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Meeting of the Helensburgh Community Council 1900, Thursday 23rd February, 2017 Victoria Halls

Present: David Allen, Roger Clark, Norman Muir, Bethany Scott, Richard Quinn, Nigel Millar, Lorna Douglas, Stewart Noble, Christine Woods, David Sinclair, Norman McNally

Youth Forum: Ruth Cairns, Rosie Crisp **Youth Parliament:** Stephanie Thomas

Helensburgh Advertiser: Danielle Lappin

Councillors: Aileen Morton, Richard Trail

Public: Three

Apologies: Neil Drummond, Tariq Durrani, Peter Brown, John Tacchi, Ellen Morton

Agenda Item		Minutes of	Action
1.	Welcome, present & apologies. Declaration of interest.	Norman M: Welcomes everyone to the meeting and asks if there are any declarations of interest. No declarations of interest.	
2.	HCC Business		
a.	Minutes and Matters arising	Norman McNally: Correction to spelling of name. Christine Woods: Asks if there can be a time limit on actions. All in agreement. Roger Clark: Can we have a current list of community councillors' details. Stewart Noble: Updated calendar of bin Rota. Minutes agreed as true record by Stewart Noble and seconded by Dave Allan.	Beth to circulate list of contact details.
b.	Reports: Treasurer & Secretary	Stewart Noble: £3329 in account. WWI money still being held. Beth Scott: Letter- GP out of hours at the Vale of Leven Hospital (Cardross CC). Support Cardross Community Council. All in agreement.	Norman Muir to respond

<p>c.</p>	<p>HCC Group Reports: Planning, Town Improvement Group(TIG)</p>	<p>Planning – Nigel Miller: <u>East Clyde street</u> one of oldest houses in town (B listed). Planning for glass extensions on either side. <u>Iona Stables</u> Planning to build a house. Our concern is environmental. Entry point to town so environmental feature. Architecture and Design Helensburgh (A&DH): <u>Dobbies</u> -Persimmon, 28th February meeting. We are the only design panel that is community based in whole of Scotland. Ardencaple reduction in house numbers <u>Golf Club</u> A&DH asked to meet developers. New houses and Golf Club. <u>Pier Head Project</u> Problems meeting people involved, project manager appointed but too busy to see A&DH. Stewart: asked if Andrew Collins would come along to HCC meeting. He said that after 15th March this would be possible. Norman M: Offer as public meeting and presentation (All agreed). Christine: we should ask groups that use facilities too. Cllr. Aileen Morton: May want to wait for other people are appointed. David Allen: Time span of development and details against May elections? Cllr. Richard Trail: Caution before inviting Andrew Collins, check what would be ready for presentation, so that public aren't disappointed, as not everything is in place yet. Norman M: Community Empowerment Bill should allow for public involvement. Roger: Maybe get Andrew to come to us first to find the details before we go to public. Norman M: Design Criteria of 2012 would not constitute good design. Norman McN: What is going into the space and what left out? <u>Innovation Centre</u> Further discussions of usage etc. Been asked to produce business plan for this. Business Gateway: Jen Smith Women in Business.</p> <p>Town Improvement Group – Norman Muir: <u>Flooding</u> Peckhams corner reported by Christine Woods. Roger Clark: Spoke to road workers and they said this drain is always a problem - bad drain-possible defect. Norman M: It is a roads issue but</p>	<p>Norman Muir: Will invite Andrew Collins to the March Meeting.</p>
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<p>3.</p>	<p>Youth Forum</p>	<p>Rosie Crisp: <u>Engagement in Schools</u> questions to be voted on could be done in assembly or itime (electronic /multiple choice) and year council groups could present them at assembly. David: Can we come up with questions for pupils? Norman McN: not comfortable with this. We should have more open questions rather than closed questions so that opinions can be better expressed. Lorna Douglas: I think pupils will be able to come up with their own questions. Ruth Cairns: Youth Forum will hold a discuss/opinions on the Leisure Centre possibly July or before so plans more developed? Rosie: If we have areas we can come up with questions but maybe specific questions too. NMcN: What is wanted on Pier site etc.? Christine: Youth Café proposed 2002 is it still relevant? General discussion on the possibilities of this.</p> <p><u>Intergenerational Engagement</u> Summer Programme Skills swap intergenerational i.e. Filling in Tax Forms. <u>Community Involvement</u> Livestream meetings may suit people better. Post Agenda on Facebook Youth forum: Lack of librarians in the schools. Possible Sixth years could do something here to gain a saltire award. Library lack of children's/teenage</p>	<p>Youth forum will decide questions</p>

