

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting 27 May 2014 Clincarthill Church Hall

Present: Community Councillors Chris Boyce-Butler, Chris Carus, Mark Charlwood, Claire Charlwood, Gordon Cumming, Lesley Davidson, Janet MacDonald, Duncan Martin, Jim Matheson, Ross Wilson.
Attendees: Carol Cooper, John Cooper, Julie Crowther, Liz Dunwoodie, Mandy Evans-Ewing, Cllr Archie Graham, Les Rice, Gillian Robb, & Community Police Officers.

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks: Chris Carus chaired the meeting. The current priorities of the community council are addressing concerns over parking restrictions and litter, both of which are on the agenda.

2. Apologies & Minutes of Previous Meeting: Apologies were received from C. Potter, A. Sutherland and S. Whitmore. The minutes of the April meeting were approved (Proposed M. Charlwood, Seconded L. Davidson)

3. Community Police Report: The officers reported on figures from the two beats covering our area (Beat 57 – Aikenhead Road-Cumming Drive-towards Asda and 58 – Clarkston Road-Cartvale Road-Holmlea Road). Since 1 May there have been 33 crime reports raised for beat 57; these include common assault, thefts, road traffic offences, and minor drugs issues. Of these, 18 persons were detected. In beat 58, offences are similar, with 42 crime reports raised and 16 detected. The Commonwealth Games will be a busy period, but police deployment plans are not yet known. No officers will be on annual leave at that time.

The officers were asked about the recent rape cases in Govanhill and Toryglen, which have caused great concern. They were unable to supply information, as these cases are being dealt with by CID, who are looking at all areas of investigation. At the moment the crimes are not being linked. The Chair noted that a walk is being planned this weekend by women in Govanhill, in an effort to reclaim the streets for residents, but the officers had no information on this. They assured us that fear of crime is perhaps greater than is warranted, as the crime rate is no worse now than it was 18 years ago. Chris Carus remarked that 2 serious sexual attacks in a small area within a short period of time is of great concern for the local community.

The officers were asked questions about specific incidents. They report that Glasgow city Council is in charge of parking, and that police will be doing normal shifts during the Commonwealth Games. One resident noted that she had reported a theft of scaffolding from a neighbour's garden; this looks like an opportunist crime and there are high hopes of detection.

4. Councillor's Report:

The Chair pointed out that residents' biggest concerns were around the issues of the new traffic regulation order; many local businesses have closed lately, a situation not helped by parking restrictions on Cathcart Road. In addition, the restrictions around the Commonwealth Games appear very severe; information about the restrictions is not clear, is contradictory and residents are unable to plan ahead. Cllr Graham is aware of these concerns. He replied that there will be a level of inconvenience for everyone in the city, and especially for those living beside the venues. At the information session last week, more information was available than at the previous one. The security plan has still not been finalised; it will go on the Glasgow 2014 website when determined. There will be a high level of security, as public safety is paramount. Police have to have a system in place to deal with security threats. As the Games will be globally televised there is always the possibility of terrorist activity. Security measures will not be just for the days when there are events at Hampden, but will be in place for several weeks in advance. GCC cannot do much about this; Police Scotland are taking the lead. They are working with LES and Transport Scotland to plan the route networks to events – this will unfortunately lead to road closures, and there will be disruption.

Cllr Graham was asked about the information supplied regarding the effect on the local community during the Games – it is incomplete and contradictory, and has not been well distributed. He was also asked some specific questions about traffic and parking restrictions:

- a. Where will buses/traffic go when Aikenhead Road is closed?
- b. How long will Somerville Drive be affected by parking restrictions?
- c. The maps provide are difficult to understand and streets are not named. When and how will we know what streets will be affected?
- d. What public toilet facilities will be available on the spectator route?

Cllr Graham has been trying to push on sorting out transport issues, Park & Ride, etc. and getting things finalised. Unfortunately no date can as yet be given as to when the information will be available. He will also check whether public toilet facilities will be available.

Cllr Graham was asked to reassure residents that there would be no ‘10-minute only’ parking rule applied on Cathcart road during the Games. He replied that he knows of no such proposal – the current proposal specifies ‘no waiting – no loading’ during the period of the games 26th July to 4th August. He added that as well as sport,, there will be other events, including the Queen’s baton relay coming in this direction, which will also involve some traffic disruption. There will be a music and entertainment event in Queen’s Park Rec’s, so there will be lots of people around Mount Florida even before the Games begin. Prospecthill Road will be closed for a time around events. It is not yet clear whether there will be access to Hampden Terrace, May Terrace and Advie Place.

