

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting of 28th April 2015
Clincarthill Church Hall

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Boyce-Butler, C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, G. Cumming, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Matheson, A. Sutherland

Also attending: A. Iqbal, T. Hamid, G. Hayes, H. Low, L. Low, R. Lupton, J. Mitchell, F. Munro, P. Munro, F. Shee, S. Wilson, G. Wilson, PCs Dalgleish and Livesey-Shiuamo, M. McAllister (NHS Community Engagement).

1. Welcome and Introduction:

Chris Carus chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending, and gave a brief update on all MoFloCoCo projects to be discussed.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from R. Carlaw (Treasurer), J. Hefferan, L. Rice, and Julia from the business association.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

4. Matters Arising from last meeting:

Re the condition of the road on Advie Place (item 14. viii), Joan Perry has been in touch with Cllr Aitken and a survey has taken place.

5. Community Police Report:

PCs Dalgleish and Livesey-Shiuamo attended and reported on crime figures for Beat 57 (Mount Florida). From the survey conducted by Police Scotland, the main issues in our area are considered to be drugs offences, violence and disorder, driver behaviour and dishonesty. Since the last report, there have been 50 crime reports raised, of which 35 have been sent to the Procurator Fiscal. These included 7 drugs offences, 2 common assaults, 16 traffic offences, 1 housebreaking, 1 general theft and 1 theft from a motor vehicle. The officers reported that, on the whole, things are looking positive in our area, and there is a high detection rate.

The local police are currently tackling bike thefts; residents are asked to ensure that bikes are secured, using a good padlock. There is a Crime Prevention advice board, and officers will come out and give advice to local businesses and residents if required. They can be contacted by email at Langsidecpt@scotlandpnn.police.uk. Non-urgent crime can be reported by phoning 101.

Residents can also check the Police Scotland Facebook page for information and advice. Many offences are connected with behaviour at Hampden events. The Scottish Cup Final should have more of a family atmosphere than some recent events.

There have been reports of criminals in the East Kilbride area putting symbols on houses to indicate whether there are valuables inside, etc. We will be notified if anything of this sort happens in our area.

Mark Charlwood asked if we could have a map of Beat 57; PC Dalgleish will look into this and email a map if available.

There was a recent attempted break-in at Mount Florida Primary, but the intruders appear to have been scared off by the alarm. Parents are worried about equipment in the school being targeted, as a recent break-in at Kings Park School resulted in some destruction. PC Dalgleish said that officers will come out to the school to give advice if required.

The officers were thanked for their report.

6. Ward Councillor's Report:

Cllr Hailey did not attend.

7. Transfer of Services from old Victoria Infirmary to the new South Glasgow University Hospital:

Mark McAllister of the Community Engagement team reported. He circulated draft copies of a newsletter that will be sent to all homes in the greater Glasgow area after 7 May. Phase 1 of the

Acute Services plan included the development of the new Victoria Hospital and other sites around Glasgow. Phase 2 includes the redevelopment of South Glasgow University Hospital and Yorkhill on the same site following the building of new labs in 2009.

A key part of the development plan is transport planning and parking. Funding for Section 75 of the planning process included investment in public transport, walking and cycling. The NHS is working with SPT and Glasgow City Council to look at how best to utilise the dedicated funding of £2.25m, and looking at pulling in additional funding. There is a need to look at staff transport issues as well as patient transport. Key corridors have been identified. McGills has been the main operator to come forward with new services, mainly from the west of the city. Stagecoach has also committed to a new service from the city centre. (These have been delivered without any public funding.) Gaps in the network have been identified in the north and south-east. A tender was put out to operators, and there will be an enhanced No. 34 service, increased to a 7-8 minute frequency, with a new 34A service every 15 minutes which will go directly into the hospital. Information on new bus services is available from Traveline (<http://www.travelinescotland.com/>). There is a new transport hub at the front of the building. This is a protected area, for public transport only. In the evenings, there is a free visitors' transport service covering the city. Bookings can be made by phoning during the day, and a door-to-door service will be provided. There will be on-site car parking, with 2 multi-storey car parks in place and a third planned. Two taxi ranks will be in place. There will be temporary provision off-site for staff. There is still some work to progress as the transfer gradually takes place.

The transfer of out-patient services at the Southern General took place yesterday. The Victoria transfer will take place on 16 May. A&E services will largely stop at that point, though there will be a transition period. The minor injury unit will still be functioning.

There will still be staff based at the old Victoria for some time, as the decommissioning process takes place. Equipment has to be properly disposed of, and this will take several months. The plans for the old Victoria site have not yet been decided. There is an officer in place to deal with the decommissioning of all the sites, and they will engage with local communities. The capital planning team will arrange the disposal of the site, and any proposals will be subject to planning regulations.

8. Parking and Traffic Review:

The results of our recent survey were presented. Embedded here:



Parking and Traffic
Survey report 2015 04

MoFloCoCo had made a very significant effort to communicate the survey to the whole community including a newsletter, email newsletter and contacting the business association members by email.

136 responses were received, 6 of those from local businesses. Our initial proposals, and our recommendations as agreed in the meeting, are as follows:

Clincart Road area: 2 proposals –

1. Informal one-way system on Clincart Road and Bolton Drive to be formalised, to create more room for diagonal parking.
 - This received a generally positive response, with 95 respondents in favour.
2. Remove the traffic island and extend the footpath.
 - This was again well received.

