

## Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary meeting of 22nd March 2016  
Clincarthill Church Hall

**Present: Community Councillors** C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. Perry (Correspondence Secretary), J. MacDonald (Minutes), L. Rice  
**Also attending:** Cllr Aitken, P.C. Derek Coyle, P.C. Victoria Semple, M. Evans Ewing, P. Dallas.

### 1. Welcome (Chair, Chris Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

### 2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from R. Carlaw (Treasurer), R. Street and G. Thomson.

### 3. Minutes of last meeting:

Due to an oversight, the minutes of the February meeting were not sent out in time, therefore adoption of the minutes will be held over till the April meeting.

### 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 Coyle and Semple attended, and reported the situation between 23 February and 22 March.

- I. drug dealing and use: no reports of drug dealing; 7 reports of possession of small quantities of a controlled substance for personal use.
- II. violence and disorder: 3 reports of violence; 1 common assault, offender reported to the PF; 2 serious assaults, of which 1 offender was apprehended and has appeared in court, and the other case is still under investigation.
- III. driver behaviour: 10 drivers were reported to the Procurator Fiscal for various offences, including 5 offences of careless driving, 1 dangerous driving and 1 driving without insurance.
- IV. dishonesty: there had been 1 housebreaking, and 1 attempted housebreaking. Neither have as yet been identified. There have been 3 reports of theft from a motor vehicle, and 1 theft of a vehicle, all as yet undetected. Police advise people not to have keys hanging in hallways.
- V. Anti-social behaviour: There have been 19 reports of street drinking.

We asked again for a map showing the area covered by the beat, as this does not tie in exactly with Mount Florida Community Council area.

We also highlighted that the priorities covered are not set by MoFloCoCo; we would like to see a clearer breakdown of which incidents are linked to events at Hampden, and exactly where incidents are occurring.

The officers reported that a licence has been granted for the Bruce Springsteen concert at Hampden in June. However we had understood that the licensing meeting was not due to take place until 18<sup>th</sup> May. This will be investigated further.

There had been issues recently around disturbances in Cumming Drive.

The officers took note of our concerns and will report back.

### 6. Peter Dallas, MD Hampden

Peter Dallas attended. We let him know that local residents are appreciative of recent improvements to the Hampden website. We have been conducting surveys since January 2015 regarding issues arising around events at Hampden, and gathering information on what people would like to see by way of improvements. Responses to our survey after the Euro Qualifier in September were 69% overall positive. Our survey in March had 29 respondents and was 78% positive.

A programme of Hampden events is sent out to immediate neighbours, and the website is updated. Peter Dallas felt that things are encouraging although improvements can still be made.

Claire Charlwood made a point of asking for better provision for cyclists. Peter Dallas said he was uncertain how likely people would be to leave bikes at their own risk; he is trying to encourage people to walk to events and to get better signage for walking routes.

We will note responses to forthcoming concerts, as in the past they have proved to attract anti-social behaviour. Hampden work with the police and GCC on these issues; we hope to see the message reinforced that the local neighbourhood should be respected by visitors to Hampden.

Chris Carus brought up the issue of the provision of public toilets outwith the stadium. Peter Dallas said he hopes that concert promoters will provide portaloos in the vicinity; Hampden will not take responsibility for behaviour happening outwith the stadium.

The positives:

- Informing residents
- Enforcement of event day parking zone
- Improvements to website

Priorities:

- More encouragement of use of public transport
- Toilets outwith the stadium
- Police horse manure to be uplifted quickly

Peter Dallas said that it might be possible to put info on their website reminding visitors that public drinking is not allowed in Glasgow.

Local resident Mandy Evans-Ewing asked about the possibility of having a community festival in the autumn, perhaps in the stadium car park,, or in Lesser Hampden. Stanmore Social street party was very successful but had cost a lot to organise in terms of having the street closed off, etc. Peter Dallas is willing to listen to any proposal, taking into consideration any scheduled events. He pointed out that anything relating to Lesser Hampden would have to be referred to Queens Park Football Club. He agreed to return to Mount Florida Community Council, perhaps on an annual basis, to update us and keep channels of communication open.

#### **7. Ward Councillor's Report (Cllr Aitken):**

Cllr Aitken reported that the 20mph zone expansion across the city is reaching Mount Florida. The area between Mount Annan Drive and Kings Park Avenue will be included. The exact date of implementation is not yet known, but should be fairly soon.

Cllr Aitken has written to the Health Board and Planning Department asking them to take the initiative in community consultation, and not to leave this to the developers. We will try to keep up pressure on this.

