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SUPPLEMENTARY PACK 1

**HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP - BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
AND IN THE MARRIAGE SUITE IN THE HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND CIVIC CENTRE ON
TUESDAY, 9 MAY 2023 AT 2:00 PM.**

I enclose herewith item 5b and 5l (Partner Updates) which were marked to follow on the Agenda for the above meeting.

BUSINESS

5. PARTNER UPDATES

- (b) Police Scotland Update (Pages 3 - 4)
- (l) Helensburgh Community Council Update (Pages 5 - 6)

Helensburgh and Lomond Community Planning Group

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Police Scotland Update

Youth Engagement

Our Youth Engagement Officer continues to make excellent progress with younger people in the area through engagement and education. This has included the start-up of the local Police Scotland Youth Volunteer Group in Helensburgh with 26 new youth volunteers with at least 25% being from a vulnerable background. Police Scotland, Helensburgh and Lomond Rotary, Ministry of Defence Police and Argyll and Bute Council worked together to highlight internet safety to young people across Helensburgh. All local primary received inputs and at the end of the sessions, young people were able to take part in the annual Rotary poster competition. School presentations on road safety and water safety have also been provided.

Road Safety

The Helensburgh Drive Scot Free event has been arranged and advertised to take place on Sunday 23rd April between 1030-1600hrs at Hermitage Academy. This event invites drivers and motorbike riders the chance to come along and further their road safety by developing safer driving techniques with a 1:1 assessor from the Institute of Advanced Motorists. The event is being kindly sponsored by Helensburgh Toyota making it possible to take place this year. No booking is required, simply turn up with your car or bike! Any sharing or promotion of this event would be most appreciated as we aim to make the roads around Helensburgh and Lomond safer. Work is currently ongoing to develop short information videos for anyone planning on towing a trailer, boat, caravan or horsebox this year following a change to driving licence requirements meaning individuals no longer have to sit a separate test for towing certain trailers. These will be launched shortly on our social media channels for watching and sharing.

Drive or Ride Scot FREE Event

**Hermitage Academy
Helensburgh
Sunday 23rd April 2023
1030am 'til 4pm**
Last Road Session 3:15pm

- Aimed at ALL Driver and motorcycle riders
- Turn up with your car, motorcycle/scooter
- FREE Assessment ride/drive with an Institute of Advanced Motorists assessor
- Manoeuvrability session
- Increase your confidence & gain valuable advice

Logos: POLICE SCOTLAND, IAM RoadSmart, TOYOTA, Argyll and Bute COUNCIL

Naloxone Roll Out

The roll-out of Naloxone to our officers across Argyll and West Dunbartonshire is nearly complete. The intra-nasal sprays can reverse life-threatening opioid-related overdoses, and are being issued to all constables, sergeants and inspectors across Scotland to supplement their existing extensive first aid training. Nearly 450 officers now have access to these sprays carried in pouches for easy access. Officers complete an online course before receiving the first aid equipment. Since officers in Scotland started to carry Naloxone, it has been administered 128 times (correct as of 24/2/23), with positive outcomes on all but 5 of the incidents.

**HELENSBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE FOR THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP
MEETING MAY 9TH 2023**

- The Community Clubs event held at Hermitage Academy was a great success. More than fifty local clubs attended along with a steady flow of residents throughout the day. Feedback was positive from both. The Community Council used it as a chance to engage with the public re the current plans for the Waterfront. Thanks to the Garelohead Rotary who worked jointly with us on this event.
- The HCC conducted a survey with the community with regards to the proposed development on the waterfront. We received more than 1200 replies. The ideas for development were varied but there was an overwhelming desire to retain the site for leisure activities and in particular those for youth activities including the development and retention of the skatepark. There was a desire for a more varied provision of shops in particular a budget supermarket, not on this site but elsewhere in the town.
- As a result of the survey the HCC has submitted an expression of interest for the Waterfront Site on behalf of the community.
- A meeting of local business owners was held at Victoria Halls. This was attended by more than 30 local shops and businesses, the Federation of Small Businesses and Destination Helensburgh. An excellent discussion was held on how we as the HCC and local businesses can work together to support each other through the current difficult times. A What's App group was set up to improve communication and the group will meet again in June.
- Our monthly Beach Cleans returned in February we are now regularly getting 25 plus members of the community volunteering. An extra clean was held at The East Bay Beach and promenade to clear the huge amount of debris which had accumulated on the grass area and beach following the winter storms. More than 40 volunteers adults and children heeded the call and 611 kilos of rubbish including a large amount of plastic was removed. Thanks to Plastic Free Helensburgh, the Helensburgh Community Hub and Jean's Bothy for their support with this
- The HCC has applied to the Supporting Communities Fund for a grant to pay for skips to continue to remove the marine litter from Helensburgh beaches and the Clyde.
- HCC volunteers cleaned and tidied the shrub beds in Colquhoun Square in preparation for the Easter Weekend
- The HCC wrote to Argyll and Bute Council with regards to problems with maintenance and repair of the infrastructure in the town. Concerns included damaged rubbish bins, unrepaired street furniture and repairs to the outdoor museum. It also highlighted the problem of rubbish bins promised in last years budget not materializing. A meeting to discuss these issues will be held on May 19th with Tom Murphy, which we hope will begin to find permanent solutions.
- A delegation of seven visitors from Le Taillin near Bordeaux France visited and were entertained by members of the HCC and local community during April. They visited places of interest and local schools with a view to setting up a new twinning arrangement. They were entertained by a local dance school and a Town Ceilidh at the Civic Centre. Thanks to the Civic Centre and Argyll and Bute for their support with this. Preparations are being made for a return visit.
- Visiting speakers at HCC meetings have included the NTS re the Hill House, The Mackintosh Club, The Winter Festival and Virgin Broadband.
- The group working on the redevelopment of Helensburgh Pier reported on their current work and plans at the April Meeting.

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