

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting of 23rd June 2015
Clincarthill Church Hall

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Boyce-Butler, R. Carlaw (Treasurer), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Perry, S. Johnson, L. Rice, A. Sutherland
Also attending: R. Street, M. Turner, R. Sullivan, Cllr S. Aitken

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 J. Matheson and J. Hefferan. Two resignations had been received since last month – thanks were expressed to Sam Whitmore and Kristina Nitsolova for their involvement in the Community Council

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the May meeting were approved (Proposed J. Perry, Seconded A. Sutherland).

4. Matters Arising from last meeting:

- (i) Item 13(3) – re pigeons nesting under the railway bridge at Battlefield Road. Cllr Graham has contacted LES who have made an inspection.
- (ii) Re pot-holes in Advie Place. Joan Perry reported that pot-holes have been filled in and a survey carried out for long term resurfacing work. Cllr Aitken will chase up the report.

5. Community Police Report:

There were no Community Police present.

6. Ward Councillor's Report:

Cllr Susan Aitken reported.

- There have been a number of complaints recently regarding litter. Lamp post bins do not appear to be emptied often enough. Cllr Aitken has asked LES to provide a more regular service. Residents are asked to report overflowing bins to Clean Glasgow, by using their app, or directly by telephone. There are also problems with large items to be uplifted being left outside closes. Items for bulk uplift should be placed to the rear of closes by the bin store, and LES telephoned to arrange the uplift. See <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=6119> for further details.
- Dog fouling has also got worse recently. Community Safety Glasgow have been asked to target this. Quite a number of fixed penalty notices were issued on their last visit.
- A constituent had reported that Cathkin Park was looking neglected. Cllr Aitken had visited the park and confirmed this – there was broken glass lying about and trees were overgrown. LES has been asked to attend and maintain the park more regularly.
- Residents may be aware of the recent fire in Brisbane Street, where a house appears to have been targeted. Police have put extra patrols on and will monitor.
- A by-election will be held on 6 August. Names of candidates should be known by next week.
- The Scottish Communities Alliance may be approached to send a representative along to our meeting to explain the new Community Empowerment Bill.
- A resident reported a major pothole in Kingsbarns Drive; there is another at the Stanmore Road/Cathcart road junction. Cllr Aitken took note of these.
- There will be no surgeries in June and July, but as always, residents are asked to contact Cllr Aitken by email if there are any problems.

Action ➤ MoFloCoCo will ask residents via social media to take down old notices in closes regarding bulk uplift, and inform neighbours of the system for reporting and arranging bulk uplift of rubbish.

7. Summary of Correspondence (S. Johnson):

- 2 licensing applications had been received. As these were routine applications for street traders licenses no action was taken.

- An email had been received from Deborah Blair regarding pigeons nesting under the railway bridge confirming that repairs are planned.
- Correspondence is being received re the tunnel work taking place in Queen's Park during August and September. Les Rice had attended a meeting at QP arena; the arena will have to be closed for a year to allow work to be undertaken. Work will start on 31 August; there will be a 40m wide fenced-off area as the old sewage pipes are replaced. This is a large project which will go on till next June. There will be an information event at Queens Park Bowling Club on 24 June from 4-7pm. We will pass on any information received via our website, newsletter and social media.
- A number of marketing emails were also received.

8. Treasurer's Report (R. Carlaw):

No movement since last month – balance stands at £547.46. A new bank account will be opened by next week, and the money transferred.

Action ➤ Richard to send details of the new account to GCC liaison with Community Councils.

9. Letherby Triangle Action Plan:

Joan Perry had met with LES. They had conducted a survey, and have agreed with most of our wishes. Some fixes – signage, etc. – can be easily done, but intrusive works to the Triangle will come under a longer term action plan. Further studies are to be done, e.g. traffic surveys. Traffic management has to be sorted out before any work on the Triangle can begin. If we can get some funds allocated, we could employ a professional to look at traffic management, but we need to secure the space before planning how to use it.

Action ➤ We will write up what we think needs to be done and present it at the Area Partnership meeting (4 August).

Action ➤ Joan to telephone LES if no update is received by Friday.

10. Hampden Neighbours (Amy Sutherland and Mark Charlwood):

Prior to the Area Committee meeting on 4 August, Mark and Chris will put together a proposal of deliverables. This will have to be done next week.

11. Community Engagement Event at Letherby Triangle (R. Carlaw):

Richard and Rosie have been working on this. There had been some discussion about having a community event at Letherby Triangle, engaging residents in a celebration of this community space. We need to think what we can do by 8 August. A picnic, with people bringing their own food, would mean we would not require a license for food. We could get stickers printed and ask local eateries to give a discount on the day to sticker wearers. Richard has a contact who would be willing to provide music. We could perhaps also have face painting. A donation bucket could help offset costs. We already have banners, pop-up stands, a table and gazebo and we can begin to promote the event, which we envisage taking place between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Action ➤ Richard and Les to discuss further re generator, etc.

12. Communications Plan:

Chris, Amy and Rosie had had a planning meeting and have sorted out responsibilities. A rough plan has been drawn up. Social media is our biggest tool, so we need to share responsibility for posting and responding to queries on a rotational basis. For projects, whoever is running the project is in charge of the message and will write up. If any current information is received, forward it to the person responsible for posting.

Action ➤ Rosie to pull plan together and circulate by email to Community Councillors.

Action ➤ Richard to set up a Google Alert for anything on Mount Florida.

Action ➤ Advertise for new members – distribution of posters nearer the time of our next meeting.

Action ➤ Chris B-B to enquire about getting students from the college involved in civic projects.

It is proposed that we post 1 paragraph on each project every month, if possible with photos. These can also go in the newsletter. An e-newsletter is currently going out around once a month. If we can get a grant to publish a hard-copy newsletter, it would be good to get something out in August or September, before our next meeting.

Action ➤ Chris will put together newsletter. Deadline for information to be sent to Chris – last day of the month.

Action ➤ Rosie will pull together document with rota, and will contact Chris for log-in details.

Action> Sidney's partner Neil will write a 'how-to' with screen shots on w to upload documents to the website.

Action> Richard and Les to talk about updating the Grow MoFlo section.

Action> Mark to find out if our grant will cover the cost of a 'special' newsletter.

Action> Joan and Les to contribute project articles and photos.

13. Community Council Development Plan:

(1) How to embed a culture that enables continuity and growth? It was agreed to adopt the 'culture' document that had been drafted by the chair, pending one amendment replacing 'Vision' with 'Mission'.

(2) How do we motivate people to get involved? The issue we have is not so much about skills or training, but rather lack of time to do things effectively. Could we pay someone to do things we don't have time for? Further ideas re development welcome.

14. Membership:

(1) The Chair proposed reducing the number of Community Councillors to 12, to be in line with other Community Councils in areas of similar population (MoFlo has a population of 5371) and to create real competition for places. The vote was carried.

15. AOCB:

No other business.

16. Close:

We have made good progress on projects, on the plans for the Triangle and on pedestrian safety.

Next meeting: Tuesday 22 September 2015 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.