

## Mount Florida Community Council

### Minutes of Ordinary meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015 Clincarthill Church Hall

**Present: Community Councillors** R. Carlaw (Treasurer), C. Carus (Chair), M. Charlwood, C. Charlwood, J. Hefferan, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Matheson, J. Perry, L. Rice  
**Also attending:** K. Cusick, R. Cairns, R. Street, R. Sullivan, Cllr A. Graham

#### 1. Approval of minutes of September meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> September were approved (Proposed Chris Carus, Seconded Mark Charlwood).

#### 2. Matters Arising from last meeting:

Re the road repairs to Stanmore Road (item 6), Claire Charlwood forwarded details to Cllr Aitken about this; the contractors had been reprimanded for closing the road unnecessarily, but no response had been received re the dangerous driving. Claire had sent photographs but is not hopeful of a response.

#### 3. Community Police Report:

No officers were in attendance.

#### 4. Ward Councillor's Report (Cllr Archie Graham):

- Re the old Victoria: there are proposals to develop the site of the old Mansionhouse Unit, and a meeting was held about this earlier in the month. The Health Board are proposing a community engagement exercise; Battlefield Community Council are trying to get some funds to carry out a much bigger community consultation. The Community Empowerment Bill will not become law until next year, but this would be a good example of community empowerment. Cllr Graham is supportive of the application for funding to carry out the consultation.
- The consultation exercise in terms of Parks management was carried out some time ago; comments received had resulted in changes to the original proposal. This will be available online later this week.
- The Shawlands Town Action Plan is going ahead.
- Mount Florida Nursery School is now open. The refurbishment of the school is a great improvement.
- Water Board activity: fences are up in Queen's Park, while the pipe is laid between here and Shieldhall to take away surface water. There will be some disruption; major works will take place at the corner of Curtis Avenue and Aikenhead Road, causing serious disruption for 4 weeks (from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.) Vehicles displaced will come down Cathcart Road. The work will be advantageous in the long run, but there will be disruption meantime.
- Richard Carlaw brought up a question about the planning process, with regard to the repairs to the bridge at Ballater Street causing delays getting into town, at a time when there will be further disruption to roads. Cllr Graham replied that public services do get together to discuss these things but it is not always possible to arrange things so that all efforts are co-ordinated. The Community Council Empowerment bill might help these situations by allowing Community Council involvement and input.

As a Community Council, we can help people know what is happening. There needs to be more transparency and consideration of local residents. There is both a safety issue and a displacement issue. We will consider how MoFloCoCo can work better with GCC to ensure better communication to local residents.

There has been an informal group meeting of various agencies (set up at the time of the Commonwealth Games). It was suggested that it would be useful to have one dedicated website giving information on all roadworks due to happen.

**Action** ➤ Cllr Graham will look into this and report back.

- Chris Carus pointed out that police attendance has been irregular at community council meetings, and that there is no continuity; when officers do attend they do not always know what our priorities are. GCC pays for 100 officers to do community policing. Police had assured GCC that there would be more visibility of officers on the beat, better attendance at Community Council meetings, etc. We do not see it as necessarily a good use of police time.

**Action** ➤ Chris Carus will draft and send an email to Cllr Graham, who will check this out.

- Hampden 'deliverables': we will discuss and put forward to the upcoming meeting.
- Jim Matheson asked about GCC's plans to tackle climate change. Cllr Graham replied that there is a sustainability policy, and GCC are looking at ways to reduce their carbon footprint. GCC had made an unsuccessful application to be European Green Capital. Tenement housing is a problem in terms of waste collection – it is a major challenge to organise uplift of separated recyclable waste from tenements. The debate is ongoing. A pilot project to recycle food waste was successful; and will be rolled out city-wide in January.

#### 5. Correspondence:

Sidney Johnstone was not in attendance.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report (Richard Carlaw):

The new bank account had been opened since the last accounting period. The balance stands at £546.26. A grant of £150 had been received from the Big Lunch for the Triangle event. No statement is available as yet, but word of the GCC grant of £5232.76 (ex VAT) had come in. We currently have 3 signatories to the account – it was suggested that we have a fourth. James Hefferan volunteered to be a signatory.

