

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON
A HYBRID BASIS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS AND IN THE MARRIAGE SUITE IN THE
HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND CIVIC CENTRE
ON TUESDAY, 14 MARCH 2023**

Present: Councillor Gemma Penfold (Chair)

Councillor Maurice Corry	Councillor Ian MacQuire
Councillor Graham Hardie	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Fiona Howard	Councillor Iain Paterson
Councillor Paul Donald Kennedy	

Attending: Shona Barton, Governance Manager
Mark Calder, Project Manager
Douglas Whyte, Housing Strategy Team Lead
Colin Young, Senior Transportation Delivery Officer
Inspector James McArthur, Police Scotland
Douglas Morgan, Head Teacher, Hermitage Academy
Mhairi Stewart, Depute Head Teacher, Hermitage Academy
Archie Blackburn, Hermitage Academy
Robbie Deveney, Hermitage Academy
Jake Delaney-Clarke, Hermitage Academy
Gill Agutu, Hermitage Academy
Mhairi Fulton, Hermitage Academy
Amy Lane, Hermitage Academy

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated from Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess and Councillor Mark Irvine.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF THE HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE, HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2022

The Minute of the meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee, held on 13 December 2022 was approved as a correct record.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question from Alan Kennedy, Rhu Resident

Since 2019, Residents of Quarryknowe in Rhu have been trying to work with both Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) and Luss Estates in an attempt get them to Repair, Upgrade and implement a maintenance plan for their own individual areas of responsibility. The main issues faced include the Residents Car Park, surrounding

Narrow carriageways at the mini roundabout, with a 90 degree blind bend where the swept path of HGV's cause encroachment into opposite lanes in both directions, leading to obstructions or near collisions.

The volume and speed of traffic constantly cause near collisions when traffic is trying to emerge from blind junctions and driveways

Sight lines at junctions and driveways have zero visibility due to existing boundary

We have highlighted the existence of 2014 detailed plans for a haulage route from A818 to a proposed wind farm site east of Highlandman's Wood which failed to come to fruition, part of which could be used and adopted for this purpose.

We believe Phase 2 of Highlandman's Wood harvesting could begin later this year. In light of the foregoing information can I ask our Councillors to ensure that proper communication and consultation with our community will take place in good time prior to any forestry activity and that serious consideration is given for the current Highlandman's Wood TTMP to be paused until the conclusion of these recent developments are resolved in the interest of road safety.

Councillor Corry advised that he would take this forward and would arrange a meeting between all of the interested parties to discuss the options.

5. PUPIL VOICE

The Committee gave consideration to a verbal update from Pupils from Hermitage Academy who outlined aspects of their learning journeys over the years.

Archie Blackburn outlined his role as an SCQF ambassador, with the role consisting of helping pupils and parents access My World of Work which is site used to help determine which career is right for you and the pathway to get you there.

Robbie Deveney spoke of the wide range of subjects and qualifications which he had undertaken and advised that he is currently exploring Graduate Apprenticeship opportunities.

Jake Delaney-Clarke spoke of his experience studying a Creative Digital Media Foundation Apprenticeship and his work placement in a Printshop in Helenburgh and highlighted his plan to attend Glasgow Kelvin College in the future.

Gill Agutu spoke of her experience studying Psychology with Argyll College online and independently which she felt has prepared her well for the future. Gill highlighted that she plans to study Psychology at University once she leaves school.

Mhairi Fulton spoke of the NPA Musical Theatre SCQF Level 5 which she is currently studying and advised that the course has provided her with great knowledge for the future and highlighted her hope for a career in Musical Theatre.

Amy Lane highlighted that she is currently studying an HNC in Business in collaboration with West College Scotland which has allowed her to further her education while still in school and advised that this will potentially allow her to skip a year in University and go straight into second year.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair took the opportunity to thank the pupils for taking time out of their day to attend and wished them well in their future endeavours.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Verbal Presentation by Pupil representatives from Hermitage Academy)

6. POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE

Consideration was given to a

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee considered and noted the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services, dated January 2023, submitted)

9. HOUSING SERVICES ACTIVITY UPDATE - STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN (SHIP) - ANNUAL UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on Housing Services activity and the delivery of the Local Housing Strategy within the Helensburgh and Lomond area.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee considered and noted the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, dated January 2023, submitted)

10. HELENSBURGH, CARDROSS AND DUMBARTON CYCLEPATH UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report updating Members on the progress made since the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee on 13 December 2022, in relation to the delivery of a dedicated, high quality walking and cycle route linking Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee:-

1. noted the agreement of five change requests from WSP at an additional cost of £28,538.97, taking the total cost of WSPs work to £253,427.96. This additional cost is covered by externally secured funding;
2. welcomed the progress made by WSP towards completing their work package by 31 March 2023;
3. noted that some elements of work will require to be completed separately during summer 2023 to finalise the full package required for construction; and
4. noted the current tender exercise for a design consultant to commence work on the section of route linking Morrisons Supermarket to Helensburgh Town Centre/Waterfront.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, dated 13 February 2023, submitted)

