

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting 22 April 2014 Clincarthill Church Hall

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus, M. Charlwood, C. Charlwood, G. Cumming, L. Davidson, J. MacDonald, D. Martin, C. Potter
Attendees: Heather McEwen, Amy Sutherland.

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks: Chris Carus chaired the meeting.

2. Apologies and Minutes of previous meeting:

Apologies were received from A. Miller, S. Whitmore and R. Wilson.

The minutes of the meeting of 25 March were approved. (Proposed M. Charlwood, seconded C. Charlwood).

3. Community Police Report:

No police officers attended.

4. Councillor's Report:

Cllr Hainey did not attend.

5. Proposal: to revise constitutional membership:

It was proposed that we revise the constitutional membership from 16 to 20. The discussion centred on the following points

- If we want to be more productive, this depends on the number of Community Councillors and the available time that each Community Councillor can contribute. In order to move forward with things, we need more Community Councillors.
- If we advertise to fill the 2 vacant places, we will have to go to a vote if there are more than 2 nominations, which may put people off standing.
- On the other hand, it could be argued that if the number of places ends up above the level of interest the democratic basis of the Community Council would be diminished.
- There is also the possibility of raising the numbers to 18, which would mean we could remain with a quorum of 6.

After some discussion, a vote was proposed on raising the number of Community Councillors to 18. This was carried unanimously. Chris will notify the Resource Centre.

6. Proposal: to invite nominations for all vacant positions for the May meeting:

It was agreed that we will advertise for nominations. Posters will go up in shops, the library etc. in advance of the May meeting, and if we do not have nominations by May, we will keep advertising until June.

7. Proposal: to establish a business sub-committee:

An exchange of emails had taken place, and the interested parties will meet next week to take forward any ideas from Amy's report, e.g. the establishment of a business forum, a loyalty card, etc. If we create a vehicle for businesses to work together, it could be beneficial to local residents, whom the Community Council represents. We may also establish electronic links, following local businesses on Twitter, etc. The committee will come back with a scheme of activity.

8. South Sector Hospital Plans: (Mark Charlwood)

The plans are well ahead to provide new lab facilities, children's hospital, teaching and student learning facilities at the Southern General, and day services at the New Victoria Hospital, e.g. 30 dialysis machines, 24 day beds. The entire system is trying to shift towards having fewer people in hospital and for less time. They are also working towards the integration of the NHS and social services. New services are due to open in Spring 2015, and everything should be fully operational by Summer 2015. Redundant buildings at the Southern General site will not be demolished and re-landscaped until 2016.

Chris Carus proposed putting an item on the agenda for the September meeting:

- what are people's concerns? (parking issues, journey times, etc.)
- What will happen to the old Victoria buildings? (community asset – will it be developed?)

There is more concern about the latter in Langside and Battlefield CC – we will support them in this. There is concern that we, the general public, get value for money, and that any development is sympathetic.

9. Plans to strengthen collaboration with Hampden (Mark Charlwood):

Cllr Graham had contacted Peter Dallas, who is open to taking things further. After the Games, Cllr Graham will convene and chair a meeting between us and Hampden Park Ltd. We need to identify who at Hampden is responsible for community relations. It is as yet hard to put a timescale on things; it may be a good idea to have a first meeting in June, if there are any late problems with the Games.

As a side note, it was suggested that we might ask Hampden to sponsor lights at Christmas time; this would be appreciated by local traders. We may think about having a Christmas event, tying several strands of activity together. All ideas are welcome.

10. Office Bearers' Reports:

1 Chairman (Chris)	
• Recap	• Priorities: Attract new Community Councillors and volunteers; close gaps in procedures (budgeting and online secretary).
• Updates	• Posters have been prepared to invite nominations. • Volunteer task list is on the website.
• Decisions or help needed	• All: Need volunteers to distribute posters.
• Outcomes, follow-up actions	• Several people took posters to distribute about the Mount. Posters to be changed to advertise 4 places, not 6.
2 Treasurer (Gordon)	
• Updates	• Balance at March meeting was £1061.80. • Expenses since last meeting: Printing expenses for Chris £35 + £269.69. Cheque to researcher for £400. • New balance £419.22 • Expected expenditure of around £300 in balance of 2014: Rent £250. Flowers, travel expenses for CCers. • New grant due January 2015, ~£425. Annual accounts to be closed 31 st August 2014. • Gordon plans to retire as Treasurer at next AGM, Oct 2014, though remaining on the Community Council. • Area Partnership grant budget has been renewed for new financial year: £59000. Applications are encouraged!
• Decisions or help needed	• None
• Outcomes, follow-up actions	• None
3 Correspondence (Duncan)	
• Updates	• MFCC received notification of 3 applications for food vans in Hangingshaws Place. • Change of main contact for GCC Democratic Services: now Steve Dowling.
• Decisions or help needed	• None
• Outcomes	• None
4 Area Partnership (Mark)	
• Recap	• There was concern about the lack of clarity regarding the future of the old Victoria hospital buildings when the new Southern General becomes operational. • Action: Mark to find and share a link to an online version of hospital newsletter.
• Updates	• N/A – there has been no meeting of the Area Partnership since the last meeting.

