

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting of 22 September 2015
Clincarthill Church Hall

Present: Community Councillors Chris Carus (Chair), Claire Charlwood, Mark Charlwood, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Jim Mathieson, Joan Perry, Les Rice.

Also attending: PCs Andrew McDonald and Steven Moug, Cllr Susan Aitken, Joanne Boyle, Kevin Boyle, Robert Pollock.

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. Chris remarked that the summer break of 2 months resulted in the CC losing some of the substantial momentum that had been built up by July, notwithstanding the excellent picnic in the Triangle. It was suggested to reduce the summer break to one month and this will go on the agenda at the next meeting for discussion.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from R. Carlaw (Treasurer), J. Hefferan, C. Boyce-Butler, and R. Street.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the June meeting were approved (Proposed J. Perry, Seconded C. Charlwood).

4. Matters Arising from last meeting:

There were no matters arising outwith the agenda.

5. Community Police Report:

Officers Moug and McDonald attended, and reported that there had been a small number of offences committed in the area since the last report. These included several common assaults, which are being dealt with. 17 drivers had been reported to the Fiscal for various offences. There had been quite a few cases of theft, mainly of bicycles, and over 20 reports of housebreaking or attempted break-ins; these are being worked on. There has been an operation in place to tackle bogus callers, with information to come on that. Residents are asked to be aware of this, especially in the run-up to Christmas. The biggest priority at the moment is to tackle the housebreakings and thefts. Road traffic checks are also being carried out.

Those attending the meeting asked a number of questions relating to various issues.

- Regarding reports of police horse mess not being cleared away in a timely fashion after the recent event at Hampden (7th September), the officers will report.
- We had previously asked for a map outlining the areas covered by the different beats, but have not yet received this.
- Residents Joanne and Kevin Boyle reported problem of cars speeding on Mount Annan Drive. The officers replied that parking on both sides of the road makes use of a speed gun difficult. The officers will give this area extra attention. Speed bumps might be effective here. Mr & Mrs Boyle had previously been in touch with Charlie Gordon about this issue, which has not been resolved. The City Council will carry out an assessment by the end of October. Cllr Aitken responded; she has been trying to push for a 20mph limit for the Mount Florida and west Kings Park area, both because of the proximity to local primary schools and because this has been a long-running issue. She suggested galvanizing as many people as possible to support the 20mph speed limit. This is also on our action plan, and we will follow it up. The officers were thanked for their report.

6. Ward Councillor's Report:

Cllr Susan Aitken reported on behalf of new Councillor Anna Richardson, who is working tonight.

- There has been a big increase in email traffic and case work; the support officer has a lot more time taken up dealing with cleansing issues – rubbish not being uplifted, insufficient number of lamp-post bins, etc. Cllr Aitken has arranged a meeting with LES to discuss this further. She would like to see a better system of reporting overflowing bins by council workers.
- Cllr Aitken has been in touch with the planning department and will meet with NHS representatives to discuss the legacy of the old Victoria Infirmary building. Both Langside and Mount Florida will be affected by any housing development; it would be a good plan to have

talks before things go to the planning committee. November is the key time for moves to be made on this. The Community Empowerment Act enables us to have input to the discussions; though the City Council planning committee has ultimate responsibility, there has to be more community involvement. Planning officers will make recommendations; this should include reflecting community views. Our ward has the lowest percentage of social housing in the city. The City Council can insist on a percentage of social housing in any development, but it is not clear whether the NHS (whose building it is) can insist on this.

Action ➤ Cllr Aitken will find out more about this.

Robert Pollock had written to GCC about the Victoria site; it is categorized as an area suitable for residential and small commercial use. We need to be vigilant that the site is not sold off for major commercial use.

There are also questions about the ability of the local community and local services to absorb a large influx of people to the area. Our goal is to identify what needs to be part of the new development. There will be opportunities to find out about community development. Other than schools, the college and the library, we have no public buildings – there is therefore a strong case for insisting on some community facility as part of the new development.

- The issue was raised of the granting of public entertainment licenses, e.g. for large-scale events like the Night Garden, Monster Trucks, South Side Festival – we do not get any information about these. There needs to be taken into account extra bin provision at the recreation ground and cleaning up after the events.

Action ➤ Mark Charlwood will take this forward. (Gillian Hennigan on the licensing committee will take this to the Licensing Manager, Mairi Miller. If there is no satisfaction, we will get back to Cllr Aitken.)

- Road Repairs: Notices of the closure of Stanmore Road were issued on several days when little or no work was done, causing inconvenience to residents.

