



Minutes of HCC Annual General Meeting 28 May 2026 - Civic Centre Annex 7pm

The meeting was chaired by Convenor, Peter Brown.

Welcome

Present for HCC: Cameron Foy, Peter Brown, Polly Jones, Richard Trail, Stewart Noble, Joanna Pryce, Paula McIntosh, Roger Clarke, David Sinclair, Elizabeth Lambert, Nigel Millar.
Argyll and Bute Councillors Present: Fiona Howard, Math Campbell-Sturgess.

Apologies: Norman McNally, Tariq Durrani, Irina Agostinelli, Stewart Steel.
Cllr Ian MacQuire, Cllr Maurice Corry, Cllr Paul Kennedy

Public in person:8

Declaration of Interest/Minutes of Last AGM Meeting

None/Approved.

Annual Report

Report was presented to the meeting. Previously circulated and posted on the website. A comprehensive summary of HCCs activities 2025/26, with thanks to committees and people involved.

Finance Report

2025/26 accounts presented, examined, with thanks to accountant Michael Paterson, approved, and submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Election of Officers

The following Officers were proposed, seconded and agreed by HCC.

Convenor - Peter Brown (Proposed by Polly Jones, seconded by Cameron Foy)

Secretary - Joanna Pryce and Elizabeth Lambert (Proposed by Peter Brown, seconded by Polly Jones)

Treasurer - Cameron Foy (Proposed by Peter Brown, seconded by Stewart Noble)

Co-convenors - Polly Jones and Norman McNally (Proposed by Peter, seconded by Nigel Millar).

Thank you to Councillor Fiona Howard.

Committees

The following committees were agreed: (all HCC members are entitled to attend)

Town Centre Improvement: Elizabeth Lambert, Cameron Foy, Norman McNally, David Sinclair, Irina Agostinelli, Paula Mcintosh.

Community Planning Partnership Representative: Elizabeth Lambert, Joanna Pryce.

Planning: Nigel Millar, Richard Trail, Roger Clarke, Stewart Noble

Waterfront: Peter Brown, Norman McNally, Cameron Foy, Polly Jones.

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JLB Centre

Proposal for a JLB Centre presented by Stewart Noble. Shared was a DVD presentation from 1992 proposing the setting up of a centre/museum of the life of John Logie Baird as a tourist attraction in Helensburgh, which was initially turned down by Dumbartonshire council. Discussion on relevance for revamping the plan and if so, how this can go forward.

Funding Connections Event

Presentation by Norman Burton - Funder fair is scheduled for Wednesday 24 June 12-4pm, with many potential many funders having signed up where proposers approach funders to start conversation for first contact.

Reports

Convenor –

Stewart Steel has submitted his resignation from HCC he is willing to assist with the website, surveys and consultations as required. Thanks were expressed for everything he has done for HCC especially the Website and his help with the Local Place Plan surveys.

Community Council elections open 5 June – close June 25. The following members have expressed that they are not intending to stand again: Roger Clarke, Richard Trail and Stewart Noble. Thanks for the service that they have given the HCC their knowledge and insights will be missed.

LDP3 surveys responses have been submitted on behalf of the HCC.

Police report - Circulated and discussed.

Leisure centre and swimming pool - No update on the A&B Council website this month.

Swimming club will be applying for funding to continue training, it would help them in planning to know if the expected reopening will be in the Autumn, Winter or Spring.

Local place plan - Plan is awaiting validation by ABC.

Secretary Report – Report circulated to members. Discussed was; The Waterfront Esplanade has been left in a poor state following repairs to burst sewage pipes this year and last – two corners near HB monument and Sea Loch Trail need replanted, but the broken fencing has finally been removed. In future we need to be more vigilant to how things have been left after works and seek rectification sooner.

The restoration of the stepping stone path along the waterfront grassed area is almost complete.

Dates For Diary;

Shrub Beds Colquhoun Square 6th June 10am.

Beach Clean 20th June East Bay 10am

Council Local Area Meeting Tues 9th June 10am Civic Centre.

Treasurer Report - Circulated to members and agreed.

Planning Report – Housing development consultation event at Helensburgh Golf Course was moderately well attended, discussed traffic access to new estate and concerns over drainage.

Questions about how it fits with HSDF and LLP. Second consultation 18 June 3-7pm at the Golf Club.

Questions from the Public

None.

Any Other Business

Nigel asked that HCC give recognition to residents who have gone extra mile monthly. It was agreed that rather than recognise one person monthly we continue to celebrate achievement when it is appropriate for particularly noteworthy achievements.

Richard raised motion to raise the secretary honorarium to £50, split between joint secretaries, noting that both secretaries, Elizabeth Lambert and Joanna Pryce abstained from voting. Motion was passed by HCC unanimously and to continue the tradition.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 25 June 2026 – Civic Centre Annex 7pm