

# Helensburgh Community Council (HCC)



**"Helensburgh - Be Excellent"**

**Special HCC Meeting, Thursday 26 August, 2010  
Jubilee Room, Victoria Halls at 1900**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Good organisations like to know how well they are doing and what their future priorities are. HCC is no exception. Most years we hold a special HCC meeting at the end of August when :

- we look back at the year just gone and give an assessment on what we have done well and where we need to improve the way we work
- we discuss and agree our 3-5 key priorities for 2010/2011

With a largely new HCC after last year's Community Council elections so it is doubly important that we have a similar session this August.

## **2. WHAT HAVE WE DONE WELL IN 2009/2010**

Firstly, my sincere thanks for your commitment and support to the HCC throughout the year. All we have achieved a great deal is down to you. And, we have achieved a great deal. The "New" HCC that emerged after last years elections is dynamic and there is a greater focus on front line services than ever before. We cover a wider range of issues and we are more hard hitting in our representations. Well done!

BUT : there is always room to improve and we need your ideas on what we should do better. At Annex are my own personal thoughts on these. No doubt you will have your own. Can you spend a bit of time beforehand in making your list and then bring these with you on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We shall be working in groups to produce the agreed list.

## **3. HCC PRIORITIES FOR 2010/2011**

The HCC covers a lot of ground. Our discussions are wide and varied. We listen to a wide range of speakers and we get involved in a lot of different issues. BUT : is there a golden thread holding all these together? Are our priorities clear? Do we know where we wish to concentrate our efforts in improving life for Helensburgh residents.? OR : do we simply deal with things as they arise, swing in the wind and ignore the bigger picture.

In previous years HCC priorities included - getting more young people involved in the HCC : putting greater emphasis on good design when responding to planning applications : building a lasting relationship with the Glasgow School of Art

Because of last year's Community Council elections no HCC priorities were set for 2009/10. It is important we do so for 2010/11. Have a think about these and bring your list with you. Sharing them with fellow Councillors will produce the HCC list for the year ahead. Again we shall be working in groups.

To help get the creative juices flowing **Annex B** lists Argyll & Bute Council's priorities for Helensburgh & Lomond for . BUT : we are not bound by them. (John - can you help here?)

#### **4. TRANSITION HELENSBURGH**

Transition Helensburgh is a new organisation which wants to see Helensburgh develop into a town which is much more sustainable and much more renewable. Very 21<sup>st</sup> century. Before setting next year's HCC priorities they will speak to us for 20 minutes or so. We can then assess their aims and plans, and decide how much we want to take on board. Theirs is a new and different way for the town to develop so we need to hear what they have to say.

#### **5. A NEW FILLING STATION FOR HELENSBURGH**

Stewart : over to you

#### **6. CONCLUSION**

26 August will be important for us. It will set the tone for the HCC in the year ahead. Between us all we know Helensburgh and what needs to be done to improve it. BUT : since we can only do so much so we need to decide our priorities and focus on them in the year ahead.

Cancel everything : join us if you can and let's take the HCC to a new level.

It has been my privilege working with you this past year

Nigel Millar  
Chair, HCC

## Annex A

### MY PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF OUR WAY OF WORKING

WHAT WE DO WELL	WHERE WE NEED TO IMPROVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☺ "New" HCC has settled in well and everyone</li><li>☺ TEIG is up and running and working hard to improve the public realm of the town</li><li>☺ Professional response to planning applications</li><li>☺ HCC contributes positively to Council initiatives affecting the town, e.g. the CHORD project, the H&amp;L Area Local Planning Group</li><li>☺ HCC is tackling a wider range of initiatives than previously, e.g. Community Wind Farm, Play Parks, second filling station</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☹ Greater attendance at our full HCC meetings</li><li>☹ While good on a personal level more structured and formal relationships with A&amp;BC</li><li>☹ We need to build on current efforts to generate our own funds</li></ul>

About 5 in each column should be enough. Remember we shall be working in groups in producing an agreed overall HCC assessment on how we are working together and where we need to improve.