Re the Mansionhouse development, it is unlikely that the changes that are being looked for will take place. Consultation is built in to the planning process, but it is far too late. Cala Homes have followed the instructions given, but this does not really go far enough in addressing local residents' concerns. The restrictions on the size of the site do not allow for the required amount of green space, so the developer will be liable to pay ENVII funding, i.e. money to be spent within Langside Ward in compensation. Local groups could apply for funding for community improvements, e.g. gating of back lanes. Officers will decide where the money will be spent, but if we go along with a plan of what needs to be done, we would stand a better chance of having the work spent within the ward.

Cleansing services have suffered lately; this is not confined to our area. Cllr Aitken had asked for a sweep of all lamp-post bins across the ward, to check that they have not been left unemptied for long periods; to produce a review of all street bins in the ward to ensure that these are all on runs being emptied at least fortnightly; and also to make a check of back lanes. A response has been promised.

Statistics on complaints are being fed in and will be monitored. Management practices are being tightened relating to domestic refuse uplift.

Cllr Aitken asked that we let her know of any other issues arising.

#### **8. Summary of Correspondence (Joan):**

- Joan had replied to the email about the overpopulated flat.
- An email had been received re the Bank of Scotland closure, but we are not really in a position to do anything about this.
- A Battlefield resident had been in touch looking for contact details for the council.

#### **9. Treasurer's Report:**

Richard sent his apologies, but sent a note that the opening balance of the account was £2620.24. In March, we have spent to date:

Letherby exhibition leaflet printing	£65.00
Letherby exhibition leaflet distribution	£150.00

We received:  
Next stage Letherby project grant funding  
from GCC £4695.00  
Current balance £7150.24

We have an outstanding payment to ERZ to complete the agreed schedule of work and have money in the bank to cover this.

**Action** ➤ Les to check outstanding amount owed to ERZ

#### **10. Letherby Triangle Action Plan (Les Rice):**

We will apply for more Area Partnership funding by mid April to take our plans forward. There had been lots of feedback at the exhibition of options, both on the night and on the online survey. Option 3, to close Letherby Drive, is the most popular to date. The idea of semi-pedestrianising the area in front of the shops was fairly popular, but comments were mainly in favour of option 3 for safety reasons, especially around the school.

The next step will be to decide on the final option and get it tested by road engineers and transport planners. Most of this will be done using current funds, but we will need some additional funding. We have a lot of responsibility for public safety, etc. so it is necessary to employ consultants.

Next Thursday (31 March) another event will take place, from 6-8pm with the 3 options again displayed; this will be a joint event with MFPPP at the Triangle, for residents' input. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the Triangle before and after the meeting.

#### **11. Parking and Traffic (Joan Perry):**

THE TRO will be agreed on soon.

#### **12. Hampden Neighbours (Claire Charlwood):**

Claire reported that we now have a more positive relationship with Hampden and this should be highlighted. We need to keep up communication with Peter Dallas.

**Action** ➤ Claire and/or Mark will draft a press release and send to Chris.

#### **13. Victoria Hospital Forum (Chris Carus):**

The Mansionhouse Unit planning application went before the committee this morning. Cala Homes have not provided enough public space provision in their plans, so my have to provide ENVII funding in compensation.

The height and proximity to the road of the proposed building is a cause of concern to local residents. At the moment, legislation doesn't give enough powers to the local community, as community empowerment is not yet enshrined in law.

The Victoria Forum is campaigning for meaningful consultation before planning goes ahead. A request was rejected by the NHS. Marco Biaggi, the Community Engagement minister, local health minister, councillors, our MP and MSP have all been contacted, but there has been little response. A meeting has been held, but no agreement was reached. The sale is not delayed - the closing date of 10 March has now passed, with at least 3 serious bidders involved. The Victoria Forum is continuing to keep pressure on the NHS to hold them to their public statement. No more details are yet known about the sale or the applications.

#### **14. New members to MoFloCoCo (Chris) :**

Gavin Thomson and Rose Street have put in nomination forms. As there are 4 vacancies and 2 nominations, Gavin is now a community councillor; Rosie is also elected subject to validation of resident status.

#### **15. New members' projects:**

This will be carried over to the next meeting.

#### **16. Communications Plan:**

Almost 700 people are now in contact via our Facebook page, and we have 60 people on our email list.

#### **17. Social events (Chris Carus):**

An event is proposed at the Indoor Bowls on 6 April, for community councillors to meet and socialise. People are coming from Battlefield, Govanhill and Shawlands Community Councils. £30 was allocated to be spent on soft drinks.

**18. AOCB:**

- Minnesota Fats have suggested having a community defibrillator; we will find out more about this.
- Old photos of Mount Florida are needed to decorate the room to be used for community events (next door to Minnesota Fats).
- Janet will not be at the April meeting - Joan offered to take notes.

**19. Close:**

Chris closed the meeting, thanking those who attended.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 26 April 2016 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.**