

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary meeting of 23rd February 2016 Clincarthill Church Hall

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), R. Carlaw (Treasurer), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. Perry (Correspondence Secretary), J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Matheson, L. Rice
Also attending: Cllr Archie Graham, P.C. Christine Fleming, P.C. Ross McDonald, Rosie Street, Gavin Thomson.

1. Welcome (Chair, Chris Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Apologies:

No apologies were received.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the January meeting were approved with the following amendments:

- (i) date (wrongly typed);
- (ii) Item 12: "Jim said that **one of the aims of the forum was** to get the best route for the public, **in addition to the listed buildings remaining in place...**"
- (iii) Item, 12: "the forum is intended to have an impartial role, **however that no longer seems to be the case** as Jim sees some questions in the questionnaire as contradicting this position".
- (iv) (page 3) "...from within **the Forum**, those attending..."
(Proposed L. Rice, Seconded J. Perry).

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the previous minute that will not be dealt with under the agenda.

5. Community Police Report:

PCs Fleming and McDonald attended, and reported the situation since the last meeting.

- I. drug dealing and use: no reports of drug dealing; 6 offenders reported to the Procurator Fiscal for possession of small quantities of a controlled substance for personal use.
- II. violence and disorder: 1 report of violence (common assault) – offender reported to the PF; 2 reports of racially aggravated assault.
- III. driver behaviour: 6 drivers reported to the Procurator Fiscal for various offences, 2 reported for failing to provide a breath specimen. The figures do not cover offences dealt with by a fixed penalty.
- IV. dishonesty: 4 reports of housebreaking; no offenders ID'd. The plain clothes team are working on the increased number of housebreakings. Crime prevention advice is to be vigilant; don't leave valuables on display in cars; secure doors and windows and check who is allowed access to closes; cover your PIN when using cash machines.
- V. Extra uniformed officers are attending events at Hampden, and there is an increase in road checks.

A resident had emailed asking for advice – a flat in Prospecthill Road has been let out to people who appear to be Romanians; the landlord seems unfit to do his job as he is not attending to common repairs and there have been instances of urinating in the back court, cockroach infestations etc. The police cannot do anything unless there is evidence that an offence has been committed. They advised to check whether the landlord is registered – this can be done online at <https://www.landlordregistrationscotland.gov.uk>

Community Safety Glasgow is dedicated to dealing with problems, including antisocial behaviour - tel 0141 276 7559 or see <http://www.communitysafetyglasgow.org/contact-us/other-ways-to-in-touch/>

If any criminal behaviour is encountered, this should be reported to the Community Police, who can be contacted on 101.

Mark Charlwood raised the issue of mounted police at Hampden events, and the continuing problem of horse manure not being reported to LES afterwards in order that it can be cleaned up promptly. The officers replied that the mounted police are not always aware of this when it happens, but will pass on the message.

There is an ongoing issue, raised at the last meeting, of a suspected brothel operating in a flat at 105A Cathcart Road. Another resident has confirmed that this is still a problem despite its being reported to police on a number of occasions. It was again suggested that the landlord register should be checked and LES contacted. The officers will pass this on to colleagues.

6. Ward Councillor's Report (Cllr Graham):

Cllr Graham reported that the Council budget will be set on 10th March, but it is difficult to pin down how much funding will be available. £130 million of savings is expected over the next 2 years and this will mean cuts in some services. There will be £67m in cuts from Scottish Government funding and the rest will be made from budget pressures (staff costs etc). Political groupings will deliberate next week and put forward proposals for the budget meeting.

Re the Victoria site, there is a need to ensure that any developer/s consult with the local community. Cllr Graham can help facilitate this.

The Area Partnership meeting was held today – there was a positive meeting with Hampden management and the wording on their website has been changed to reflect the parking position more accurately and to advise the use of public transport to events.

There is money available for improvements to Letherby Triangle. Community funding made available by the Scottish Government will be allocated to various areas and match funding for projects will come from the Area Partnership. This money will have to be spent by the end of May.

Joan Perry raised the issue of potholes on Advie Place, May Terrace and Hampden Terrace. Joan had put in a request to have these filled in again but had not heard back. Cllr Graham will find out when the work is due to be done.

Chris raised concerns coming from some local shopkeepers about an increase in anti-social behaviour, particularly in Cumming Drive and the high flats. Cllr Graham is aware of some of this, and encourages residents to report major problems to the police. He noted that the sex trade is often linked to organised crime. Cllr Graham will raise this at his next meeting with the police and try to get this dealt with.

