

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 1
Meeting 7pm Wednesday 9 February 2022
Helensburgh Thistles Soccer Clubhouse
Minutes of Meeting

Attendance	As per attendance register (limited to 30 people as per current restrictions)
Apologies	Merilyn House, Fiona Myers and Cr Cameron Walters
Chair	Warwick Erwin
Acting Co-Chair	Jenny Sherratt
Councillor Present	Cr Richard Martin

Meeting Opened 7:00 pm

Police

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Confirmation of Previous minutes – November 10, 2021

Helensburgh Community Centre Total Closure for 2022

The community centre has been closed indefinitely due to rising damp under the flooring caused by poor drainage and ventilation. The flooring has warped and significant mould has built up and spread to the youth centre, which will be closed until the mould is remediated. Wollongong Council will put out a tender for the work to be carried out. The council will then be able to determine if the centres should be demolished.

Helensburgh Community Centre and Library – Update

Jenny Thompson, WCC Manager Library and Community Services as well as Matt Neill and Carl Hopley from WCC, provided information and responded to questions regarding the new community centre and library. A site close to the Helensburgh swimming pool is the preferred site due to being less fire prone compared to the site at Walker Street where the present library stands. However, the swimming pool site is on crown land which provides some restrictions. The newly purchased sites next to the current library site will be used as a works depot for the work being carried out on Walker Street as part of the Town Centre plan once the house on the site has been demolished and then turned into green space until a decision has been made on the community centre/library. The space could be integrated into the UCI cycling event in September as 2 of the main races will be travelling along Walker Street before continuing south to Wollongong.

Helensburgh Town Centre Plan Walker Street and Western Terrace - Update

Starting Monday 21 February 2022, workers from Wollongong Council will be on site at walker Street to prune trees on western side of the road. Work will then begin to install the new footpath and other traffic calming infrastructure. The Stage 2 upgrades include a new pedestrian path along western side of the street, an upgrade of the pedestrian crossing at Coles and footpath upgrades on eastern side from the crossing to Short Street, pedestrian and road safety improvements at Short Street, flattening of the steep parking lanes in walker Street and construction of a new roundabout and raised pedestrian crossing at Lilyvale Street. Transport for NSW support the town centre becoming a 30km/h speed zone.

General Business

The first meeting of Wollongong Council for the year was held on 31 January. No business arose from the meeting. Cr Cameron Walters tabled a petition from residents of Vera Street Helensburgh regarding a DA for a granny flat to be used as a B&B. Residents raised issues such as parking and extra rubbish.

NF1 meetings will be held in the Thistles soccer clubhouse for next 2 meetings at least.

Liquorland application has stalled due to requirement for more information.

DA on 2 Short Lane has been refused by Council.

Next meeting 7pm Wednesday 9 March 2022
Meeting Closed 9.00 pm