• Decisions or help needed	•
• Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will follow up on the topic of information and communication around the hospital moves in the September meeting. • We will let Battlefield CC take the lead regarding the future of the Old Vicky buildings. Mark will make them aware that we are ready to support them if needed.

5. Planning (Sam)	
• Updates	• As of Sunday 13th April no planning applications have been submitted.
• Decisions or help needed	• N/A
• Outcomes	• Craig highlighted that the Glasgow Local Development Plan is due out for new consultation in May 2014. Craig will make a summary of the Plan when it comes and circulate it for input from the CC.
6. Environment (Ross)	
• Recap	•
• Updates	• Tentative date of next community clean-up: 18th May, subject to liaison with the NIV co-ordinator, and Tesco where equipment is stored.
• Decisions or help needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All invited to make suggestions for target area for next clean up. • All Any suggestions on the best ways to publicise it will be gratefully received.
• Outcomes	•
7. Schools Liaison (Lesley)	
• Recap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoFloCoCo will take a stall at Gala Day in 31st May between 11 and 2. No charge. • Chris BB, Lesley, Chris, Amy volunteered to help. • Lesley to confirm date and any cost.
• Updates	• None
• Decisions or help needed	• All invited to help run the stall.
• Outcomes	•
8. Roads and Parking Sub-committee (Alex, Ross, Chris)	
• Recap	<p>GCC committed to short term changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduce double yellow line at 39 Clincart Road to the 5m intended - Remove or replaced inappropriate timeplates on Cathcart Road - Add reflective “rebound” bollards to the Bolton Drive island - Resurface A mud patch occurring due to poor levelling of footways at Bolton / Clincart will be resurfaced - Blocked Gully at Clincart / Cathcart has been reported to LES Maintenance for attention <p>GCC committed to the following reviews after the Commonwealth Games</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residential streets restrictions: Bolton Drive, Clincart Road, surrounds - Cathcart Road restrictions <p>Cllr Graham indicated he may instigate a review of arterial routes clearway policy. Action (Mar '14): Alex write to J. Rodden to ensure completion prior to G2014 moratorium. Escalate via Cllr Graham if no response.</p>
• Updates	• The short term work has not been completed despite repeated enquiries.
• Decisions or help needed	•
• Outcomes	• Alex will enquire again with Jamie Rodden and Cllr Archie Graham
9. Glasgow 2014 (Alex)	
• Recap	<p>Top concerns shared with Paul Zealey and Jane Bown of Glasgow 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Info needed: road closures, parking restrictions • Loss of trade for businesses due to reduced number of football matches. Spectator ingress and egress routes not helping businesses, and taking spectators via strenuous route over Prospecthill.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public toilet provision, Police horse poo and litter. Any plans to beautify Hangingshaws ground? <p>Meeting was held at Hampden Thursday 27th March. Very little new information available.</p>
• Updates	• No update.
• Decisions or help needed	• None
• Outcomes	• Subsequent to the meeting, Hampden traffic management plan was published. All encouraged to share their point of view. Chris/ Alex to aggregate responses and feed back to Paul Zealey.
10. Hampden (Alex, Mark)	
• Updates	• We asked Archie Graham, a director of Hampden to help get this started. He contacted Peter Dallas, MD of Hampden Park Ltd, who is open to taking it further. Getting ready for the Commonwealth Games is currently occupying all the attention, so no action immediately. Once there is refocus on life after the Games, Archie Graham will convene and chair an initial meeting, probably in June. We intend to define objectives and put together a team that includes the person at Hampden responsible for community relations. Tackling meaty issues is not likely to get underway until September. We will keep you updated.
• Decisions or help needed	• All Please feed us issues that you want raised, ideas for constructive collaboration and contact details for people living or working in MF who want to get involved.
• Outcomes	•
11. Queens Park Arena Rep (vacant)	
• Updates	•
• Decisions or help needed	•
• Outcomes	•
12. Business sub-committee (Craig)	
• Updates	• Sub-committee did not meet due to difficulty finding a suitable time. Jim Matheson is invited to participate as he expressed his interest in the topic.
• Decisions or help needed	•
• Outcomes	• Craig, Amy, Chris will meet 7pm on 29 April. Jim invited. Purpose is to define a master plan of activity for approval by CC at next meeting. Team is authorised by CC to set up a meeting with business owners, if needed.

11. AOCB

(i) Glasgow City Council planning department is in the process of bringing out a revised city plan; there will be an opportunity for consultation next month. We should keep an eye on this, as it will be a good opportunity to comment on policies and spatial plans which might affect Mount Florida. The consultation period will be approximately 6-8 weeks. Craig will summarise the key points of the plan. He will then draft a formal representation; we should all read this and agree on a response.

(ii) Amy had spotted a rat in the street on the way to the station recently; this will be reported to the Council.

(iii) Chris Carus had attended the Community Council discussion forum. Its purpose was to re-establish the Community Council Liaison Group. The meeting was well attended, but there has been little in the way of follow-up since.

(iv) Community Councillors are asked to send in contributions to the reports in advance of the next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday 27 May at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls