and 15 June 3-7pm regarding potential building of 100 houses. Also discussed was the use of place standard tool.

#### Any Other Business

Banking hub leaflet circulated.

Pharmacy's new application rejected.

From public - Why Helensburgh was not considered for Town of Culture by the Council? And asked how much money was allocated from recent budget to offices to deal with the current town maintenance now, compared to money spent on consultants planning for the future?

Response from HCC both is needed.

From public - Trees have been removed from walking paths forest track to Cardross. Response In tree Forestry areas this will happen, in time it will be replanted.

From public – Regarding the exhibition and live music in town square, should be something like that during summer? Reply - Colquhoun pipe band will be back in June.

Twinning association - HCC member Cameron Foy has been elected to represent HCC as a committee member.

#### Date of Next Meeting 30

28 May 2026 AGM Civic Centre 7pm