



Report for Helensburgh and Lomond Planning Group February 10th 2022

Vision for Helensburgh

The HCC will be holding an exhibition to engage the community in how the town should change going into the future. The work started two years ago as the pandemic started and we managed to get a considerable database of information which we now need to refine and update to move the project forward. The exhibition will take place in the Victoria Halls on 12/13 March and we hope that as many of the community as can make it will attend. The outcome will be a community consensus of the direction the town will take into the future.

Golf Club Housing Development

A planning application has been lodged for a 300-unit housing development to be built by Taylor Wimpey on real estate belonging to the Helensburgh Golf Club. The size and ramifications of the project will obviously attract a range of comment and subsequent consideration. Events will unfold in the coming weeks. We are concerned about the huge amounts of documents on the website and are asking that the proposals be made more accessible and readable for members of the local community. The planning group continues to monitor local planning applications and engage with residents where necessary on a weekly basis.

Litter Bin Survey

In conjunction with Plastic Free Helensburgh, we are examining the environmental issue of litter in the town. Our next step is to conduct a litter bin survey to check the placement and efficient function of litter bins in the town. Litter is a continuing problem in the town and the population of gulls exacerbates the issue. Litter also creates a negative impression on visitors throughout the year, but particularly during the summer months. It is unsightly and unhealthy and now is the time to resolve the problem. We are also concerned with the effect this has on general marine pollution.

Scottish Water Briefing

The Community Council will be holding a briefing with Matt Bingham from Scottish Water regarding the Helensburgh situation particularly with regard to overflows into the Clyde which create pollution particularly on the local beaches.

Education Consultation

The Community Council is consulting with local Parent Councils and the community on the Empowering Educators consultation. Currently we are asking for more information and a community briefing to ensure we fully understand the implications of the proposals before responding.

Webinars

The HCC has a series of webinars planned on Enterprise and Entrepreneurship in February and March. These are the precursor to the opening of the John Logie Baird Innovation Hub being promoted by the Helensburgh Community Council.

Hermitage Park

The HCC noted the disbanding of the Friends of Hermitage Park and thanked them for their hard work over the last ten years. We are particularly concerned that the Lottery Money allocated for the project gets spent on the areas which were in the original bid eg the Memorial Garden at the war Memorial.

Community Communication

The HCC is determined now that the pandemic is easing to reengage with the community through our website, facebook page, market stalls and notice boards to ensure we are visible and contactable about community issues at all times. We are trialing hybrid meetings which are both in person but allow others to attend via zoom.

Waterfront Project

We continue to monitor and engage with the Helensburgh Waterfront Project and have written to Argyll and Bute to instigate a meeting about the next developments particularly with regards to retail use, community use and the pier.

Sarah Davies

HCC Councillor and Representative on