Action ➤ Claire Charlwood will email details to Cllr Aitken, who will try to get a response.

7. Summary of Correspondence:

Sydney had tracked this over the summer, and there was nothing for discussion.

8. Treasurer's Report:

Richard had reported to the Chair the ongoing saga of moving to the new bank account. He is still awaiting the cheque book. The cost of the picnic at the Triangle - £150 – had been covered in full by the 'Big Lunch' grant. A grant had also been received for environmental work (see further below).

9. Parking and Traffic Improvement (Joan Perry):

The current status in the Clincart Road area is that the removal of the island and extension of pavement at Bolton Drive has been agreed in principle, but costs are to be considered. Diagonal parking – LES cannot enforce this because of access by ambulances and other emergency vehicles.

Clincart Road - There is still no update on the issue of double yellow lines.

The yellow box junction suggested cannot be installed, but LES will put up 'keep clear' markings. The timing of signals at the junction have been optimized.

Letherby Drive – an assessment is to be carried out to assess the suitability of mandatory 20mph limit – this will also include the Mount Annan Drive area. Re the closure of Letherby Drive, we will have to get planning permission, but the Council will provide a dedicated planning officer to help us through the process. We need to gather evidence for support, as although most residents who expressed an opinion were strongly in favour, this view was not unanimous. The Cathcart Road/ Carmunnock Road junction would also have to be redesigned to slow down traffic. We are pleased, however, that LES are on board with the idea of improving the Triangle area.

Cathcart Road – Pay-and-display will not be introduced. The onus is on MoFloCoCo to engage further with the public re further redevelopment. A new traffic regulation will be drawn up for the whole area, but will not be implemented until the changes to Letherby Drive are agreed. We need to set dates for this.

Action ➤ Joan Perry will communicate further with LES.

Action ➤ Les Rice will come up with a brief and set a planning committee date.

10. Letherby Triangle (Les Rice):

We have an Area Partnership grant of £5625 to be spent on remodelling the Letherby Triangle. We need to: -

- Review the work carried out to date
- Facilitate design consultation
- Produce several options in consultation with GCC, MFPPP, LES, local business owners
- Hold a public display of options
- Produce a master plan

This needs to be done by 31 March 2016. The biggest expense will be the public consultation - leaflets, hall rent etc. Richard and Rosie have been compiling the results of our recent survey.

11. Hampden Neighbours (M. Charlwood):

Mark and Chris have prepared an update on deliverables to improve residents' experience of events at Hampden. There has been little co-operation from Hampden.

- Hampden website: We had hoped that Hampden would make it clear on their website that the ground is situated in a residential area and that there is little provision for parking. The City Council has the following post, which needs updating <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=7270> ; we feel that information could be clearer.
- Chris had produced a 'Heat map' of density of parking tickets issued on 7 September, many on Stanmore Road. Hampden seem to be doing the minimum on this.
- Uplift of Police horse manure - police should be reporting horse manure to the Council to enable them to uplift speedily - this doesn't seem to be happening.
- Street cleaning also seems to have slipped - we need to put this back on our surveys.
- There is also little provision for cycles.
- Former Community Councillor Alex Miller had been in touch re illegal parking on Kings Park Avenue.
- Chris Carus has been putting info up on our Facebook page as it arises.

Action➤ Chris and Mark will provide a detailed assessment of the deliverables for the November meeting of the Area Partnership

12. Old Victoria Legacy:

Battlefield Community Council has been taking an active lead on this, and is reaching out to other Community Councils (Shawlands, Mount Florida, Govanhill). Jim Matheson will represent us on joint meetings.

Action➤ Chris will put Jim in touch with Sophia Tierney (Chair of Langside, Battlefield & Camphill Community Council).

13. Communications:

Rosie had drafted a strategy and sent it to Chris. We need to agree what we do on the next month.

Action➤ Rosie to draft rota for next 3 weeks for posting to social media.

Action➤ All: provide updates for newsletter and blog. (Joan - Parking update; Chris - Hampden; Les - Triangle; station update) by end of next week.

14. AOCB:

- Next month is our AGM (27 October). It is not an election year for MoFloCoCo, but office bearers will resign and can be re-nominated. There are no vacancies on the Community Council at present.
- It would be good to have a Hampden monitor.
- If anyone would like to take on the role of Correspondence Secretary, or assist Sydney in this role, please contact Chris.

Action➤ Richard to prepare accounts.

15. Close:

The issue of the number of meetings held each year will go on next month's Ordinary agenda.

Next meeting (AGM): Tuesday 27 October 2015 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.