

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting of 28th June 2016
Clincarthill Church Hall

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), M. Charlwood, C. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), L. Rice, R. Street.

Also attending: Anne McGrory, PCs Andy McDonald & David Wardell.

1. Welcome (Chair, Chris Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from R. Carlaw (Treasurer) and J. Perry (Correspondence Secretary).

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the May meeting were approved (proposed L. Rice, seconded R. Street).

4. Matters Arising:

(i) Item 7: Licensing around Hampden events: licenses are granted for a fixed period. Graeme Ross of the committee which issues licenses is willing to come to a CC meeting.

Action > Mark will invite Graeme Ross to our August meeting.

5. Community Police Report:

PCs McDonald and Wardell reported. The main concern of late has been arrangements for events at Hampden. Crowds were cleared away quickly from yesterday's event. On football match days there continue to be problems with fans urinating in public places.

There have been several attempted housebreakings in the area lately, and also theft of car number plates; also a few offences relating to drug possession and driver behaviour. Otherwise things have generally been fairly quiet.

The officers were asked about the forthcoming Beyoncé concert (7th July) which will have a large attendance. There should be a similar demographic to yesterday's event.

6. Ward Councillor's Report:

The ward councillor did not attend.

7. Summary of Correspondence:

A feedback form relating to community budgeting had been received; the feedback form will be filled in by Chris.

8. Treasurer's Report:

Richard Carlaw, the Treasurer, had sent a provisional report by email. Our total income this year has been £14,706, most of which has been spent on the Triangle project.

9. Triangle Update (Les Rice):

Les met ERZ and a traffic planning engineer; they will now look at the preferred option (closure of Carmunnock Road) in order to work out the feasibility of the traffic readjustment. We will conduct a count of traffic (a percentage will have to be added on to take account of the fact that traffic is lighter at the moment during school holidays). The traffic plan engineer will look at different options for a turning circle, etc. We will then look towards getting planning permission. We will have to have around £12000 to take up to planning permission stage.

Action > Les to email Joan to check if we have people to do the traffic count.

Action > Les to apply for Awards for All funding.

Action > Chris to draft a press release.

Action > Chris to contact Lauren Mair, to get publicity in the community newspaper.

10. Parking and Traffic:

There was no update; pending plans for the Triangle.

11. Hampden Neighbours (Rose Street):

After the last meeting, Chris met Mark Harland, the business analyst who is willing to help with processing information from the feedback forms and reports on the survey results, tying in with what was done last year. The next Area Partnership meeting takes place in three weeks; analysis will have to be done by then.

Action > Chris to connect with Mark after the Beyoncé concert and collect data.

Action > Need to add our contact details to information going out about the Triangle.

12. Victoria Hospital (Chris Carus):

There has been a campaign across the various community councils to ensure thorough public consultation about the old Victoria Infirmary site. The preferred bidder is still not known. A meeting of the Victoria Forum will take place tomorrow; the Forum feels that the legal minimum statutory process is not long enough for such a big project.

The planning application flats at the Mansionhouse Unit had received a number of objections. The planning committee made a field visit and the proposal to build the flats was passed. Battlefield Community Council is following this development closely

13. Anti-littering Project (Chris Carus):

There is no update.

Action > Chris to ask what the Environmental Task Force's plan is for Langside.

14. Street Party:

We closed the road, and despite a lower than hoped attendance, we were pleased to see almost no negative reaction. The City Council had got the wrong instructions and had tried to block access to Hampden. We realise that events such as this need more time to organise publicity; it was noted that the Stanmore Social event the next day was well attended. Claire Charlwood spoke to quite a number of people and spread word about the Triangle project. Three family entrance tickets for the Hampden Experience were raffled; all money raised will go to the Triangle project. £108.40 was made on Saturday, and £57 on Sunday.

15. Communications Plan (Rose Street):

Our Facebook page has 796 followers. Gavin has also been putting information out on Twitter.

Rosie is putting up information about the concert, and will have the social media report up by the next meeting. The ERZ report on the Triangle will be going up in the next couple of weeks.

Action > Rosie will put together information about the progress of the Triangle project, and will boost a few posts about attendance before the next meeting.

Action > Rosie will send a draft copy of the poster to community councillors.

Action > Chris to produce an email newsletter.

We will need to raise funds – around £700 - to print and distribute a newsletter.

Action > Les to apply for funding from the Area Partnership for the newsletter.

16. AOCB:

(i) Local resident Anne McGrory asked about the current Scottish Water work in Queens Drive and its impact on bus routes. As the local branch of the bank of Scotland has now closed, residents have to use the Victoria Road branch, but the new bus route doesn't let people access shops and services at the top end of Victoria Road. It was noted that there is now only one regular bus service (no.31) through Mount Florida, and not all residents are able to use trains due to access, etc. Chris and Mark will be in contact about this.

Action > Chris will contact the local ward councillors to ask if additional stops can be made to ease access at the southern end of Cathcart Road.

(ii) There has been filming in Stanmore Road on two occasions in the last month, during which time traffic restrictions were in place. Claire has been in touch with the ward councillors and has had some responses. Archie Graham has been talking to the department in charge of traffic restrictions. Seven days' notice will now have to be given before any filming takes place. Efforts will also be made to avoid the same location being used repeatedly.

Action > Claire to forward Cllr Graham's response to Rosie.

17. Close:

Chris closed the meeting, thanking those who attended.

Next meeting: Tuesday 23 August 2016 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.