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Meeting of the Helensburgh Community Council 1900, Thursday 30rd March, 2017 Victoria Halls

Present: David Allen, Roger Clark, Norman Muir, Bethany Scott, Richard Quinn, Nigel Millar, Lorna Douglas, Stewart Noble, Christine Woods, Norman McNally, Tariq Durrani, John Tacchi, Peter Brown

Youth Forum: Ruth Cairns, Rosie, Crisp, Imogen MacLeod

Helensburgh Advertiser: Craig Borland

Councillors: Aileen Morton, Gary Mulvaney

Public: Three (Irina Agostinella, Chris Hudspith, Wendy Quinn)

Apologies: David Sinclair,

Agenda Item		Minutes of	Action
1.	Welcome, present & apologies. Declaration of interest.	Norman M: Special note of welcome to Irina and Chris. 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	No matters arising. Minutes agreed a true record by Beth Scott and seconded by Stewart Noble.	
b.	Reports: Treasurer & Secretary	Stewart Noble: £2851 with £319 WW1 commemoration still being held. Tomorrow the end of financial year so expenses need to be in. Accounts then examined, submitted then grant of £1700 hopefully will be given. Beth Scott: Thanks for those who took part in the survey given out last month, collated and submitted to civic centre.	
3.	Town Issues	Norman M: Introduces Sergeant Bob McGee: Update on 19 crimes, 3 road traffics and 6 anti-social behavior since 16 February. Q&A Session. Issues of scams, phishing, bogus callers and careless and obstructive parking raised.	Norman Muir: Will include in regular column in the Advertiser.

<p>a.</p>	<p>Planning, Town Improvement and Members Input</p>	<p>Planning – Nigel Miller: Report circulated to all via email earlier to allow for discussion. Norman McNally: raised issue over whether plans are on aesthetics or principles and whether we are forcing everything into a format? Nigel: We have an architectural heritage to preserve and HCC and H&DH aims to uphold this. We have moved into this area on advice and recommendation of an architect. A general discussion on this topic and the role of HCC. Christine Woods impact on health and wellbeing regarding planning and the setup of A&DH. John Tacchi: A&DH recognized by local planners.</p> <p>Town Improvement Group – John Tacchi: Report circulated to all via email earlier. Colquhoun Square- sad to see mold on benches stone blocks and poor service maintenance of flower beds etc. Inadequate drains causing flooding problems in the Square. Maintenance plans state drains need cleaned every month but the operations of A&B Council state every two years! Also, an issue with machines for cleaning drains – only two. Norman Muir: Could we ask for a report on an engineering examination system of CHORD to be done. John: Letter from HCC to challenge operational cleaning plans –CHORD, manufacturers guidelines on maintenance/cleaning to be every month but A&B Council every two years. Christine Woods: A&B Council has a poor reporting system which is in need of a revamp. No way of accounting for call centre complaints etc. at the moment. Norman M: Letter to A&B Council?– all in favour. David Allen: Community payback? Cllr. Aileen Morton: There are many local projects benefitting from this. Peter Brown: How many roads issues on the list have we just added more or is this the number. John T: Operational budget not finalised. Norman M: Road asset maintenance plan update from A&B Council for Helensburgh required. Rosie Crisp: Reports -bad flooding outside the Curry Club on old Luss Road. Very busy at lunch times and cars drive</p>	<p>Benches now pressure-washed.</p> <p>Norman Muir: To write a letter to A&B Council.</p> <p>TIG: to draft complete report to A&B Council to address all issues.</p>
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b.	Input from members of the public	<u>N/A</u>	
4.	Youth Forum	<p>Imogen McGregor: Summer activities for young People. Maybe this year do a skill swap day with HCC i.e. youth swapping social media skills for accounts/banking skills. Consultation day with HCC and youth. Ruth Cairns: I will organise this, look at dates etc. and let HCC know asap. HCC group think it a good idea.</p> <p>Rosie Crisp: Youth Forum ideas on above ie would be youth involvement on the pier, hermitage park.</p> <p>Ruth: Libraries/transport etc. Norman McN: Good ideas as this could be reported back to groups.</p> <p>Norman M: We can arrange experts at meetings.</p> <p>Ruth: Followed up availability of room at fire station</p>	

