

PRESS RELEASE

Exciting Times Ahead for Helensburgh

Derek Anderson of the Helensburgh Partnership thinks things are definitely looking up for Helensburgh. He thinks that 2008 could prove to be a very exciting year for the town.

“The next six months is an important period for Helensburgh and the Partnership. We are working on a number of areas of work that should conclude during that period. These will complete the foundation work and will enable the Partnership to move into a more active marketing phase”, says Anderson.

The Outline Business Case for Helensburgh’s bid to Argyll and Bute Council for capital funds will need to be completed by the end of April. This will involve considerable input from the Partnership over the coming months.

The Partnership is also in the process of applying for a Road Closure Order for part of Colquhoun Square. This will enable local events to take place such as Farmers Markets and Fairs. The Partnership will provide the funding for the temporary road closure orders for these and other events. It has already been in discussion with organisers and secured dates for a regular Farmers Market and a Continental Market. The Partnership has also been urging any local organisations who are planning events to contact them by 14 December to discuss their event in order that they can be included in the Road Closure application. Please contact derek@helensburghpartnership.co.uk.

The second stakeholder workshop relating to the traffic management study took place at the Victoria Halls on 28 November and was well supported by representatives from the various stakeholder groups.

JMP, the traffic consultants, introduced some interesting and innovative ideas for traffic management and parking in the town. The consultants received a lot of constructive feedback from the people who attended and will be taking this on board.

The Partnership feels that the next stage is to widen the discussion and will be looking to set up a number of public meetings in the New Year. The aim will be to encourage community engagement on the important areas of traffic management and parking. Details of arrangements will follow in the New Year.

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