

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary meeting of 24th May 2016 Clincarthill Church Hall

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), R. Carlaw (Treasurer), M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Perry (Correspondence Secretary), R. Street and G. Thomson.
Also attending: Cllr Archie Graham, Steve Kelly, Roger Dean.

1. Welcome (Chair, Chris Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from C. Charlwood and L. Rice.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the April meeting were approved (proposed R. Street, seconded G. Thomson). Thanks to Joan for taking the minutes in Janet's absence.

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:

There were no police officers in attendance.

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

Cllr Graham reported that a Community budgeting session had been held recently and was attended by representatives from local community councils. This was a pilot project, funded by the Scottish Government with top-up funding from the city council; money has to be spent by June. It was a very successful meeting, and it is hoped that a similar event can be held again.

Schools investment - work at Mount Florida and Kings Park primaries is now complete, and work at Battlefield and Langside should commence soon.

Environmental Task Force - Attempts have been made to better co-ordinate services, e.g. Community Safety Glasgow, bulk uplift etc. All wards will be covered by the environmental task force, which it is hoped will provide a better service for uplifting litter, attending to dog fouling etc.

Boundary Commission Review - The proposal is to extend the Langside ward to make it a 4-councillor ward. If there are no challenges to the proposal, it is expected to be in place by next year.

Planning issues outstanding - Victoria Infirmary and Mansionhouse Unit. The proposals for Mansionhouse have still to be decided (see further below). A decision has also still to be made on which developer will get the go-ahead for the old Victoria site.

Hampden - there are 2 investigations ongoing into the incidents at Hampden Park last weekend, one is by the football authorities, and the other is a criminal investigation. Most supporters were good-natured, but a small group were intent on trouble. The football authorities want to ensure that lessons are learnt. There was fighting on the pitch after the match, and the police seemed to take a long time to react to the pitch invasion as many officers were deployed outside the ground. Cllr Graham is still awaiting a debrief from the police. He was not aware of much trouble outside the ground.

Cllr Graham then took questions and comments from those at the meeting.

- Chris Carus pointed out that the timing of the community budgeting event was not ideal, and people did not know far enough in advance that it was taking place. However we were pleased that MoFloCoCo did get some money out of this event.

- Mark Charlwood asked about the community council areas and how they will be affected by the proposed ward boundary changes. Cllr Graham said that community council boundaries and ward boundaries are not co-terminous. Cathcart Community Council covers part of Earl's Park, which will be in the new Langside ward.

- A resident raised the issue of football fans invading gardens, urinating at the side of buildings etc in Ballogie Road. The police had a briefing for councillors 4 days before the game. The Shed in Shawlands was proposing to open its doors to Hibs fans before the match, but this would mean

those fans having to go past the Rangers end of the ground on their way to the match. The manager of The Shed was approached and agreed to cancel. Chris asked if off-license sales could be more closely regulated before matches, and Janet asked if shops could put up notices reminding fans (especially those from furth of Glasgow, who may not know local bye-laws) that alcohol may not be drunk in public. We could also make representation to the licensing committee.

Action > Cllr Graham & Mark Charwood will look into this.

- A number of concerts are coming up; there is a multi-agency group set up to ensure their smooth running. Health & Safety officers are sent out to inspect the stage, etc and licenses are not granted until the committee is satisfied. Certificates are issued on the day of the event.

7. Summary of Correspondence (Joan):

- A letter had been received from the Council re licensing; they are considering our comments.

- a request had been received from a local resident looking for a gardener.

- there is a new heritage project being organised locally; the first meeting will take place on Thursday 26 May at Finn's Place, Langside Church at 7.30p.m. Janet will attend on behalf of MoFloCoCo.

8. Treasurer's Report (Richard):

No cheques have been written since the last meeting. The Community budgeting grant had been received.

Current balance £4366.24

Action > Richard to speak to Les about what bills are due and we need to plan for.

Draft accounts are on Google Drive. We could apply for another Area Partnership grant.

9. Letherby Triangle Action Plan:

Money had been received from the community budget.

Action > Les will send an email update.

10. Parking and Traffic (Joan Perry):

They are awaiting a response to our survey.

Re the road closure at Queen's Park, traffic will be diverted along Cathcart road. This will be in place for about a year, but no contingencies are in place regarding parking, traffic lights etc. We will publicise the link to the Scottish Water website.

11. Hampden Neighbours (Rose Street):

A business analyst has offered to help with our surveys. Rose is to meet him later. It would be good to get more help with a structured plan.

12. Victoria Hospital Forum (Chris Carus):

The Victoria Forum is mainly concerned with the old Infirmary site. The preferred bidder should be announced soon.

The planning application for a large block of flats at the Mansionhouse Unit received objections relating to the proximity to the road, overlooking other properties, the ratio of flats to public space, parking units etc., all of which break planning guidelines. The planning committee will visit the area on the 31st May at 11 a.m. and Victoria Forum members will attend and make representation to the committee.

13. Anti-littering Project (Chris Carus):

Rosie had sent information to Chris about similar projects. Elaine Sheeran has provided information on a task force; we may have a joint effort at some time. Our 'dog poo' stencils had been successfully used by Battlefield Community Council.

14. Raising Awareness (Gavin Thomson):

See below.

15. Street Play:

It is intended that this should take place on 4th June from 10-12. An application has been made to close off Carmunnock Road at the shops, between Cathcart Road and Letherby Drive; this might be the area chosen for permanent closure.

The School fair is taking place the same day; activities are planned and the Council will provide signage. They will deliver the signs the day before, and we will put them up. We have a separate insurance policy for this event. Local residents were canvassed; most were supportive.

There will be Bikeability classes, chalks for pavement drawing etc. and we hope to have a Fire Engine in the Triangle.

Action > Chris will speak to the police to arrange supported crossing.

Action > Mark will be the point of contact for the day.

Action > Rosie will put out an appeal on social media for extra marshals for the day.

Action > CCs will help put out signage, and act as marshals.

Action > Chris will ask Les to pick up signs.

By early next week, Chris will have information to give to marshals. We will advertise from next week. Chris has spent around £60 to date.

16. Roles and Succession Planning (Chris Carus):

Chris had produced an organisation chart (circulated). Mark is happy to continue dealing with licensing issues. We need someone to take on planning issues. It was recognised that it would be useful to have someone in charge of the overall communications plan, and Rosie agreed to do this, co-ordinating all channels of communication.

Chris is intending to step down as Chair this summer, so we need to think about a new Chair, with perhaps a Vice Chair to take on some of the duties. We have not had a Vice Chair for some time, so there is a vacancy. It was thought that a hand-over period would be useful to allow a smoother change-over.

Action > Chris to write up a job description, with an estimate of the time spent on areas of planning, organisation, etc.

We are a lot stronger than we were several months ago; a number of things have come to fruition and things are working well.

17. Communications Plan (Rose Street):

Rosie circulated a communications plan. Napier University has a research team working on community councils; Rosie will contact them.

An editor of The Drum had contacted us some time ago to offer advice; Chris will pass on contact details. We have a good reputation for communicating well with people and should be building on this to try for funding for a pilot project (Letherby Triangle). We need to develop our media contacts.

18. AOCB:

- A local resident raised the issue of factoring; a large bill had been sent out by their factor for work done on the instructions of one resident, without any consultation or agreement from neighbours. Chris passed on details of Community Safety Glasgow, who provide a mediation service for factoring issues.

19. Close:

Chris closed the meeting, thanking those who attended.

Next meeting: Tuesday 28 June 2016 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.