		<p>fiction books, possibility of donating books. David: Get cards for library and order books. Stewart: staff very helpful and can get books from other branches. Roger: There is a book donation section in the library maybe just add teenage fiction.</p> <p>Accommodation for the Youth Forum Rosie: Informs HCC that their meeting place at the Civic Centre will soon no longer be free and they need ideas for funds or new meeting place. Norman M: Fire station just cleared a room to use as a meeting room for local groups, not sure of costs but worth investigating.</p> <p>Stephanie Thomas: Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) Elections coming up and hope to be re-elected to continue and further the work I am currently doing.</p>	
4.	Vision for Helensburgh (VfH)	<p>Norman McN: Group met last week and looked at similar initiatives in other areas. Decided to carry out a small questionnaire on impressions of Helensburgh. First draft questionnaire passed around 5 positives and 5 negatives – Mystery Shopper. Contact local community groups and come up with 8 individuals in specific areas and what they would like to see in Helensburgh. Christine: possible to get opinions from Advertiser over a certain period? Danielle: If a certain topic that lent itself to this we could pass it on, we always have more responses than we can print. Norman M: This is a community action plan that is being developed.</p>	
5.	Public Session	<p>1. Snow - pavements - Stirling Council has machine that clears the pavements and may be worth A&B to consider doing the same.</p> <p>2. Train Service: Loss of Services, Reliability (cancellations and missing out stations), Punctuality, Toilets (often out of order). What will the community council do? Organise a meeting on Train services – Rail Users Group? Norman M: Would be good to quantify problems. NMcN: Transport users group would be better not just Rail group. Norman M: Community Council can facilitate group that can then take this forward.</p>	<p>Transport Users Group for Helensburgh to be investigated.</p>

		<p>3. Bus Information: Electronic real time information points would be good.</p> <p>Norman M: I will organize a transport users group next week. Ruth: Youth Forum will attend.</p> <p>David: Square was lethal this morning due to snow and ice conditions – 3 or 4 foot non-slip tracks would solve the problem? Norman McN: What is Council stance on this with regards to health and safety. Are they legally obliged? Aileen M: Not sure of legality in this case. Stewart: pavements graded – to uses so that high usage cleared first. Maybe some areas need moving up to higher grade of priority.</p> <p>Norman M: Will take this up through town improvement group.</p>	
6.	Community Initiative	<p>Norman M: Trustees needed to set up a Trust and then constitution and articles of association. Then look at how we can generate funds. Thrift shop. Money made goes into community. Helensburgh Trust. Lookup website for Bute and check thrift shop. Donations from locals and it raises money. Trust would also allow us to apply for funding etc. It will take time and effort but could be done. 12 volunteers Christine: Concern as to who would run it. Lorna: Concern for financial running and hidden costs. A detailed report would have to be carried out. This would be needed for funding applications too. Also, concern for financial liability of Trustees. Oban Trust on the surface looked great until you looked at the facts and figures and how much it was subsidized. Wendy Quinn: There is an option to remove personal liability - OSCR form SCIO.</p>	Further investigation to be conducted.
7.	AOCB	<p>a. Norman M: Health and Social Care Cut to Budget. Conversation Café (Information sent out). Seems to diminish the seriousness of the cuts. Astonishing that this is the first we are hearing and the speed of the decision that is being made. Discussion. Helensburgh Café: 16th March, Victoria Halls 2pm-5pm & 6pm-8pm.</p> <p>b.Christine: Disabled toilets feedback from last months meeting when it was raised. Report issued and emailed. Raises awareness of different disabilities not just the image of someone in a</p>	Norman M. to draft letter raising concerns for circulation.

		wheelchair. Question is also raised about general disability access in Helensburgh. Norman M: Carry this on into March meeting after meeting with Andrew Collins regarding Pier project. c. Surveys to be returned asap to Beth, 6 Nelson Place, Helensburgh G84 9ES or Norman Muir, 52 Grant Street, Helensburgh, G84 7EW.	
8.	Close	Date of Next Meeting Thursday 30th March 2017	