

# Mount Florida Community Council

## Minutes of meeting of 27th January 2015 Clinkarthill Church Hall

**Present:** Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), R. Carlaw (Treasurer), J. MacDonald (Minutes), C. Boyce-Butler, G. Cumming, A. Sutherland, J. Hefferan (Associate)  
Also attending: Joan Perry, Kristina Nitsolova, Julia Rafferty, Justin McNeil

### 1. Welcome and Introduction:

Chris Carus chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending, especially those new to the meeting. Craig Potter has unfortunately had to resign from the Community Council due to pressure of work, but is willing to advise on any planning issues. Our thoughts are with Duncan Martin who is very ill.

**2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, D. Martin, J. Matheson, S. Johnson and L. Rice.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the November meeting were approved (Proposed R. Carlaw, Seconded J. Hefferan).

### 4. Matters Arising from last meeting:

(i) **Item 8:** The Chair has not yet prepared a press release for distribution.

(ii) Amy Sutherland is now approved as a signatory to the bank account, along with Richard Carlaw (replacing Gordon Cumming and Duncan Martin).

(iii) **Item 10:** A deadline has not yet been set for the newsletter; its timing will depend on the Council's review of parking restrictions being available.

### 5. Nominations for Community Councillors:

At the last meeting it was announced that there were 4 vacancies on the Community Council. Since then, 2 nominations have been received within the deadline (Joan Perry and James Hefferan), and 1 after. Joan and James' nominations were confirmed. Kristina Nitsolova's nomination was confirmed pending ratification by Democratic Services.

### 6. Community Police Report:

There were no officers in attendance.

### 7. Councillor's Report:

Cllr Hainey did not attend.

### 8. Presentation on Langside Halls Project (Justin McNeill):

- i) GCC would like to handover the asset of Langside Hall to a community group if that would lead to better and more economically sustainable utilisation.
- ii) South Glasgow Heritage and Environment Trust (SGHET) was involved in the development of ideas and a separate Trust is being formed as a potential recipient of the Community Asset Transfer.
- iii) Collective Architecture was awarded a contract to study the current and potential future design and usage of the Hall.
- iv) Justin McNeill presented to MoFloCoCo the findings of the study.
- v) Justin McNeill was thanked for his thoughtful and informative presentation which has enabled the council to engage further on the topic.

### Findings:

- A need for better use of the halls by all age groups
- A need to open the Halls up to the Community
- Provision of a social hub and café
- Has to be more inviting (plans include opening up the entrance foyer)
- Better information and signage to be provided

Five key things were identified as needed to integrate the halls into the community:

1. Strengthening the entrance -  
Reintroduce the idea of the green tiled entrance hall, allowing glimpses into the main hall and other halls from the reception area
2. Simplifying circulation -  
Reducing the number of flights of stairs and adding a lift. Continuation of the green tiling throughout, and introduction of better signage
3. Generate Uses -  
Flexibility in proposed uses, e.g. cultural events, weddings, children's centre, café, multi-media room etc.
4. Establishing a social hub -  
Café in basement with terraced area to rear of building
5. Opening up to Shawlands -  
Removal of taxi rank and thinning of trees; creating public square in front of building, bringing building closer to town centre; reintroducing drinking fountain (currently in Glasgow Green) and potentially introducing a lighting project.

#### **9. Parking and Traffic Review update:**

There has been little movement since the November meeting. One resident has been in touch to indicate a willingness to be involved. Julia Rafferty said that at least 3 businesses have not yet received the survey questionnaire from GCC. The survey needs to be done, followed by a trail in the newsletter for a public exhibition. Joan Perry agreed to work with Chris on this project.

#### **10. GroMoFlo update:**

The aim of the project is to reduce litter and promote responsible dog ownership through positive community activities. It is intended that we trigger improvements to public spaces and help people look after their back yards.

We have £1588.76 of our grant money left to spend.

Les Rice had sent a short report. He will be meeting next Friday with representatives from the school, Pidgin Perfect and David Dunlop of GCC to formulate a strategy for wider consultation for what might be done with the Triangle. Les had also met with Fiona Mitchell to discuss the 'Quad' project (the proposed redevelopment of the quad between McLennan Street, Clincart Road, Florida Street and Florida Drive). It is envisaged that there might be an initial consultation event, an article in the newsletter etc. and we need to look at how best to spend our remaining funds. Kristina suggested buying equipment first, and continuing to speak to people in the area to determine their views.

**Action:** ➤ Richard, Chris B-B and Janet to be in touch by email.

**Action:** ➤ Follow-up meeting at Chris Carus's, 7pm. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Julia agreed to help with leaflet distribution of McLennan Street.

#### **11. Hampden co-operation update:**

Amy and Mark had met Peter Dallas and Archie Graham at the end of last year to establish relations between Hampden and the community. We are making it a priority to run a survey of local people living within the G44 4xx and G42 9xx postcode areas (<http://goo.gl/forms/oTcB7O00Tn>), both online and on paper, immediately after each Hampden event. Our first chance to use it is this weekend.

**Action:** ➤ Community Councillors to target responses from a range of people (ideally 13 people each for a total of 200 responses).

**Action:** ➤ Amy to put link on our Facebook and Twitter pages by the weekend, and to e-mail the link to Julie and the Business Association.

We will share responses within three weeks of the games with Hampden, the police and Cllr Graham and the Area Partnership, and will make details public one week after.

#### **12. Website:**

Glasgow City Council is to close the website hub on 31<sup>st</sup> March; funding has been withdrawn as the hub was very much under-used, MoFloCoCo being one of the few CC's to regularly use the council site. We therefore need to set up a new website, ideally a free site.

Our priority is therefore to select a platform and get a domain name. A maximum budget of £50 per annum was agreed.

**Action:** ➤ Chris C, Richard, Neil Johnson and Amy to meet and discuss further.

### **13. Glasgow City Council Training and Development Programme:**

We need to identify our training needs and prioritise topics which will help us be more effective Community Councillors. Suggested topics:

- Help to identify sources of funding
- Effective community engagement
  - Legislation
  - Best practice
- Urban development
  - Planning process
- Effective marketing, social media etc.
  - Ideas and best practice
- Community Councils' role in local government

N.B. the training programme has not yet been written but will be developed around perceived needs.

### **14: Networking Event:**

It will be constructive to build links with neighbouring Community Councils, community organisations etc. Hampden is willing to make a room available for meetings/events. We discussed whether to have an event immediately, leave till spring, or carry over till next year. It was felt that it would be unwise to leave it too long, and best to keep up momentum on this. We need to set priorities for the year ahead and exchange information.

**Action:** ➤ James, Richard, Amy and Kristina will be involved in setting a date and looking at finer details of the event.

### **15: AOCB:**

- (i) Community Councillors to look at documents for next month's meeting, and fix a date for discussion of our aims.
- (ii) The Google docs shared folder has now been set up, and includes the constitution, organisational chart etc.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 24 February 2015 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.**