

MINUTES OF HCC ZOOM MEETING 29.04.21	ACTION	STATUS
<p>1.PRESENT: Norman Muir, Roger Ferdinand, Tariq Durrani, Nigel Millar, Norman McNally, Roger Clarke, Sarah Davies, Stewart Noble, Stephen Clayton , David Sinclair, John Tacchi, Irina Agostinelli, ,David Allen. Rosie Sumsion</p> <p>Public:, Howard Green, D. Walker, Vivien Dance, Christine Woods,Ross Hanvige, Cllr Aileen Morton, Elizabeth Lambert</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Cllr Lorna Douglas, Peter Brown</p> <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None</p> <p>MINUTES: Stewart Noble proposed seconded by David Allen that Minutes for the meeting held 24.03.21 were accepted - agreed.</p>		DONE
<p>2. TREASURERS REPORT</p> <p>Report circulated 24.04.21 to be approved by end of May..</p> <p>12 month subscription to Zoom paid.</p> <p>NMCN ; asked if the hall charge for Armistice `day 2019 would be an ongoing charge.</p>	SN	
<p>3. 3.YOUTH PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Rosie Sumsion Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament for Helensburgh</p> <p>How can HCC engage the voice of young people ?</p> <p>HCC is legally obligated to provide youth engagement and to ensure that we are doing it right and are we doing it well or not so well?</p> <p>RS: The latter.</p> <p>RC: Are you referring to HCC?</p> <p>RS: YES</p> <p>MNCN: Vision for Helensburgh refers to opportunities for leisure and emrent for young people.</p> <p>SN: Suggested a short questionnaire for HCC to complete.</p> <p>RS: A discussion is needed, why do we want youth to be heard at HCC?</p> <p>SN: We lose touch when young people move on to Uni / employment. It is important for youth to be actively involved in planning matters that would affect their future.</p> <p>RC: HCC are perceived as old fogeys, this needs to change .</p> <p>NM: Suggested we defer the subject as to how we improve the involvement of youth to the next meeting.</p> <p>SD: Complimented Rosie on her T presentation on the effect of Covid on youth.</p> <p>Cont/...</p>		

<p>Youth Participation Cont/..</p> <p>TD: Suggested Rosie prepare a question for HCC, RS: Stated HCC never get past the stage of discussion and require a structure to move forward and take action. NM: Asked for concrete proposals for the May meeting.</p>		
<p>4. PLANNING - Nigel Millar</p> <p>NM : Little to report , few planning applications except tree felling and minor alterations. Revised proposal for Red Tower that was accepted in 2018. RC: Provisional planning for Iona Fields office / business park passed. NMcN: SEPA previously objected to planning for this site because it was on a flood plain, the objection was overruled by A&B. RC: They are not building on the Red Burn. D WALKER (public) : Asked if there is a laid down system for road at the Gold Club development. NM: Not aware of any variance specific to Helensburgh.</p>		
<p>5. BROADBAND IN HELENSBURGH Presented by Howard Green</p> <p>Howard has a long history of expertise in the telecommunications industry and following contact with NM volunteered to look at broadband provision in Helensburgh. His paper was distributed to members of HCC on 24.04.21. BT Open Reach are responsible for providing broadband infrastructure but are not very communicative. the exchange in Glasgow Street has been replaced by a smaller box adjacent to it. Broadband is still provided by copper wire and strength deteriorates more than 90m from the exchange or cabinets. BT will no longer work on copper wire that is being replaced by fibre optic but are not willing to install unless someone else pays for it. A superfast broadband voucher can be applied for to subsidise the cost but the applicant has to specify a supplier for the work which would need to be Open Reach. Scottish Govt have committed to provide broadband by end of 2021 and the vouchers are supposed to solve this. Who pays for internet development developers or the council? Ian McInnes is the contact at A&B. Pressure needs to be brought on Open Reach.</p> <p>CONT\...</p>		

BROADBAND Cont/...

NMcN: stated that not all the cabinets are connected to the exchange and asked if there is a map showing where they are.

HG: There are no plans to provide new cabinets.

IA: Asked if the Govt has stopped providing funds. Pointed out that broadband connections tend to fail at lunchtime and dinner time when people go online to order food.

HG; Advised that Helensburgh does not justify for hi-speed for commercial reasons.

SC; Stated that that alternatives and mobile phones were not adequate to make up shortage of capacity.

HG: Advise that capacity is all about the last 500m of the connection for 5G , who will lay the fibre and erect the masts.

NMillar: Do Taylor Wimpey have responsibility to provide broadband to the homes they are building?

HG: Doesn't know, access to 5G is down to the network providers.

SN: What can HCC and the Chamber of Commerce do?

HG: There is £1m grant available for residential telephony, need to make sure from A&B who is eligible and to exert pressure of Open Reach who are cherry picking.

IA: Is there an obligation to provide?

HG: There is a service obligation

NM; Thanked HG for his presentation and hosting the Q&A.

6. POLICE REPORT

NM; Will pass on the report , salient points are:

- > Speeding remains an issue
- > New CCTV is being installed in the town centre
- > Minor youth problems in Hermitage Park being addressed by increased Police presence.

7: BEACH CLEANS

SD: Enquired as to when they would start up.

NM: End of May - Sat 29th.

RF: Suggested that we set a series of dates in advance for beach cleans and shrub bed to get them into the events diaries of the HA and CA.

DA: The bins in the town are too small for purpose. This had previously been acknowledged by Gary Mulvaney who said they would be replaced - still waiting.

IA: Almost all the takeaways continue to use plastic containers and the paper wrapping is blown about. What can be done to persuade them to change? Can A&B put pressure on them?

8: AOB

John Muir Project

NMcN: Small group had met 27/4, concluded that the new site was not suitable, wheel located at the rear of the building.

Four other potential sites were suggested including the East Bay which was rejected.

In front of the swimming pool is not available.

Give the existing building more prominence by landscaping.

Argyll & Bute Lottery

SN: Had previously suggested we consider joining to provide HCC with funds to spend that were not restricted.

RF: Asked what would be the projected revenue.

SN: 20 participants are needed direct debt £1.00 per week to qualify contributing £1040 pa of which HCC would receive 50%, Organisers A&B TSI take 20%

20% to prize fund

10% to other causes

Prizes up to £25,000 (if all 6 numbers matched)

Ticket holders keep any prizes won.

SN; Proposed a vote to decide if HCC should participate, this was not supported.

NM; Suggested that a separate Zoom meeting be held to discuss. TD to arrange.

Hermitage Park Benches

IA: Has a collecting can to raise funds but is disturbed by the cost of benches:

£2500 per bench plus £800 for A&B to fix and £1000 for a personal dedication plaque

NEXT WEBINAR

Thursday 6 May 2021

LiveArgyll

By Andrew Nisbet, Chair of Live Argyll.

PREPARED BY RF.

