

Helensburgh Community Council Update August 2024 for CPP

- We held our AGM at our meeting in May where we welcomed two newly elected councillors Simon Vella and Louise McCormackfisher. New officers were elected as follows- Peter Brown Convener, Polly Jones and Norman McNally joint Deputy Conveners, Sarah Davies Secretary and Howard Green Treasurer. We are now back to our full compliment of twenty councillors. We also formed sub groups for Planning, Communications, The Waterfront, Music in the Square, Business, the Pier Regeneration and writing a Local Place Plan
- We continue to monitor the plans for the Waterfront and have written to Argyll and Bute councillors , local MP's and MSP's expressing our concerns with the lack of transparency and community engagement with the process. We asked for a meeting with the new leader of the council to discuss this further however he was unable to meet with us. We await further news from the Policy and Resources Committee in August.
- A group of HCC councillors and interested residents are currently investing a lot of time in developing a Local Place Plan.
- Summer is a very busy time for our volunteers with regular Beach Cleans and monthly work on the Shrub Beds in Colquhoun Square. A huge thank you to everyone who gives up their time to support these activities. They make a huge difference to the Town for both visitors and residents alike.
- Our Music In the Square initiative supported with funds from Scotland Loves Local worked with Hermitage Academy on a very successful Talent Show, presented £400 to the Colquhoun Pipe Band to support their free concerts in the square and provided money to Eilidh Steel a local musician to work on a piece commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the sinking of the Sugar Boat. We would like to encourage all local musicians and organisers of festivals to apply for grants. Full details and an application form can be found on our website.
- The Pier Regeneration group is now working with an Argyll and Bute officer on their expression of interest for the pier. On Sunday 18th August at 12 noon there will be a Wave for the Waverley Event which we encourage everyone to attend to show our commitment to the restoration of the pier and the return of The Waverley.
- With the help of David Hagerty we organised a meeting of local Community Councils to discuss issues of mutual concern and how we might better engage with the CPP

We continue to get good public attendance at our monthly meetings held on the last Thursday of the month. Further information about HCC and our activities can be found on our FB page, Website or by emailing the Secretary Sarah Davies on sarahdavesde@yahoo.co.uk