Cllr Graham was thanked for his help with the Letherby Triangle project.

7. Summary of Correspondence (Joan Perry):

- An email had been received about attending a community event in Pollokshields; Les will feed back.
- A Community Councils event is being held on 3rd March with the local MSP, MP etc. Jim and Chris will attend as this will be a good opportunity to network with other CCs.
- 3 applications had been received for temporary public entertainment licences around events at Hampden. It would be useful if we could attend a meeting where these licences are granted, if only to observe and see what provisions are being made for portaloos, how much alcohol is being sold etc. but it is unlikely we would be allowed any input.

8. Treasurer's Report (Richard Carlaw):

Richard Carlaw reported an opening balance of £6381. We had spent over £3420, leaving a current balance of £2960.24. The total fee for ERZ will be £4290, the balance of which has still to be paid. We should have enough left to cover hall let etc.

Action ➤ Les and Richard to meet to set budget for Triangle work.

9. Letherby Triangle Action Plan (Les Rice):

A very successful ideas day was held, with lots of ideas put forward. Three options will be presented at the Church of Pentecost next Wednesday (3rd March) between 6pm and 8pm. These are briefly as follows, and will be given equal prominence:

1. Keep 'as is' and do the area up;
2. Shut off the end of Carmunnock Road and keep Letherby Drive open;
3. Shut Letherby Drive.

The final option will be decided by the end of March. We need to publicise this as widely as possible, leafleting the immediate area and knocking on doors.

Action ➤ Chris to produce an e-newsletter, and contact Neil Gillespie to distribute leaflets.

Action ➤ Community Councillors to speak to as many people as possible.

Action ➤ Rosie to do a Facebook post.

10. Parking and Traffic (Joan Perry):

LES have asked for a copy of our report.

11. Hampden Neighbours (Claire Charlwood):

Claire brought news that GCC website has also been updated to give the same message as Hampden's. Peter Dallas is keen to come to our next meeting. He has previously indicated that he would be willing to give some free Hampden Experience tickets.

It would be good to encourage more people to cycle to Hampden but there needs to be better provision for cyclists. The Police travel information page is also much improved.

12. Victoria Hospital Forum (Chris Carus and Jim Matheson):

Chris reported from the Victoria Forum. He stressed that the Forum is not pushing for a particular outcome, and wants local opinion to be heard and long-term local needs considered. Local people should be consulted directly and thoroughly. Consultation taking place *after* a developer bid has been received would not be meaningful, so the closing date for bids of 10th March should be postponed. NHSGGC's own policies require it to consult local people, whereas NHSGGC seems to be putting this responsibility on the developer. The Forum has tried to engage constructively with the disposal team (Campbell Whyte & Co.) but that hasn't worked so they want to meet with the NHSGGC project owner. If that is unsuccessful they will make a 'participation request' in the spirit of the Community Empowerment Act and go to ministers and brief the MSPs and our MP.

Jim reiterated his feeling, raised at the last meeting, that some of the questions on the questionnaire put forward by the Forum were misleading. The Victoria Forum, as he sees it, had started with the aims of ensuring public access through the site and ensuring that listed buildings are retained. It now seems to want to prevent other buildings from being demolished and to have a say in what type of buildings are put up.

There was disagreement on the purpose of the Forum, Chris seeing it as being to ensure public consultation, and the majority of the meeting accepted this view.

At the Area Partnership meeting there was discussion of the current review of the planning legislation, and Cllr Aitken will push for community consultation.

Action ➤ Jim to forward the August minutes of the Forum.

13. Current status of potential new members:

The nomination form is on the website and Facebook page, and posters have been put up in the library and other local venues. We will take this forward in March.

14. Communications Plan (Rosie Street):

A post about GCSS is scheduled to go online tomorrow. Next week will focus on getting out information about the Letherby Triangle event. Posts are reaching around 2500 people.

Action ➤ Mark will put together information on Hampden, and forward to Rosie.

15. Social Event with neighbouring community councils:

Chris proposed 2 events:

1. Meet at Minnesota Fats on 8th March for informal social evening;
2. Networking event with other CCs on 6th April, at the Indoor Bowling. (TBC)

16. Bank of Scotland closure:

The bank is closing in June and there are concerns about this.

17. Clean-up of lane between Stanmore Road and Advie Place (Joan Perry):

Joan contacted LES to arrange pick-up of rubbish but it has not all been uplifted. We could organise another clean-up.

18. AOCB:

There was no other business.

19. Close:

Chris closed the meeting, thanking those who attended.

Next meeting: Tuesday 22 March 2016 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.