

## Helensburgh Community Council Update February 2024

- ❖ Helensburgh Community Council supported by experts from the community and our findings from Vision for Helensburgh and recent community consultations has submitted a bid for the Waterfront. This is currently under consideration by Argyll and Bute Council. Our bid is for an open area with an event space, the skateboard park, coach parking, recreational and water play areas and provision for pop up shops and food outlets. Phase two and three of the projects would include covering the event area, linking with the pier to provide a welcome/visitors centre and further recreational facilities including a multi purpose sports facility. Our bid has been widely publicised in the Helensburgh Advertiser and Lochside Press and sits amongst five other bids.
- ❖ Pier Regeneration Project -Following the announcement that the pier could become a community asset, the community council is working with the Pier Regeneration Project( a sub committee of the Community Council formed following Vision for Helensburgh) to negotiate with Argyll and Bute and investigate a way forward to restoring the pier for use by marine traffic

Warm Spaces- The issue of the provision of Warm Spaces was raised with the Community Council by a member of the public. In particular the question is where can information could be easily found regarding their provision? The TSI had a list on their website. This is now being updated and linked to the Argyll and Bute website for easier access. Please can we encourage any community organisation/facility to ensure that they have given/updated their provision with the TSI. These are the updated links  
<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-council/advice-services><https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-tax-and-benefits/money-advice/heat-your-home-managing-rising-costs>

- ❖ Petition to the Scottish Government Prioritise local participation in planning decisions  
We currently have a petition lodged with the Scottish Government calling for more local involvement in planning decisions. We would ask all partners to read, sign and share with others in order that we can get the issue discussed in parliament.

Please follow this link for further information and to sign- <https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions/PE2075>

- ❖ Sadly following the death of our long standing Convener Norman Muir our deputy convener Peter Brown is acting as Convener and it has been agreed that we will elect a new convener at our May AGM.
- ❖ A reminder that Community Council meetings are public and open to all. They are held on the last Thursday of every month at the Civic Centre. Please join us and feel free to raise local issues and concerns. We also have one vacant space currently to co opt a councillor if you are interested.
- ❖ Any queries or questions with regards to Helensburgh Community Council should be directed to the secretary Sarah Davies email [sarahdavesde@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahdavesde@yahoo.co.uk)