**Action**➤ Richard will arrange this.

**Action**➤ Richard to scan and send a copy of the opening balance of the new TSB account to Mary McCallum, and she will sign off the accounts.

#### 7. Parking and Traffic Improvement (Joan Perry):

1. We had requested a topographical study, but this was turned down. This would need to come out of our grant.
2. There are issues around the siting of the bus stance.
3. We need to come up with a proposal for the Triangle and LES will work around that. We must have the community consultation before we can come up with a plan.

#### 8. Letherby Triangle (Les Rice):

Les proposed that we appoint ERZ (landscape architects) to carry out a site analysis, and come up with a design concept. MFPPP have done a lot of work on ideas. There will be two more opportunities for the local community to have an input, and we also need to get outline costs in order. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with this plan.

**Action**➤ Les to speak to Murray.

#### 9. Hampden Neighbours (Mark Charlwood):

Since the last meeting we have had more response to our website questionnaire on reactions to events at Hampden.

- Hampden's website is not kept up-to-date.
- There are still problems of parking, clean-up after events etc.
- Lack of understanding by mounted police re what to do about horse droppings.
- There had been repeated complaints about parking restrictions at Kings Park Road end, although a big improvement since we intervened.
- Visitors often don't have information on restricted parking zones before they come. Hampden Park Ltd isn't putting an effort into this. Enforcement displaces the problem but doesn't solve it.

**Action**➤ We need to ID hotspots where people are parking illegally.

#### 10. Old Victoria Hospital Legacy:

Chris had tried to put Jim Matheson in touch with the Chair of Battlefield Community Council; however Jim had had no response. The Chair has apparently stepped down and has not yet been replaced. It is noted that the Mansionhouse site has been sold. We had contacted our ward councillors to ask them to do something. It was noted that the NHS is obliged to sell disused premises. There has been a provisional application for advance notification of demolition.

Several local residents in Battlefield area had put forward a proposal to carry out a much wider public consultation. The idea is to run a community-led planning consultation on what is currently the biggest development site in Glasgow. We have an opportunity to intervene. The proposal is to apply to the Charrette Mainstreaming Programme Fund for funding for the consultation; we need to come up with a document outlining what local people want, what the potential problems may be, and what we want provided for the local community. Battlefield Community Council want us to take the lead on this, and verbalise support from other local community councils and community

groups. The deadline for applying for this grant is this coming Friday. As we currently have a lot to deal with ourselves, we would like Evelyn Silber, Bob Marshall and others to form a steering group ASAP. Evelyn and Bob (of Battlefield CC) have drafted an application for the consultation grant of £30,000, and we have been asked to be the lead CC on this, administering the grant through our account. We would need to work out how any spending would be approved. Mark Charlwood suggested that whoever becomes the chair of the steering group becomes an associate member of MoFloCoCo. It was decided that we go ahead and apply, but if a steering group is not formed and a chair in place by our November meeting, we will withdraw the application.

**Action**➤ Chris Carus to send Jim Matheson a list of contacts in other Community Councils.

#### **11. Communications Plan (Rosie Street):**

A change needs to be made as Amy has other commitments. We need to determine if the rota for posting information online is working. We also need to determine how best to report on issues like the Triangle.

**Action**➤ Chris will be in touch with Amy.

#### **12. Proposal to change summer break from 2 months (July and August) to 1 month (July):**

Proposed by Chris Carus, to enable some continuity over the summer. This was agreed, with the recognition that not everyone would be able to attend the summer meetings.

#### **13. AOCB:**

A Christmas extravaganza is planned for 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7-9 p.m. There will be a procession from the school to the Triangle, and it is hoped that MoFloCoCo might be involved in some way, which we will consider further.

**Action**➤ Les to liaise with the school.

#### **14. Close:**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 24 November 2015 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.**