		<p>but not ready at the moment.</p> <p>Norman McN: Debate over what is available for young people. Would be good to get info on this/overview. Imogen: Lots of clubs are sports orientated and if you're not necessarily sporty you can be limited. Church groups bit not everyone religious so many people uncomfortable. Christine: Not everyone can afford to join a club. Beth: Maybe have a clubs and societies fayre? Rosie: clubs can be such a commitment and not everyone can commit to club. Café -the youth forum group think this would be good. Youth club in Campbeltown very good £2 for two hours. Maybe premises in new leisure facilities.</p> <p>Norman M: Will look into open day/fayre.</p> <p>Ruth: Dates for interaction.</p>	<p>Ruth: Will look into dates for event.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Vision for Helensburgh (VfH)</p>	<p>Peter Brown: Recap – steps forward for Helensburgh over next 5-10 years. Community action plan. Still at the information gathering stage. Questionnaire handed out. To be circulated around the town cafes etc. to highlight positives and negatives of the town. Envelopes in locations to put forms in and then can be collected.</p> <p>Christine: Needs to be targeted and then what do you do with it. Grey Matters tried this and from experience it doesn't work i.e. leaving them around won't work. Specific targeting.</p> <p>Peter: This is in view to making an action plan. Somewhere to start. Imogen: Questionnaire could be done at itime in school.</p> <p>Wendy Quinn: Wording needs to lead to constructive feedback. Norman McN: If you can draw out negative thoughts first, that has been proven to work best. Lorna Douglas: is there a computer version of the questionnaire? Peter: May do this for targeted audience. Ruth: Evaluations for work with youth based on what was good, not so good and what could be better. Dave Allen: Questionnaire in Advertiser?</p>	<p>HCC Members to fill in questionnaire and return at next meeting.</p>

		<p>Seek approval to print 2000 for £60 then distribute?</p> <p>Norman M: Do we support this? Approved. If we have action plan we can apply for grants and funding.</p>	
6.	Community Trust	<p>Norman M: 1. Principle of going ahead with setting up of a trust. Is there approval. Christine: Not in agreement. Stewart: Need to report back in a year so maybe defer it for a few months and get paper work done. Norman M: 8 Trustees.</p> <p>2. Possibilities to raise money. Wendy and Richard Quinn went to Bute thrift shop. Wendy: circulated report (will be emailed out to members with minutes). Analysis of accounts - on paper it may be worth looking into further. Also need to compare the two towns. In Rothesay, they don't have the same competition as Helensburgh – i.e. rent lower. Concern as to whether we could make enough. They have an antiques expert who knows what things are worth and there are 17-18 volunteers. Competition for volunteers/ items/finance in Helensburgh. Different threats and opportunities for HCC. Q&A . General discussion. Other options briefly touched on i.e. vintage, services, funding. Norman M: Members to think about it and discuss further next month.</p>	HCC Members to read report and feedback in April.
7.	AOCB	<p>a. Christine: Pop up stand HCC. Imogen: School may take it on and report back to next meeting.</p> <p>b. David: Sent letter to Abellio and received apology letter back but still problems and breaks in the line. Norman M: Also sent letter and representative from Abellio coming to meeting.</p> <p>c. Norman M: Nicholas Ferguson (giving talks on the 19th April at 9am at the parish Church.</p> <p>d. Norman M: 22nd April, beach clean, same place as last month, details later. Beth: Naval help available for this. Peter: Good publicity from last one. Reach of 600 people on Facebook so raises profile of HCC and Helensburgh. Imogen: Youth will organise beach clean for summer and include HCC.</p>	

		<p>e. Norman McN: Matters arising- action on points from months past ie overspend</p> <p>f. Norman M: Buskers day for local talent may be a good idea.</p> <p>g. Tariq Durrani: Update. Food and Drink Festival. Summer- weekend or day food festival. Meeting with local food establishments etc.as to what can be done. Possibly open plan event during the day in town square and gourmet evening in restaurants. Meeting with restaurateurs on Monday to take this forward.</p>	
8.	Close	Date of Next Meeting Thursday 27th April 2017	