



MINUTES OF HCC ZOOM MEETING 25.03.21	ACTION	STATUS
<p>1.PRESENT: Norman Muir, Peter Brown, Roger Ferdinand, Tariq Durrani, Nigel Millar, Norman McNally, Roger Clarke, Sarah Davies, Stewart Noble, Stephen Clayton , David Sinclair, John Tacchi, Irina Agostinelli, ,David Allen.</p> <p>Public: Cllr Lorna Douglas, Christine Woods, Craig Borland</p> <p>APOLOGIES: None</p> <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None</p> <p>MINUTES: Stewart Noble proposed that Minutes for the meeting held 25.02.21 were accepted - agreed.</p>		DONE
<p>2. TREASURERS REPORT Report circulated 22.03.21. Payment of secretaries emolument of £40 only change from previous. A&B Grant, prevents HCC from using grant funds to donate to charities, can only use funds generated by HCC. SN has researched the use of a lottery and will circulate a power point presentation he has sourced and suggests a follow up Zoom meeting be held.</p>	SN	DONE
<p>3 TV CENTENARY SN reported that Douglas Brown of Strathclyde University is interested in helping as is Brian Keating. Ian Baird is preparing a list of potential exhibits. SN to contact Vid Dance to invite Chamber to become involved. Also to contact Strathclyde Uni. Provisional date is summer of 2026. TD to involve schools. SN to contact Lomond School re availability of halls. NMcN suggests we contact STV / BBC to become involved. NMillar suggested we should contact GSA.</p>	SN TD	

<p>4. PLANNING - Nigel Millar Golf Club Development.</p> <p>NM Taylor Wimpey has held 3 consultations plus a zoom presentation to HCC in the past few weeks. Date of next public exhibition TBA. Access continues to be a big issue with an additional 600 cars plus service vehicles forecast. Pinch points have been identified at Sinclair Street and East Montrose and East Abercromby View lines for new houses are important. Carbon zero is not affordable , as of 2024/5 no gas boilers allowed and TW are awaiting new regulations to be introduced later this year. Practicality of ground heat pumps being investigated . NMcN suggested high efficiency air pumps be considered for the clubhouse. Water run off , drainage and sewage are other issues still to be addressed. SN Mentioned tree cover, that some homes will be overlooked and drainage for Machrie Drive NMillar A&DH are waiting for the planning application scheduled for June to come in before suggesting any amendments. A&DH due to have a meeting but need details. Capacity of public services , health / education require a more detailed assessment. JT TW will probably wait to see what A&B have to say plus the impact on services of the Persimmon and Bellway developments will need to be taken into account. LD Commented that Hermitage was a large school, does it have capacity? have they done a study? has it been talked about?</p> <p>NM HCC need to make more pointed questions of TW and A&B.</p>	<p>N.Millar</p>	
<p>5. CYCLEPATH</p> <p>NM HCC web survey conducted by Stewart Steele showed overwhelming support for the cyclepath. Will share survey with Colin Young NMcN Asked that we also share the survey with councillors. JT Suggested that the survey also be run on Helensburgh Community Opinion that has 5000 followers. PB Commented that 100 responses from 1000 was a good result. CIlr LD Advised that update from meeting held 25.03.21 CY that he is looking for funds from Transport Scotland Funded Places to identify demand. Contract has been awarded to WSPUK to develop design stage for Phases 1 and 2 : Colgrain to Helensburgh and Helensburgh to Cardross . Community engagement begins in April , date TBC.</p>		

6: TOWN BUSINESS

DRINKING FOUNTAIN

SD has contacted Grab Trust and learnt we will need planning permission and get Scottish Water to maintain.

To contact someone involved in the Oban drinking fountain to get more detail.

Grab Trust are looking to establish a list of shops where water bottles can be filled.

SD

PIER / WATERFRONT

Start of John Muir Way to be relocated to Heron Site.

Have to be aware of what will happen when old swimming pool is demolished:

Will we be left with an expanse of Grade 1 from old pool site to West Clyde Street?

Need to establish whether the site is used for retail or leisure.

NMCN Need to get community feedback on Vision for Waterfront by late autumn. Establish what we can do with seafront from Kidston to Craigendoran.

NMillar A&DH working with Vision to form strategy.

NMillar

SN Need to be seen to support Fiona Baker's application to Heritage Fund.

NM To contact Fiona Baker.

NM

FLOWER BEDS

NM Would be a retrograde step to remove support from HCC

SN Mares Tails - advise we remove as soon as they appear and nip out below surface.

RC If you lift membrane you can see how many shoots there are already. Is answer to remove contaminated soil or grass it over? Recommend we use balance of grant money on other three beds rather than spend it on eradicating the weed.

SN Surely this should have been part of the snagging when Chord was completed. Contractor should be liable for cost of eradication.

IA How deep do we need to dig down?

Ans. 1.8 metres

Do other councils get support from A&B?

JT ansr NO - A&B maintain a commonality of service.

NMillar A&B has a duty to share responsibility for the square - they can't afford not to do so.

NM Do we continue to maintain the shrubs beds

ANSR; YES.

JT We can have up to 15 people in square to work on beds.

TOWN BUSINESS Cont/..

ENTRY SIGNS

Heron Bros have offered to inspect the signs to assess what is best solution.

RF Has obtained an estimate of £3,200 to affix new signs to existing poles from Admin Design & Print.

He explained that an additional sign detailing the town twinning will be placed below the new signs

NMcN Asked if we are renewing or replacing?

Ansr The intention is to replace.

IA Public were surprised at the proposal as they had not been consulted.

VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

How many and where?

NM / NMcN To get more information.

SD Noted that all the homes in the Taylor Woodrow development would have charging points.

NM On the case - more information for next meeting.

RC Advised that A&B will start charging for the existing charging points from 9th April.

TD Commented that Bristol are experimenting the feasibility of using street lights as charging points.

7: CONSERVATION AREA

The announcement that Helensburgh has been granted £1.24m by HES under its CARS Scheme to be spent on the new Helensburgh Town Centre Conservation Area created a lot of discussion. The main issues were:

> The properties were not identified

> A&B must know which properties are involved in order to estimate the cost.

> Was it right for owners who had allowed their property to decline to benefit from the grant?

RF Pointed out that at the meeting attended by HCC in Nov 2019 it was explained that the properties would not be identified until the grant had been awarded.

NM A&B are to appoint a project officer who hopefully will be able to answer these issues.

8: AOB

SN Advised that the HCC response to Community Empowerment sent to Pippa Milne has been acknowledged.

NMillar What should the new Leisure Centre be called?

TRO for Duck Bay discussed but no action as it is outwith HCC area.

SN If A&B to charge for parking they should provide toilet facilities.

RC Cawley has acquired a corner site, is this for toilets.

Cllr LD Advised that the subject came up at area committee.

Rory McNeil will have 10 pairs of officers out every day to monitor sites. A flood risk assessment to be carried out at Duck Bay.

HCC will not comment as out of our area.

NMillar Re Mural - has been advised to contact Tom Murphy. Risk assessment needed. Helensburgh Art Club willing to help.

NEXT WEBINAR Thursday 1st April : How do we protect , fund and restore Scotland's remaining and fragmented 1% of ancient woodlands?

By Audrey Baird and Fiona Baker

PREPARED BY RF.

