
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**Helensburgh and Lomond Area
Committee**

Customer Services

21 September 2017

Area Committee – Meet the Community Meetings

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following the Area Committee meeting in June 2017, Members discussed the idea of holding “Meet the Community” sessions across the Helensburgh and Lomond Area. This report provides an update on the responses received following the letter that was issued in July 2017.
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2.0 INTRODUCTION

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3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Area Committee is asked to consider the responses received and agree if they wish to proceed with the “Meet the Community” initiative.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 Following the discussion at the Area Committee meeting in June 2017, the Area Committee Manager was tasked with preparing a letter which could be sent out across Helensburgh and Lomond to gauge interest from the community. The letter was subsequently agreed by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Area Committee.

4.2 The letter and a proforma (copy attached as Appendix 1) was sent to the following organisations:-

All Community Councils in the Helensburgh and Lomond Area
Helensburgh and Lomond Chamber of Commerce
Luss and Arden Community Trust
Kirkmichael Community Development Group
Cove and Kilcreggan Youth Café
British Legion
Round Table
Three Villages Hall
Arrochar Development Trust

A copy of the letter was also posted on the Cove and Kilcreggan Community Facebook page and there was a brief article about the initiative in the Helensburgh Advertiser and on their Facebook page.

The letter was also sent to the Third Sector Interface and it was circulated via

their mailing list.

4.3 The responses to the letter are detailed below:

Name/Organisation	Areas of interest	Preferred venue
Local resident, Kilcreggan	Laybys on Barbour Road, vegetation on Barbour Road	Cove Burgh Hall
Local resident, Kilcreggan	Lack of passing places on Barbour Road – concern over motorists passing cyclists on the road	Cove Burgh Hall
Ardencaple Football Club	In 2018, Ardencaple FC will be 50 years old. Would the Council be interested in helping fund events to celebrate this.	Anywhere
Cove and Kilcreggan Youth Café	Interested in looking at the former Rainbow Centre premises.	No preference given
Helensburgh Community Council	More than willing to meet the Councillors,	Helensburgh
Helensburgh and Lomond Chamber of Commerce	To discuss the Summer Festival. Also areas of concern – ongoing CHORD points, parking, Maritime Change Plan, Pierhead project and Colquhoun Square Events space.	Helensburgh
Arrochar and Tarbet Community Council	Unsure what the letter was about.	
Rhu and Shandon Community Council	Unsure how these meetings fit with role of Community Councils.	

The majority of the respondents have also indicated that they would like to talk about priorities for their local area.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 This report provides the Area Committee with a summary of the responses received to the Meet the Community Letter for consideration.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy – none
- 6.2 Financial – none at present
- 6.3 Legal - none
- 6.4 HR – none
- 6.5 Equalities – none
- 6.6 Risk – none
- 6.7 Customer Service – none

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Meet the Community Letter and Proforma