

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting of 25 October 2016
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

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

Also attending: K. Cusick, A. Hardie, M. Lindsay, L. Mulraney, PCs I. Cooper and R. Donnelly, Cllr A. Graham.

1. Welcome (Chair, Chris Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending (attendance as per the AGM).

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Gavin Thomson.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the September meeting were approved with the following amendment: Item 9 should read 'responses' rather than 'analysis'.
(proposed C. Carus, seconded L. Rice).

4. Matters Arising:

(i) Item 15:

Action > Chris will put up the poster in the Pentecostal church.

Action > Joan will email neighbours in Hampden Terrace.

5. Community Police Report:

PCs Cooper and Donnelly attended. There are to be changes in the police system. From 1 November, each Community Council will now have a dedicated police officer who will report regularly. The crime report addressing our priorities, covering the period 27 September – 25 October is as follows:

- 8 offenders reported to the PF for drug possession;
- 1 assault reported, no serious assaults or robberies;
- 4 driver behaviour offences;
- 3 thefts from motor vehicles;
- 1 theft of a pedal bike.

More officers are now being deployed, especially at football matches. There is now a 12-man team for this area. There has been a rising number of vehicle crimes across the wider area, and residents are advised, as always, to be vigilant. Don't leave valuables on display in cars. The officers were thanked for their report.

6. Councillor' Report:

Cllr Graham had attended some of our consultation events re the Letherby Triangle project, and was interested to hear the different points of view expressed.

Today he had attended a meeting about the UEFA European championships competition. The tournament organisation is changing radically; in 2020 we will have four games played at Hampden, which will be good for the city but will have an impact on the local community. We need to be engaged in the process.

In 2018, the European Sports Championships are coming to Glasgow, but none of these events will be held at Hampden.

Re the old Victoria site, Sanctuary will have to put in a planning application to the city council. Cllr Graham has met with them on 3 occasions and has encouraged them to engage with local residents. The Victoria Forum had had the expectation that any consultation would take place before any demolition work, although it looks like some demolition is taking place in the next few days; however Cllr Graham is of the opinion that the company is not trying to railroad anything through.

On traffic management – the Water Board works at Prospecthill Road, major events at Hampden, redirection of buses etc. The car park at Hampden is also out of bounds while the Water Board works go ahead. Cllr Graham is in dialogue on a regular basis with the Water Board; there is no way to manage all this work without some disruption. Local residents attending our meeting were happy with the regular communications from the Water Board.

Community Budgeting Exercise – this took place earlier in the year and there will be more to come before the end of the year. Any other local groups with suitable projects are encouraged to apply for support.

Cllr Graham then answered some questions from the floor.

The work to resurface Hampden Terrace/May Terrace has been delayed. Cllr Graham said that this work will be done when the Water Board have finished in the area, but cannot give a specific date.

Additional recycling bins have been received for tenements in the area, but there is some confusion as to what types of plastic are acceptable for recycling. There is also no provision for garden waste for flats, which is currently being fly-tipped.

There are also problems with the state of some of the rubbish bins in some tenement back courts. Cllr Graham suggested bringing along a senior environmental officer to our next meeting to address some of these issues.

7. Summary of Correspondence (Joan):

There had been no correspondence.

8. Treasurer's Report:

As AGM report.

9. Letherby Triangle Action Plan (Les Rice):

A meeting with LES and DRS was held recently. The traffic analysis was shared. LES acknowledged the report. It was decided that further consultation with close neighbours is needed and we need to be sure we address concerns with pedestrian safety

We now need more money to take the plans forward to the next stage, which is detailed design and preparation for a planning application. Les will meet with other Community Councillors and try to come up with a strategy. Setting up a charitable trust might be a way forward when looking for larger sums.

Action > Les and Richard will look into this.

We also need to do more canvassing with immediate neighbours – Gavin and Chris had gone out to do this on Saturday, but timing clashed with the football match. Another door-knocking session will take place this coming Thursday.

A similar project is taking place in Edinburgh (Causey – see <http://www.thecausey.org/>). Mark had contacted David Dunlop to seek additional information.

A clean-up of Hampden lane had taken place.

10. Parking and Traffic (Joan):

There is no update as we await finalisation of the Letherby Triangle plans.

A local resident noted that traffic management at the moment is piecemeal but there needs to be a plan for the whole area.

A scheme of changes that we would like to see has not yet been implemented. When the 20-mph restrictions go in, they will be monitored, and any additional action needed will be taken.

11. Hampden Neighbours (Claire and Mark Charlwood):

(i) Chris had collated the survey results from earlier in the year and had intended to write this up but as yet has not had time to do so. When complete, this will be issued to the ward councillors and other agencies.

Action > Chris and Mark to write up the report.

(ii) **Action** > Rosie will post a reminder on Facebook about the skills we need.

12. Victoria Hospital (Chris Carus):

Chris had met with the Victoria Forum earlier tonight, as it was observed that demolition equipment was on the Vic site before any consultation had taken place. The Forum has taken a constructive approach with Sanctuary, but feel that they are now being sidelined. The Forum intends to give Sanctuary a deadline to (a) announce their demolition plan, (b) announce their consultation plan, (c) announce the date, and see that no demolition takes place until the consultation takes place, and (d) ensure that the manager's house is protected from the elements meantime.

13. Anti-littering Project (Chris Carus):

No update.

14. Communications Plan (Rosie):

We now have almost 1000 followers on Facebook. For the consultation report, we put some money behind this and it went out to about 10,000 people. The more we can share about the Letherby Triangle project, the better.

It would be useful to find out where our Facebook and Twitter followers are from, and to collect email addresses.

15. AOCB:

(i) The website needs to be updated.

Action > Richard will update, if he can be sent short reports about the various projects (Letherby, roads, Hampden).

(ii) We intend to hold a Letherby 'open day' on a Saturday morning, perhaps at Arturo's. Date to be decided.

16: Close:

Chris closed the meeting, thanking those who attended.

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