

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting of 24 January 2017
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Perry (Correspondence), L. Rice, R. Street, G. Thomson

Also attending: Joe Beaver, Dominic Boyle, Mandy Burke, Robin Cairns, Liz Dunwoodie, Alan Jones (Asda), Rosemary Kidd, Steven Livingston, Aileen McBride, Clare McLeod, Grant McManus, Alan McNicoll, Eileen McNicoll, D.T., Tanya Wisely, and a Community Police Officer.

1. Welcome (Chair, Chris Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending, introducing Alan Jones representing Asda.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mark Charlwood and Cllr A. Richardson.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 22 November 2016 were approved: (proposed L. Rice, seconded J. Perry).

4. Asda Planning Applications:

Chris gave a brief summary of the situation. Shortly before Christmas Chris Carus noticed that two planning applications had been submitted for new outlets at Asda car park; a McDonald's drive-through take-away and 24-hour petrol filling-station shop, and 6 retail units. There had been no opportunity to discuss the implications of these applications, and there had been no public consultation. A number of concerns were raised through the planning website, and to MoFloCoCo via our Facebook page. Although some local residents were in favour of a McDonalds, several problems were identified, and questions raised about the appropriateness of the proposals.

(i) It was felt that there had been **insufficient consultation**, as the only people notified directly were the Asda filling station and supermarket itself. There was a notice in the Evening Times, and on the planning website. Due to the date of the notice and the deadlines, community councils had not had time to discuss the matter. Mr Jones replied that responsibility for notification of neighbours lies with Glasgow City Council, and not with Asda. GCC have the criteria for the area to be notified.

(ii) It was felt that the **two applications should have formed one single application**, and splitting them was seen as a way to get round the system. Mr Jones replied that there had been no underhand intentions with regard to splitting the applications. He said that Asda is providing customers with more choice, and is making improvements to the car park layout. The planning applications are subject to scrutiny, and the split had been agreed with planning officers before submission as it is a large site. Asda are confident that the proposed design is right for the site and will bring benefits. He was asked if there are any plans beyond tonight to take the views of local people into consideration.

(iii) The most commonly mentioned problem foreseen by local residents is **litter**. Mr Jones said that it is in Asda's interest that site occupiers have a good litter policy. He was asked whether Asda will continue to own the space or rent it, and whether they would be able to enforce any litter policy, e.g. to cover the path between McDonalds and the local secondary school. He said that McDonalds would be expected to do 3 litter-picks daily and is willing to work with the local community to discuss/decide whether to expand the area covered.

(iv) It was pointed out that there are already numerous hot food take-away restaurants nearby and, as statistics show, **obesity** is a problem. Mr Jones replied that not all of the retail units would be for fast food; Asda currently supports initiatives to tackle obesity. They are offering choice for local residents and will ensure the right mix of outlets. It was noted that if this were a major development, the NHS would have been consulted, but as the applications were split, this will not happen.

(v) Mr Jones was asked about the **impact on local shops and food vans**, as the new development may take business away from local town centres, in conflict with the city development plan; he was asked how Asda would mitigate this. He said that there was no requirement to carry out such an assessment under planning guidelines. He envisaged the majority of customers to the new units being existing Asda customers. He is happy to have further dialogue with MoFloCoCo.

(vi) Traffic congestion: Asda say that traffic impact would be minimal, their modelling based on other sites in similar locations. GCC traffic officers have assessed and agreed with their conclusion. We felt that a capacity assessment of the junction was needed, and a longer consultation period could have ensured that traffic impact analysis was better explained, in less technical language. Mr Jones will go back and seek a summary of the traffic plan.

(vii) Car parking: this will be reduced under the new proposals, but Mr Jones said that an accumulation survey had been undertaken and Asda is confident that car parking will be sufficient.

(vii) The proposal is felt to be out of line with **sustainability as laid out in City Plan 2, in that it will draw people away from local shopping areas. There is no provision for cycles, and the pedestrian crossing is very close to the roundabout.**

(viii) There are several public health and environmental issues. Opening hours, waste collection times etc. should be decided by GCC.

Summary/Action Points:

- Chris will remain in contact with other CCs.
- McDonalds to be asked to extend litter pick area.
- Planning Dept to be asked for consultation with NHS
- Further clarification to be sought on mix of shops.
- Traffic assessment to be put in more accessible form.
- Cycle storage provision.
- MoFloCoCo will consult with local population on reasonable opening hours.

5. Councillor' Report:

Cllr Richardson did not attend.

6. Letherby Update:

Postponed until next meeting due to lack of time.

7. AOCB:

There was no other business.

8: Close:

Chris closed the meeting, thanking those who attended.

Next meeting: Tuesday 28 February 2017 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.