Police will ensure that, e.g. elderly people will be able to get access to transport. There will be an impact on local businesses. It should be fine for local businesses to advertise, e.g. with sandwich boards on street corners, so long as there is no ‘branding’ which would detract from Games sponsors.

Regarding the Traffic Regulation Order, the idea of the arterial routes bus policy is to make it easier for buses to travel along busy routes. However it can have the effect of encouraging car usage, and make it easier to drive by car. GCC has no power to regulate bus services in the city. Cllr Graham reconfirmed his commitment to a detailed review of the Traffic Regulation Order at the end of August, after the Games.

5. Update on parking Issues:

The yellow lines at Bolton Drive have now gone, but as yet the bollards at the triangle are not in place. It was noted that the taxi rank has 6 spaces which are rarely if ever all filled. See further below (8.8)

6. Elections for Vacancies on Community Council:

One person had indicated an intention to be nominated but the nomination had not been received in time.

7. Proposal: to invite Nominations for vacant positions:

It was agreed that we invite further nominations for next month. Posters were circulated for distribution.

8. Reports of Committees and Office-Bearers

8.1 Chairman (Chris)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities: Attract new Community Councillors and volunteers; close gaps in procedures (budgeting and online secretary). • Several people took vacancy posters at April meeting to distribute about the Mount.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Terms of Reference for the reformed CC Liaison Group have been circulated to Glasgow Community Councillors by Stewart Burns. Chris has drafted a proposed response.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions or help needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we better advertise? • All requested to help distribute posters. • All: Agreement or feedback to proposed response to CCLG Terms of Reference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes, follow-up actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to invite nominations for June meeting for 4 vacant positions. • All requested to help distribute posters. • Agreed to submit response regarding CCLG Terms of Reference as recorded in Appendix 1

