

# Mount Florida Community Council

## Minutes of meeting 25 February 2014 Clincarthill Church Hall

**Present:** Cllr Archie Graham; Community Councillors C. Carus, M. Charlwood, G. Cumming, L. Davidson, J. MacDonald, D. Martin, R. Wilson  
Attendees Fahad Malik, Amy Sutherland, Robert Smith, Chris Boyce-Butler, John Cherry, Margery Cherry, Tommy Martin, Gordon Blackwell (Gateway residents), Team from Glasgow 2014 (Andrew Smyth, Jane Bown, Paul Zealey, Peter Jenkins, Daniel Marrable, Eddie Farrell), A. McGrory, Peter Dallas (Hampden Park Ltd), Francis McLaughlin (Wm Malcolm), Jim Matheson, & Community Police Officers.

**1. Welcome:** Chris Carus chaired the meeting.

**2. Apologies:** C. Charlwood, E. Cowing, S. Whitmore and A. Miller.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 28 January were approved (Proposed L. Davidson, seconded R. Wilson).

### **4. Community Police Report:**

From 1 February until today, there had been 13 cases of theft (9 detected); 4 assaults (all detected); 5 drugs offences (all detected); 9 cases of Breach of the Peace (all detected); 2 cases of forgery (as yet undetected), 6 instances of vandalism, and various road traffic offences. The most prevalent crimes at the moment are thefts, mainly things like bicycles from garages. Residents are asked to ensure that all garages and outbuildings are kept locked. The spate of break-ins to tenement flats via loft spaces seems to have died down. From 3 March, Aikenhead Road Police Station will be closed to the public between 12 midnight and 7 a.m.

### **5. Impact of Glasgow 2014**

Paul Zealey and the team gave a presentation and then took questions.

- A briefing session for local residents had been held on 13 February, and a further community information session will be held on 27 March, with a second session in May. There is a dedicated website - GetReadyGlasgow.com, and a Twitter feed.
- Peter Jenkins gave a presentation on what Hampden will look like. It will be a 52,000 all-seated stadium; the field of play will be 17,000 sq. metres. The construction will contain 1500 decking panels, 10,000 structural support columns; 20,000 tons of stone, &c. There will be 11,000 sq. m. of Mondo track surface. The deck is now finished, and the asphalt surface is being laid for the running track, as well as turf on the infield. It will be ready on time for the handover in mid-May.
- Jane Bown explained how things will operate during the Games. Everyone arriving at the venue will go through airport-style security. Spectator gates will be opened 2 hrs prior to competitions. 38,000 spectators are expected at events; there will be an overall client capacity of 44,000 including all client groups. Toryglen Indoor facility will be used during the closing ceremony.
- The timetable is as follows:
  - June Scottish Schools Athletics Association
  - 11-12 July Sainsbury's Glasgow Grand Prix (invited athletes)
  - 1/6 exclusive use of stadium by Glasgow 2014-
  - 23/7 opening ceremony
  - 25/7 venue lock-down; security sweep
  - 27/7 competition starts
  - 3/8 closing ceremony
  - 15/9 venue handed back to Hampden Park Ltd. Lesser Hampden will be returned to use as a football pitch, with grass terracing.
- Access routes will be via Prospecthill Drive; final details have yet to be worked through. Many visitors will come via Mount Florida Station or by shuttle bus. There will be a preferred access route staffed by volunteers; an accessible shuttle will be used for

volunteers who are less mobile. All entrances for spectators will be at the Aikenhead Road side. There will be free transport for ticket holders from the city centre. Toilet facilities will be provided when the final decision is made as to spectator routes.

- It was brought to the attention of the panel that many local business people are already worried that the lack of events at Hampden before and after the Games will have an adverse impact on local businesses. The reply was that spectators will be around more of the Mount Florida area on leaving the Games, but not so much on the approach. Security will be high, as there will be high-profile dignitaries attending. The Commonwealth Games has a higher security profile than football matches, so spectators will be channelled towards security areas.
- Residents raised a number of other concerns, regarding issues such as road closures and parking restrictions. There should be a little more information by 27 March.
- Regarding trading and advertising regulations, charity collections etc. - there are time-limited rules regarding advertising; the purpose of this is to protect the area from rogue traders, ambush marketing etc. Local businesses, non-profits and so on providing additional services will have to register their interest.
- The 'Get Ready Glasgow' newsletter had been delivered to a number of households in our area, but not yet to all residents. Concern was raised about failure to notify local people about community meetings. We are assured that a near-neighbour drop will take place nearer the time; there will be information in the Evening Times, etc. Ideas are being put together to tap into the Legacy fund. Applications are welcome from not-for-profit traders' associations.
- Fahad Malik, an architecture student, is currently doing a Masters course on the relationship between Hampden and the city. He had questionnaires for distribution.