Most common comments in the survey:

- Could spaces be painted to encourage more efficient use?
 - MFCC response: This would have to be done according to government regulations about size and turning circles, and would most likely lead to fewer spaces being available. We would therefore not recommend this.
- Diagonal parking can block road and be a risk for emergency vehicles.
 - MFCC response: We will need to investigate ways to discourage diagonal parking in inappropriate areas, and encourage it in suitable areas.
- Concern about difficulty exiting onto Cathcart Road at peak times.
 - MFCC response: A filter arrow might help here; we can feed suggestions to LES, who have computer simulation software and can test ideas.
- Double yellow lines improve pedestrian safety, and improve visibility for drivers. .

The community council agreed to:

- recommend having a one-way system on Bolton Drive/Clincart Road, removing the island and extending the footpath.
- advise against new no-waiting areas around the high flats and at the station end of Maclennan Street, as these were felt to be unnecessary.
- Investigate further:
 - Proposed box junction at Cathcart Road/Maclennan Street.
 - Clarify where parking is allowed at the extended pavements and double yellow lines outside Loafers Café (Cathcart Rd/Clincart Rd).
 - How to encourage responsible, conscientious self-policed parking.

Letherby Drive area: 2 proposed changes –

1. Close off Letherby Drive and extend pedestrian-only area in front of school.
 - This had clear support from those living nearby (65 in favour, 21 against), but some reservations. There was a lot of support for more green space, but also concerns that the Cathcart Road/Carmunnock Road junction is dangerous for pedestrians and for cars pulling out, and closing Letherby Drive would force more traffic to this junction. Shop keepers in the meeting were also concerned that any road closures may have a detrimental impact on custom.
2. A proposal to relocate the taxi rank away from the shops.

The community council agreed to:

- Investigate further options that may allow the creation of a larger pedestrian area. Closure of Letherby Drive may require a roundabout or traffic calming such as a bumps, 20mph limit, a tight junction. An alternative may be to close Carmunnock at the Cathcart Road end.
- Chase the repair of the 20mph signs near the school.

Cathcart Road area:

Problems include not enough parking for residents, insufficient access for deliveries and confusing signage. 4 proposals:

1. Removals of 'goods only' vehicles signs to allow other types of vehicle to load.
 - This received a good response from businesses.
2. Removal of peak time 'no waiting' restriction, and extension of the pavement at the 2 bus stops on Cathcart Road out into the road.
 - This had received a positive online response, but local business people attending the meeting were not in favour because shoppers currently park illegally in the bus stops.
3. Reduction of loading bays at Tesco.
 - Again, this found favour with people but a minimum loading bay length of 13m is required for the Tesco truck.
4. Introduction of pay-and-display at various locations on Cathcart Road and Carmunnock Road.
 - This proposal did not meet with a favourable response. It was felt that this measure would deter shoppers and they would go elsewhere.

The community council agreed to:

- Recommend the removal of 'goods only' vehicle restriction to allow other types of vehicle to load.
- Recommend the reduction of the length of the loading bay at Tesco to 13m
- Investigate alternatives to pay-and-display that balance the needs of shoppers and residents while protecting the operation of the bus service and deterring park and ride commuters. Possible options may include the introduction of a 1-hour free parking allowance, OR reduced peak time restriction.
- Investigate reducing the length of the yellow lines on Somerville Drive at Cathcart Road as they are felt to be too long.

9. Hampden Co-operation:

Mark Charlwood and Amy Sutherland reported. They had attended a meeting at Hampden today, with Peter Dallas and representatives of the police, fire service, LES and Community Safety Glasgow, taking the results of our surveys after events. These results are embedded here:



MoFloCoCo Hampden
Survey 2015 Jan to Ma

The clear-up after events was generally felt to be good, but there were some complaints about police horse manure not being cleared. By law, any police horse manure deposited on pavements must be cleared, but this does not apply to manure on roads. LES do try to remove any mess quickly.

Re the Event Day Parking Zone (EDPZ) enforcement, around 250 fixed penalty notices were issued per event. Figures have still to be analysed. A summary of the results will be put out with the newsletter.

Action: Amy and Mark will summarize the outcomes from the meeting and recommend the next steps.

Amy will post on Facebook the email address where people can sign up to receive alerts about events at Hampden.

10. Gro Mo Flo Update:

As part of our environment project, we are trying to use positive messages to encourage people to keep Mount Florida clean and tidy, and help reduce litter and dog fouling.

It is hoped to make the Letherby Triangle more of a community space, but this is a slow-burning project dependent on getting funding. Mark Charlwood reported that he had received an email from Louise Dobbie (GCC) to say that we are front-runners for getting some funding for the Triangle improvement project, but this will not be available until August. There are very specific criteria for awarding grants. It was felt that we should not commit ourselves to this grant unless we have volunteers to manage it. The Community Council therefore mandated Mark Charlwood and Les Rice to oversee the project. The amount likely to be awarded would only go a small way to doing all that we would like to see happen, but could help to attract additional funding. We could pay to have the project costed and take things forward from there.

As part of our efforts to help residents work together to improve shared back court spaces, we used our environment grant to purchase gardening equipment and a barbecue, and also have litter picks available to borrow for community projects. The launch event for the MacLennan Street Quad was held last Saturday; Chris Carus, Chris Boyce-Butler and Les Rice attended. Elaine from Community Safety Glasgow co-ordinated a pick-up of bulk refuse which has helped improve the space enormously.

11. Treasurer's report:

Richard Carlaw was not in attendance, but had reported that the grant money has now been spent.

12. Community Council Development Plan:

It was agreed to carry this agenda item to the next meeting due to lack of time.

Action: Jim Matheson will send out Capacity Building information to Community Councillors by email.

13. AOCB:

As reported in the previous meeting by Chris Carus, Angela Taylor at Mount Florida Primary school is organizing a Treasure Hunt as part of a project on community involvement; local shops will be asked to participate.

Next meeting: Tuesday 26 May 2015 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.