

# Mount Florida Community Council

## Minutes of meeting of 24th March 2015 Clincarthill Church Hall

**Present:** Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), R. Carlaw (Treasurer), J. MacDonald (Minutes), C. Boyce-Butler, A. Sutherland, C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. Hefferan, J. Perry, L. Rice.  
Also attending: PCs Louise MacDonald and Paul Mallon.

### 1. Welcome and Introduction:

Chris Carus chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

### 2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from G. Cumming, S. Johnson, J. Matheson and Cllr S. Aitken.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the March meeting were approved (Proposed Les Rice, Seconded Claire Charlwood).

### 4. Matters Arising from last meeting:

All matters arising are dealt with under the agenda.

### 5. Community Police Report:

PCs MacDonald and Mallon took questions. Chris Carus raised the issue of local residents suffering from anti-social behaviour following football matches, but mentioned the positive responses from our survey to the presence of police horses in the back lanes, which had worked well and deterred problems. Residents are advised to ring 101 to report any instances of anti-social behaviour, as there will be local police on foot in the area around the time of matches and they can be contacted. It was noted that there is less trouble at friendly matches.

Chris also asked about beat reports. There had been one detection of drug use; this was reported to the Procurator Fiscal. There was one serious assault and no common assaults. There were no major issues around driver behaviour; there was one shoplifting offence, one case of fraud, and one attempted theft from a motor vehicle. There is currently a team of officers working to try to prevent theft of cycles.

The officers were thanked for their report.

### 6. Councillor's Report:

Cllr Aitken was unable to attend, but had sent a short report:

"In terms of local issues, the main one I've been dealing with is some concerns about antisocial behaviour in and around Cumming Drive, which I've passed on to the police. I've personally noticed an increase in dog fouling on Cathcart Road and I've asked Community Safety Glasgow to target the area. I've also had loads of emails from folk in Mount Florida about the Buchanan Street steps - there is a lot of upset at the decision to demolish them. Obviously, the planning committee in the Council voted to go ahead with the removal of the steps, but given the strength of feeling in the city, I would expect that this matter is far from done with and it may be referred to the Scottish Government.

Community councillors might be interested to know the proposals of the Boundary Commission for Scotland for Glasgow City Council. There are significant changes proposed, with all but four wards altered in some way. The number of councillors increases to 85, two new wards are to be created - Dennistoun and Dowanhill/Kelvindale - and several wards change from 3 to 4 members - including Langside - or 4 to 3. It's proposed that Langside ward is expanded in size to take in Toryglen and Polmadie. The proposals are out to consultation until 19 May. As always, please just drop me a line if there are any particular issues you want me to raise with officers."

## 7. GroMoFlo Update (Les Rice):

Things are moving forward with the Maclennan Street Quad. A consultation was held, and 8 enthusiastic people turned up. Suggestions include grass cutting, growing vegetables etc. There is now a Facebook page – Mount Florida Quad. In terms of awareness raising, a survey is taking place.

Les is attending a meeting with MFPPP on Monday to discuss the Triangle. This is not much further forward at present, but it is hoped to have a public consultation.

Re Stanmore Social Community Gardens, 8 raised beds have been created, and soil is being delivered soon. Banking with flowers is also planned. Community Business Glasgow is involved.

Notice was drawn to the Clean Up Scotland campaign; Urban Roots has been invited to a meeting next Monday. During April and May there will be a nationwide campaign to clean up the country.

Mark had attended a South Sector Partnership meeting and was told that each area partnership would get a sum of money for environmental improvement, and it appears that the Triangle is the area highlighted as being most in need of improvement.

We need to finish up the current grant before applying for more money, and suggestions include getting more people on board in order to make a bid for area partnership money. We need to determine the best way to use the money, e.g. for public consultation, to have kerbing introduced, etc.

**Action:** ➤ Les and Richard will meet to pull a projected budget together with the Triangle as a priority.

After publication and distribution of the newsletter, we will have £683 of the grant left to spend on equipment, to be lent to the Quad. Chris is meeting Fiona tomorrow. We will also get stencils and spray paint to highlight dog mess.

**Action:** ➤ Chris to send PowerPoint to James.

**Action:** ➤ Chris to send quotes to James and Richard; James to order stencils.

## 8. Treasurer's report (Richard Carlaw):

(i) Our current balance is £1588.76, but newsletter expenses will soon have to be met.