8.2 Treasurer (Gordon)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance £419.22. Grant of around £425 expected January 2015. • Expected expenditure of around £300 in balance of 2014, including rent £250. • Annual accounts to be closed 31st August 2014.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes, follow-up actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update in May meeting
8.3 Correspondence (Duncan)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of polling scheme. • Consultation on Public Processions Policy. • Invitation to nominate local people to receive free Glasgow 2014 tickets. Deadline 19th May. • Clincarthill Parish Church is hosting a focus group centring on dementia.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions or help needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the above correspondence.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed no additional response is required.
8.4 Area Partnership (Mark)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was concern about the lack of clarity regarding the future of the old Victoria hospital buildings when the new Southern General becomes operational. • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark reviewed the report of the audit of Glasgow Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ that the CPP has done a huge amount of good work. ○ that there is nothing to disagree with in the report; ○ that the report correctly noted that CCs were largely not involved in the CPP establishment, • Mark also notes that where CCs come in is to keep service providers , GCC, NHS, Police, Fire, Water, Parliament(s) etc, aware of all the other issues that are not CPP priorities, not targeted, not measured but are of real concern and importance to communities. MF is a self reliant community whose residents make relatively little demand on service providers. MFCC must understand how easily our concerns can fall to the bottom of the file and get overlooked.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions or help needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark's comments regarding CPP were noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No follow up.
8.5. Planning (Sam)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig has made a summary of the Local Development Plan (LDP) as it relates to Mount Florida and has recommended that we need not make a representation. The summary was included in the Community Councillor Papers prior to the meeting . The deadline for representations is 27th June. • Mark attended the CC Discussion Forum regarding the LDP. There is another drop-in Q&A session with Planning Aid Scotland on 4th June.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions or help needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision: should the CC make a representation on the content of the Local Development Plan? Is there anything missing from the plan?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that we should respond to the LDP to note some good points that should be preserved in the LDP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Protection of Queens Park Recs and Hangingshaws as green spaces. ○ Recognition of Mount Florida as a minor town centre. • Chris will ask Craig, who is under severe pressure with work, if he can respond to GCC on behalf of MFCC.
8.6. Environment (Ross)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Cleanup was held 18th May. 8 people in attendance. Target area of the triangle, Bolton Drive & McLennan Street successfully cleaned. Additionally, all plastic ties removed from lampposts on Cathcart Road.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional comment that the event was well-publicised online as well as with posters in key locations in businesses throughout the Mount, and attendance was still poor. Many people “liked” the event online before it was on and then “liked” the published photo afterwards, while at no point coming along to help. Clicking “like” is not the same as actually helping! Chris C has drafted a proposal for an environmental plan, attached below.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions or help needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Any suggestions on the best ways to publicise the next Clean Up will be gratefully received. All Feedback on the proposed environmental plan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that even wider advertising is required for future Clean Ups. Agreed that we will go ahead with the proposed Environment plan, with first steps being a grant application managed by Chris BB. Noted that Stanmore Social has been successful in its application to Stalled Spaces for funding to support the Community Garden in the area between Stanmore Road and Cumming Drive.
8.7. Schools Liaison (Lesley)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoFloCoCo will take a stall at Gala Day in 31st May between 11 and 2. No charge. Purpose is to raise awareness, take input from local people, encourage involvement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris BB, Lesley, Chris C, Amy, Ross (11 to 12) volunteered to run the stall.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school are not going ahead with the adoption of Letherby Triangle but would like to look at the upkeep of the triangle for the good of the community. There is going to be an event for the Queens Baton on the 22nd July at Queens Park Rec's. An event at the Old Rose Garden on 21st July between 10 - 11pm the Life of Queens Park. As requested by the school during the Community Clean Up on Sunday most of the lampposts have been cleared of old notices and ties in preparation for the Scattercraft event for the Commonwealth Games. Lesley has enquired if the school would be interested in participating in a Mount Florida Christmas Gala Day.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions or help needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All invited to help run the stall on 31st May.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new follow ups from May meeting
8.8. Roads and Parking Sub-committee (Alex, Ross, Chris)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents and businesses continue to tell MFCC that the “Routes to Hampden Bus Infrastructure 2013” Traffic Regulation Order has had a severe negative impact on the area. Dialogue with GCC-LES in 2013 was unproductive. Cllr Graham brokered a meeting in Feb 2014 which resulted in following agreements. GCC committed to short term changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce double yellow line at 39 Clincart Road to the 5m intended Remove or replaced inappropriate time plates 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 Gulley at Clincart / Cathcart has been reported to LES Maintenance for attention GCC committed to the following reviews after the Commonwealth Games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential streets restrictions: Bolton Drive, Clincart Road, surrounds Cathcart Road restrictions Cllr Graham indicated he may instigate a review of arterial routes clearway policy.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alex and Chris made a press release linked mainly to Glasgow 2014. Core point was that it that Glasgow 2014 restrictions seem excessive, and the legacy of the Games could be another hammer blow to local business on top of the 2013 TRO. Press release was printed by The Southside Press and The Extra. This resulted in immediate response from Cllr Graham and LES. Most of the short term changes

	have now been implemented.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions or help needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification that short term improvements have been implemented. • Remind Cllr Graham and LES of commitment to detail reviews after Glasgow 2014.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Graham was reminded of the LES commitment to a proper review of the Traffic Regulation order in late August 2014. • It was agreed to celebrate the victories won on parking restrictions in any future newsletter.
8.9. Glasgow 2014 (Alex)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap 	<p>Top concerns shared with Paul Zealey and Jane Bown of Glasgow 2014 prior to 27th March:</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. • Public toilet provision, Police horse poo and litter. • Any plans to beautify Hangingshaws ground? • Meeting was held at Hampden Thursday 27th March. Very little new information available.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hampden traffic management plan was published on 24th April. Alex and Chris wrote a press release (see above, point 8. Roads and Parking). • Another information evening is to be held at Hampden on 22nd May.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was agreement to proposed points for Chris C to make in STV Glasgow interview – see below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>MFCC doesn't take a view, we simply relay what local people tell us:</i> • <i>People have told us the area around stadium is suffering from parking restrictions implemented last year linked to arterial bus routes policy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Residents paying £180 to recover car because insufficient spaces.</i> – <i>Factor in the closure of several businesses</i> • <i>Now Glasgow 2014</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>MFCC reached out to Glasgow 2014 in September 2013. Met again Feb' 2014.</i> – <i>Residents response to plans:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>they are shocked at severity compared to concerts and international football fixtures</i> • <i>Published information is unclear, contradictory, incomplete, available only online or at one meeting (22/5)</i> • <i>Some plans are not yet defined, including: 75 bus route, period of road closures,</i> – <i>Businesses response to plans:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lost custom due to transfer of concerts and football matches out of Hampden in 9 months prior</i> • <i>Apparently no benefit from Games to area. Spectators 'shepherded' away.</i> • <i>More:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>The small local independent businesses are the heart and soul of the area, providing higher value employment. If lost – won't get back.</i>
8.10. Hampden (Alex, Mark)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions or help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Please feed us issues that you want raised, ideas for constructive collaboration

needed	and contact details for people living or working in MF who want to get involved.
• Outcomes	• No update in May meeting
8.11. Queens Park Arena Rep (vacant)	
• Outcomes	• Les Rice indicated his interest in becoming both a Community Councillor and the Queens Park Arena Rep. Chris will send a nomination form to Les for the June meeting.
8.12. Business sub-committee (Craig)	
• Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig, Amy, Chris met on 29 April 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. • Amy and Chris attended a meeting organised by James Dornan MSP with local businesses on 12th May with the aim of helping them to establish a Business Association. Businesses are suffering so badly with the 2013 Traffic Regulation Order, lost football-related custom due to Glasgow 2014 and so fearful of the impact of the Glasgow 2014 event itself that few saw benefit in an Association. Mr Dornan will arrange another meeting to establish the Association. MoFloCoCo's willingness to support the establishment of an Association was noted.
• Decisions or help needed	• The recommendation is to put business-related matters on hold, and instead focus on improving the parking situation.
• Outcomes	• Above comments noted .

9. AOCB

(i) Regarding the proposed community garden headed by Stanmore Social - £2500 has been received, and an application has been made for lottery funding. There have been some objections to the scheme, and these will be taken into consideration and addressed. The majority of residents are supportive and encouraging.

The proposed site of the garden is behind the parking area between Stanmore Road and Cumming Drive. Phase 1 would involve the planting of an orchard. It is envisaged that there would also be raised beds for vegetables, and a community hut. The project hopes to be self-sufficient, using water capture and solar panels, with plans for beehives and a play area. The aim is to help build community, while at the same time addressing environmental issues, food poverty etc. Anyone who wants to be involved is welcome.

Wood was donated by Graham's Builders for the People's Garden in Pollok; maybe similar support could be sought from the builders working at Hampden.

There will be a launch event in the next few weeks. Please spread the word; Stanmore Social facebook and webpage can be used to answer any questions, and Urban Roots can help with volunteer management, etc.

Next meeting: Tuesday 24 June at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls

Appendix 1:Response regarding Community Council Liaison Group Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

- ‘Dialogue’ and ‘discussion’ are not purposes. The purpose should be specifically “to improve the organisational effectiveness and standing of Community Councils by i) directing the supporting resources of Glasgow City Council according to the priorities mandated by the Discussion Forum, ii) undertaking such additional work as is feasible and deemed appropriate by the Discussion Forum”. The specific, objective deliverables expected of the CCLG should be mandated by all CCs at the Discussion Forum twice per year.

2. Membership

- A membership of 9 Community Councillors is more than is necessary; would be difficult to fulfil; and would create more discussion than is helpful. We recommend a maximum membership of 6. There need be no quota of membership per sector. There should be a maximum limit of 2 CCers per CC.
- The mandate for the activities and scope of the Liaison Group should come from the Discussion Group. There should be no need for CCLG members to liaise back with CCs themselves – this is unrealistic as it could not be easily resourced or evidenced.
- The participation or otherwise of Glasgow City Council should be defined here.
- It is unreasonable to expect 100% attendance. The CC code of conduct is sufficient.

3. Role

- This section is unnecessary. The role and purpose of the Liaison Group should be the same.
- The objective deliverables (e.g. training programme, website) should be mandated by the Discussion Forum, independent of the constitution of the Liaison Group.

4. Meetings

- a. The distribution of the minutes should be defined. Members and Discussion Group committee is sufficient.
- b. Quorum of 50%.

5. Review - agreed

Other - The resources required by the Liaison Group to operate should be defined. Including: administration staffing; costs of postage and printing of materials and minutes.