



MINUTES OF HCC ZOOM MONTHLY MEETING 30.09.21	ACTION	STATUS
<p>1.PRESENT FOR HCC: Norman Muir, Peter Brown,Roger Ferdinand, Tariq Durrani, Nigel Millar, David Allan, John Tacchi, Stewart Steel, David Sinclair, Norman McNally, Maurice Corry</p> <p>PRESENT FOR A&B COUNCIL Provost Cllr David Kinniburgh , Cllr Lorna Douglas</p> <p>PRESS / PUBLIC: Ross Hanvidge, Vivien Dance, Christine Woods</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Roger Clarke, Stewart Noble, Sarah Davies, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None</p> <p>MINUTES: Accepted as an accurate record of the Monthly Meeting held 26.08.21. Proposed David Sinclair , seconded David Allan</p>		
<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKS Convener Norman Muir acknowledged the departure from the Council membership of Rosie Sumsion. NM proposed a vote of thanks for her valued contribution to HCC and best wishes for every success in Rosie's University studies. Passed unanimously.</p>		
<p>2. FINANCIAL REPORT Treasurer Stewart Noble offered his apologies. As there was no change from August report no update was circulated.</p>		
<p>3.PLANNING UPDATE Nigel Millar Nothing of great interest. West Montrose Street: following a dispute from a neighbour about a window in an adjoining new house Roger Clarke contacted those involved and resolved the issue. Planning permission for a small window already inserted must be made. Both parties thanked HCC for their involvement and assistance in resolving the issue. Taylor Wimpey Golf Club Development is still going through the validation process and ADH hope to have sight of the planning application by mid October.</p>	Nigel Millar	

4. VISION FOR HELENSBURGH

Norman McNally

The initiative is being resurrected following interruption by COVID. NMcN thanked new member of HCC Maurice Corry for his involvement in testing the information pre and post Covid.

Two immediate events are proposed:

> Single event presentation to co-contributor Helensburgh organisations by the end of October. NM is preparing a list of invitations for the event.

> Static exhibition to the public in Jan/Feb giving a broad overview of

What is Happening in Helensburgh to include:

- Update on the Leisure Centre Pool,

- Wooden pier

- Community Hubs

- Cycle Route to Garelochhead

- ADH Strategy

Maurice Corry promised to do what he can to bring his experience to the project.

Viv Dance raised two points:

1) How does the business community factor into the project?

2) Will the voluntary sector have input?

NMC confirmed that all sectors will be invited to the event at the end of October.

RF Enquired if there was any update on CARS given the report in the Advertiser about the involvement of a developer in the East Clyde Street dangerous properties may not attract CARS Funding.

NM Advised that they were awaiting the appointment of a manager for the project.

CiirLD Informed that an appointment had been made but did not have name to hand.

JT Commented that the council was still to make a decision with regard to whether or not the £64K cost of stabilising the property was to be written off.

Ciir LD Advised that the developer is to incur the cost of demolition and the subject of the £64K would be updated at the next Council Meeting in 3months time re timescale etc.

5. HCC ROUNDUP

Music in the Square

NMillar gave a brief report on response to HCC participation in the recent Summer in the Square Event.

Feedback was extremely positive and the main comment was to ask "When will it be done again".

NM thanked those HCC members involved in the organisation of the Music in the Square element of the event.

RF reminded the meeting that that this had been one part of the Summer in the Square event organised by SMS, the market organisers, and the Chamber of Commerce.

NM took the opportunity to announce that he and Tariq had made an application to the Scottish Loan Fund for a match funded grant of £18K and this has been signed off by Fergus Murray and that they intended to make contact with the Winter Festival to propose that Music in the Square be part of their event.

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HCC ROUNDUP cont/...

JT asked if TD and NM realised that their application could commit HCC to raising £9K in match funding, where would that come from and who had prior knowledge of the application that had resulted in Fiona Baker's application being blocked?

Future Face to Face Meetings

DA Advised that the Besheda cafe would be available for the next two HCC meetings if required.

TD asked if the larger room could be used but was advised by DA that this was used for services and larger meetings however the 3 smaller rooms could be combined.

Meeting venue TBC.

NM

Meeting with Tom Murphy 05.10.21 Pillar Halls

NM confirmed the above meeting involving representatives of Plastic Free Helensburgh and A&B to discuss Cleanliness of the town centre, placement design of bins, advertising procurement, water cleanliness, sewage, rats and AOB.

Christmas Lights

Viv Dance

Viv confirmed the Switch On will take place Sat 20th November with a platform stage, amusements and market stalls.

NM Said he was pleased to see the Square continuing to be put to good use.

Remembrance Sunday

NM Advised that with the co-operation of the Navy and the Parish Church plans were well advanced.

Whether or not Michael Curley's generous offer to cater for 100 of those involved will be dependent on Covid restriction rules in place at the time.

RF Advised that he was unaware of any progress re the revival of RBL that **RC** had taken the lead on.

6. TOWN ISSUES

Cyclepath

Both SN and SD raised the subject in their apologies for absence and suggested that HCC work more closely with Cardross HCC.

NMCN volunteered to be involved as it will be part of his VFH initiative.

JT Asked what is happening to the Helensburgh to Garelochhead route?

NMCN Advised that there is activity and A&B are assessing the route following complaints about over hanging bushes.

CIrLD Stated the completion of the route Dunbarton - Rosneath is important. Consultants Ice Cream Architects have been commissioned to prepare a report.

RF Asked why they had been appointed given their dismal past performance that cost £60k and who was responsible for awarding the contract?

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TOWN ISSUES Cont/...

CARS / East Clyde Street

Viv D. Despite the heavy investment of Home Hardware in developing the former Arnold Clark site the dangerous properties on East Clyde Street adjacent to their site remain a problem and there is no sense of urgency from A&B to resolve the issue.

NM Advised that the minutes on the A&B website should be referred to.

Viv D Stated that A&B should be able to progress given that CARS funding was in place.

CAMERAS

TD Stressed the importance of effective monitoring of the security camera was essential to deter vandalism in the town.

RF Understood that the cameras were not monitored in real time and were downloaded at a later time before being reviewed after any event had taken place.

He suggested that A&B / Police should subsidise businesses to install outward facing cameras that they could monitor on a more frequent basis.

VivD Said that the cameras were used during the Christmas period to monitor any vandalism to the tree and crib.

JT Understood that the police do not have the resources or time to actively monitor the cameras

7. AOB

NMCN

Advised that there would be an open day for local organisations at the Civic Centre on 6/11 .

TD Asked if this was to do with COP26.

MCorry Agreed the necessity to provide better security in the town and pressure should be applied to police at local and government level to achieve this.

Viv D Informed the meeting that an entertainment secretary had been appointed to source and provide local acts for the Switch on Event.

DA Asked who it was?

VivD Confirmed that Donna Hicks had been given that responsibility having long experience in that respect.

TD That the webinar to be provided by Lord McFall had been postponed to 2nd December as his schedule had changed.

Next meeting 28.10.21 format and location TBA.

Prepared by RF