We have £683.76 remaining of the Area Partnership grant to spend. Fiona had spent £180 of grant money at the launch event (venue hire and A5 flyers). We need to use up the remainder of the grant by the end of March. By April, we should have a balance of approx. £592 to carry us through to next February. Hall rent, due in October, will be approximately £250; the remainder will cover secretarial and travel expenses etc.

(ii) Amy and Richard had handed in the forms to the bank, to be registered as the new signatories to the account. Mark, as co-signatory, had to sign the form, and we hope to have things in place in the next few weeks.

## 9. Parking and Traffic Review (Joan Perry) :

Joan had met with Andrew Belgin of LES. The main aim from the review is to increase parking spaces, reduce yellow lines, encourage angle parking etc and improve pedestrian safety.

It is proposed to have metered parking in Cathcart Road, with a 30-minute wait. For the Triangle, it is proposed to close off Letherby Drive and increase the area of the Triangle. There will be an exhibition in Langside Library from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Drawings will be out this week. We will co-ordinate feedback relating to the proposals.

**Action:** ➤ Those attending the MFPPP to ask if parents can give feedback; also publicize library event.

N.B. the new website is now live, but is still under development. We need to co-ordinate what goes on the website, Twitter, Facebook etc. We need to let people see that all our ideas have been carefully thought out, and to structure our survey. We need to encourage the public to come to the next community council meeting.

**Action:** ➤ Chris and Joan to produce feedback form, and keep Amy informed.

**Action:** ➤ Richard and Amy to meet and discuss web plan.

## 10. Hampden co-operation update (Mark Charlwood and Chris Carus):

The main issues are anti-social behaviour and non-enforcement of the parking restrictions.

There were fewer responses to our survey on the Cup Final than for the previous survey. People generally felt it had gone better, but parking is still a persistent issue. Some constructive suggestions were received.

**Action:** ➤ Chris will write up results and give to Mark, who is meeting with Archie Graham, LES, the police and Hampden MD Peter Dallas on 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10a.m. Amy will also attend. Chris will plot the results against each other, and they will be published together.

**Action:** ➤ Chris to send new survey links to Community Councillors.

**Action:** ➤ Chris to send survey results to neighbouring Community Councils.

#### **11. New Website (Richard Carlaw):**

Richard has now set up moflococo.org. Contents should be entered by tomorrow evening. One page will be allocated per project – GrowMoFlo, Hampden, parking etc. We need more images, especially of the quad, Hampden meeting etc.: please send these to Richard.

**Action:** ➤ Les will send photos of Stanmore Social event.

**Action:** ➤ Richard will upload previous minutes, etc. and will send a link to Community Councillors.

#### **12. Networking Event:**

There was no update.

#### **13: Our Vision for the Community Council (Chris Carus):**

Chris presented a sheet he had drafted, outlining our principles and strategies, and providing ideas on how we might become more effective. This was adopted as a working draft.

#### **14: AOCB:**

(i) Capacity and Capability Development: our aim is to identify issues/topics of importance to us and get the resource team to deliver to us. We might also invite other community council reps.

(ii) A Freedom of Information request had been received from someone in Merrylee asking for anything we have in relation to the changes to school catchment areas, back to 2011. The proposed change to catchment areas is a sensitive issue and is causing protests.

**Action:** ➤ Janet to check past minutes and forward anything relevant to Chris.

**Action:** ➤ Chris will ask Steven Dowling for written advice on how best to deal with this enquiry. We will reply to the request saying that we will respond ASAP.

(iii) The Chair of Battlefield Community Council had been in touch. They are meeting on 7th April to discuss what will happen to the old Victoria Infirmary building. Mark has been trying to get someone to come and speak to us about this. It was decided to let Battlefield CC take the lead on this, as they are more directly affected, and we will support them. James Hefferan will attend their meeting if necessary.

**Action:** ➤ Chris to send James details of the meeting.

(iv) Jim had attended a conference on capacity building.

(v) Planning Democracy are holding a conference on 10<sup>th</sup> April, entry £10. It will look at how to have a community-driven planning process.

(vi) There will be a Youth Justice follow-up at Strathclyde University on 6<sup>th</sup> June. Chris Boyce-Butler may attend.

(vii) We are still intending to hold a social event for community councillors. An indoor bowls session was suggested; Joan will book a night.

(viii) A communication had been received re potholes on Advie Place; Joan will contact Cllr Aitken.

(ix) Stanmore back lane is now looking very good following the Community Safety clean-up.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 28 April 2015 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.**