#### **6. Councillor's Report:** Cllr Archie Graham attended.

- There had been a good turnout of attendees at the organising committee meeting of Glasgow 2014, and hopefully they will take local issues into consideration.
- There are local traffic management parking plans for each of the venues. We look forward to hearing what progress has been made at our March meeting. More generally, there has been a positive response to traffic management issues in Mount Florida. There are some more substantial issues, such as one-way restrictions. These cannot be addressed substantially until after the Games. Following last month's meeting to sort out problems regarding parking, etc. MoFloCoCo has gained agreement from LES on -
  - In the short term
    - 39 Clincart Road - double yellow lines will be shortened to 5 metres, in the next few weeks.
    - The Triangle at Bolton Drive will have reflective bollards as a safety measure
    - Old signage will be removed from Cathcart Road
  - In the longer term:
    - there will be a study to see about creating more parking spaces;
    - There will be a review of the loading restrictions on Cathcart Road - again, the people who do this are not available at present.
- However the City Council is busy at the moment with preparations for the Commonwealth Games. These issues will be dealt with after the Games.
- Money was allocated to 'do up' Shawlands around 2 years ago. This had nothing to do with the Commonwealth Games, despite a recent newspaper report that suggested that this was the case. There are no immediate plans to make improvements to Mount Florida.
- Work is being done to upgrade the sewage system, and Carmunnock Road will be cut off. Representation will be made to relax parking restrictions at this time.
- The question was raised about people ignoring parking restrictions outside the chip shop, the school, etc. No intervention is being taken by police or traffic wardens. Cllr Graham will raise this.
- A question was put to Peter Dallas, re non-event days after the Commonwealth Games - could the car park at Hampden be made available to shoppers? MoFloCoCo will explain our thinking and put this in writing to Hampden, who we believe will be sympathetic to this.
- A question was raised re the deterioration to roads and pavements. Cllr Graham pointed out that a great deal has been done to carry out road repairs, but work remains to be

done, especially on pavements. A major project is underway to install a new rainwater pipe, but this is a massive project and will take time.

- It was noted that roads in Strathbungo have been made 1-way, which has increased parking spaces - these solutions can work.

Cllr Graham was thanked for his report.

## **7. Nominations for new Community Councillors**

Craig Potter's nomination has been confirmed; Chris Boyce Butler's nomination form will be re-submitted. We need more people to take on small tasks, so will be pleased to hear of anyone else wishing to be put forward. Jim Matheson will submit an application to become a community councillor.

## **8. Reports of Office-Bearers**

These were submitted by email in advance.

### **(a) Treasurer (Gordon Cumming)**

There has been no expenditure. Balance remains at £1060.81.

### **(b) Correspondence (Duncan Martin)**

A letter had been received from the police notifying MoFloCoCo of the closure of Aikenhead Road police station to the public out of normal hours.

There had been 3 applications for licenses for food vans, and notification of an application for memorabilia sales. It was agreed MoFloCoCo would make no response to these applications.

### **(c) Area Partnership: (Mark Charlwood)**

A Neighbourhood Management Action plan is in development- issues identified include waste disposal, especially fly tipping; Traffic, especially road safety; the impact of the Commonwealth Games; anti-social behaviour; local community facilities.

### **(d) Planning (Sam Whitmore)**

No planning applications had been submitted.

### **(e) Roads and Parking:**

We had responded to the letter from LES - it is a good plan, but timing needs to be sorted out. It was agreed that Chris would respond to confirm agreement to the plan and emphasise 'short term' is understood to mean March, and the long term actions should start soon after the Games. It would help to have some preliminary work done in advance of the Games. Chris will ask LES what kind of preliminary work MoFloCoCo could carry out.

### **(f) Environment:**

Businesses are placing items next to bins, and these are being blown about in high winds. Ross will contact Polmadie depot to see if this can be uplifted sooner. Re fly tipping, up-to-date information on bulk uplift can be found on the Environment section of our website.

### **(g) Schools Liaison (Lesley Davidson)**

Lesley had made contact with Holyrood. She had attended a meeting of Mount Florida Parent Partnership and had asked whether the road changes had been requested by the partnership, as Cllr Graham had told the MoFloCoCo parking subcommittee; MF Primary did not request these changes.

### **(h) Hampden/Glasgow 2014 :**

Emma was not in attendance. She will have to take a back seat for the time being as work duties are keeping her very busy.

### **(i) Queens Park Arena**

Building work is taking place; the cover for the performance area, electricity supply, toilets etc. should be completed by the end of March. All is on plan and within budget. Bookings are now being taken.

## **9. Communications and Awareness (Chris Carus)**

Amy Sutherland is undertaking work on our behalf on engagement with local residents and businesses. The remaining sum in our budget must be spent soon, and could be used to have banners or stickers printed.

### **10. Adoption of Social Media Policy:**

Chris provided a draft policy for communicating online. As not everybody had had a chance to read the policy it was agreed to carry this agenda item to the next meeting.

### **11. AOCB**

(i) A letter had been sent re Langside Halls Community Asset Transfer. The Trust making the proposal has been given a grant to fund a consultation exercise, and we will hear back in April.

(ii) Craig had gathered local residents' thoughts on the proposed Parks Management Policy, and had sent a communication on our behalf.

(iii) A community radio station proposal was put forward by local resident Tommy Martin, with the suggestion that local community groups might get involved. Tommy was asked to resubmit his proposal with evidence of market demand and clear link to the aims of the community council. We will return to this next month.

(iv) Local business liaison - there is no community business forum. Further discussion will be held with Jim Matheson.

### **13. Process Review**

We noted an improved process.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 25 March at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls**