



MINUTES OF HCC ZOOM MONTHLY MEETING 26.08.21	ACTION	STATUS
<p>1. PRESENT FOR HCC: Norman Muir, Roger Ferdinand, Tariq Durrani, Nigel Millar, Roger Clarke, Sarah Davies, David Allan, John Tacchi, Stewart Steel, David Sinclair,</p> <p>PRESENT FOR A&B COUNCIL Cllr Richard Traill, Cllr Lorna Douglas</p> <p>PRESS / PUBLIC: Craig Borland, Vivien Dance,</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Provost Cllr David Kinniburgh Stewart Noble, Norman McNally, Peter Brown, Cllr Gemma Penfold, Irina Agnostelli, Rosie Sumsion.</p> <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None</p> <p>MINUTES: Accepted as an accurate record of the Monthly Meeting held 29.07.21. Proposed David Sinclair , seconded John Tacchi</p>		
<p>2. FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer Stewart Noble The Treasurer’s report was circulated 18.08.21.</p> <p>Points of note:</p> <p>Outgoings: £100 paid toward the purchase of Helensburgh Visitor Book</p> <p>Protected Funds: Balance of £600 remains of grant for Shrub Beds</p>		
<p>3. PLANNING UPDATE RC: Taylor Wimpey Golf Club: Waiting for application. Belway: Work progressing, all issues with road resolved. Iona Stables: Provisional Planning approved, awaiting application.</p> <p>NM: Have Taylor Wimpey put in application yet. CB: Understands TW formal application to be made by end of August 2021. Iona Stables application by end of 2021.</p>	RC	

4. HCC ROUNDUP

Planning Meeting;

SD circulated Norman Muir report of what HCC has achieved in the year. Cycleways - ongoing land owner issues.

Attendance **SD** noted lack of attendance by other Community Councils. Committee are looking for a new chair.

A&B are to create a Climate Change Committee, Angela Anderson to be the representative for Helensburgh.

Water safety issues were discussed as was the backlog of swimming lessons in Helensburgh.

The meeting was held on Microsoft Team which enabled attendees to see each other.

Next meeting 18th November.

Q. RC Are there any issues why other CC's do not attend?

A. They have not been meeting because of the pandemic.

HCC Future Meetings.

NM September meeting will be held face to face venue to be decided.

DA Bethesda Hall is available NM and RC have already visited.

Can use cafe or one of the three back rooms.

NM Following NM/TD meeting with Base Commander Drumfork is also available to HCC.

NM Suggested that we should consider moving the meeting around the venues in the town.

Shrub Beds

SD Has posted pictures of the shrub beds.

RC Noted that more people are becoming aware of what HCC are doing in the Square.

Rubbish

JT A&B have stated that advertising is not allowed on rubbish bins, however in Lomond Park there are bigger bins carrying advertising.

NM HCC still awaiting a meeting with A&B to discuss rubbish bins.

CIlr LD. Has raised the issue of rubbish and cleaning of the Square on a number of occasions. The cleaning machine was in Dunoon.

RF Pointed out the large bins provided by Macdonalds in Dumbarton carry their logo.

If Helensburgh business provide bins they should be able to carry the sponsor's logo / advertising.

Viv Dance for Chamber Commented that it is good to see Bethsheba open.

Loch Lomond has larger bins. The problem is not with visitors it is with A&B for not providing bins fit for purpose.

Voluntary groups as well as businesses should be able to sponsor bins

DA Reminded the meeting that at the outset of Chord A&B promised to replace the designer bins if they proved to be inadequate. Why have they not done so?

NM To send letter to Jim Smith to arrange meeting with interested parties. Matter to be left with NM until we have notes on corrective action.

JT Added that this has been an issue since he became a Councillor in 2003 and confirmed that it A&B had promised to replace the bins if they were inadequate.

7. CURRENT ISSUES

Nes

SD: Raised the issue of the continuing overflows of effluent into the Clyde.

RF: Pointed out that the overflows were not just into the Clyde but also backing up into the town sewage system. During the recent heavy rain the drains near his shop on West Princes Street overflowed putting sewage, toilet paper and wet pipes onto the pavement causing pedestrians to walk in the road and affecting business with malodour. A sludge gulper is needed to clean the drains.

RC Scottish Water's rule of the 3 P's : Pooh, Pee and Paper are clearly ignored with filters being clogged with waste including cotton buds, baby wipes, tampons etc being flushed into the system.

Cllr LD: Scottish Water are responsible and Health & Safety.

NM: We should invite Scottish Water to a meeting to explain the situation and explain what actions to be taken.

JT: Problems with reduced holding / catchment area.

Vivien Dance: East Bay Group monitor what is going into the Clyde and should have detailed figures eg cotton buds etc.
Viv to contact for details.

RC: Added that Hugh O'Neill should be aware of the situation re drain clearance and use of the UIS drain cleaning equipment.

NM To contact Scottish Water and Viv to get information from Gordon.

nb Sewage goes to Cardross for processing.

Meeting with Commander and Captain of Base

Met with above re role of the Navy in Helensburgh.

NM: Reported that the navy wants more participation in HCC and the Captain has underwritten to progress further involvement and possible co-option of representative to HCC.

Vivien Dance : Asked if they had a budget?

NM: Suggested that personnel eg the sports team could assist with HCC projects.

SUMMER IN THE SQUARE

HCC have a stall in the market area, RF preparing display material but volunteers needed to man the stall.

Vivien Dance: All is coming together, weather looks good and River Radio will be holding interviews on the day.

RC: Noted that tour buses have begun to visit the town again.

Next meeting 30.09.21 venue TBA

Prepared by RF

