

## Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting of 28 February 2017  
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

**Present: Community Councillors** C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Perry (Correspondence), R. Street.

**Also attending:** Cllr Archie Graham, Steven Livingston, Tanya Wisely, .PCS Stephen Macaulay and Brian Rooney

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

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

### 2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Les Rice.

### 3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 24 January 2017 were approved with the following amendment: Convey Mark Charlwood's apologies for absence. (proposed R. Street, seconded C. Charlwood).

### 4. Community Police Report:

PCs Macaulay and Rooney reported. During the period 28 January till 28 February there were 6 offenders reported for possession of drugs; two assaults (not yet detected, enquiries ongoing); one serious assault (detected); four drivers reported for various offences including careless driving and driving without insurance. There were 3 housebreakings, 2 to commercial premises, for which enquiries are still ongoing. Four thefts included shoplifting and thefts of bicycles.

Officers recently attended training for 'midnight football' to take kids off the streets and involve them in sport.

Concerns were raised about the recent sexual assault in Queen's Park – the officers will get back to us with information.

The next event at Hampden will be the Scotland v. Slovenia match on Sunday 26 March. Extra resources will be deployed on the day. It was felt that it would be useful to get into structural dialogue following the game.

The officers were thanked for their report.

### 5. Councillor' Report:

Cllr Graham reported that the Council budget has been set. These are challenging times and there will be a cut of £190m across the country this year. The Council cannot provide the same level of services with cuts year on year. Decisions taken last year involved savings, allowing a little growth in some areas.

Education services, LES and Glasgow Life have been asked for suggestions for improvements to buildings and open spaces. Money has been invested in primary schools in recent years; now the focus will be to invest in football pitches, etc.

More staff and volunteers will be recruited for an Environmental Task Force.

Every metal bin in tenements will be replaced by wheelie bins or bigger plastic bins. This will take time but will be an improvement.

Re planning issues, the company involved in the Asda development were heavily criticised by the planning committee for splitting the development into two applications and have been given a clear message. There are insufficient grounds to reject the application, but a marker has been put down, and things should now be more open and transparent.

The community budgeting event was successful (see further below – section 9). There were more participants than at the previous event. The Community Empowerment Act has a section on Community Asset Transfer. More of a role could be played by communities in running facilities. The Act has a clause setting out the system to allow community takeovers, and expressions of interest should be dealt with in a timely manner. If an application is rejected, there has to be an appeal process. Work is to be concluded in the next 2-3 weeks and the policy will be in place by our next meeting.

The problem with community asset transfer is that no funds will be available for maintenance, but some help will be available. There has to be a rigorous process in place, especially for sizeable projects, to ensure that the appropriate skill set exists, and the legal process and sound business

plan are in place, etc. The Council will help to organise this, but support in kind is more likely to be available rather than financial assistance.

Re the work on the new sewer pipeline, Claire Charlwood commented that people were generally pleased with the re-routing of the buses, but asked what will happen when the work is completed. Cllr Graham replied that this will be down to the bus company. A good case would have to be built to continue with the current bus routes. The works are due to be completed by the end of July or August.

Mark Charlwood asked about the changing of the Ward boundary, and whether there would be any changes to the Community Council boundaries. We had previously expressed an interest in changing our boundary as we feel that Oldcastle Gardens rightly belongs under Cathcart CC. Cllr Graham said that there is no plan to change Community Council boundaries at this stage, but agreed that there would be no harm in our making a formal request.

It was pointed out that the siting of recycling bins in the back lanes has led to an increase in rubbish left in the lanes. Some people are also putting the wrong things in the recycling bins. Cllr Graham was asked if there had been any response from LES. He said that the situation is improving, except around Christmas etc when more rubbish is generated and there is a need to ensure that there are enough collections at busy periods.

It was also noted that there are no brown bins for garden waste collections in tenements; Cllr Graham will try to get brown bins for lanes.

There are difficulties in identifying what can currently be recycled. There also needs to be more co-operation with shops as regards excess packaging.

Joan Perry said that Hampden Terrace, May Terrace and Advie Place were due to be resurfaced, but that this had not yet happened despite a date being given for the work. Cllr Graham will follow this up. He was thanked for his report.

#### **6. Summary of Correspondence (J. Perry):**

(i) An application had been received for a temporary public licence for the Stone Roses concert on 24 June.

➤**Action** Mark will draft a request for toilets etc. and pass to Chris.

(ii) There were requests for renewal of street traders' licences.

(iii) We had received a complaint about litter on the streets and have raised the issue in the relevant quarter.

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

The treasurer was not in attendance but Chris reported that £486.36 administration allowance had been received and there had been no expenditure in the last month. -

#### **8. Letherby Triangle Action Plan (R. Street):**

The Letherby sub-group has met with a representative of the Scottish Community Development Trust, and two paths of progression had been identified -

A. Community Development Trust, or

B. Community Asset Transfer

We would not necessarily be considered for (A) as we have only one project underway. Rosie had received some reading material and the sub-group will look further into the various options. We will need more community consultation; the various avenues will be summarised and put out.

£15k is needed for the next stage before we can apply for lottery funding, and Rosie noted that there are several smaller funds that we could apply to. We need to have good marketing skills to put forward funding bids. It is a big commitment and we need to assess all options.

A visit to the Causey project in Edinburgh is being arranged.

➤**Action** Sub-group to meet again to discuss further.

#### **9. Community Budgeting (M. Charlwood):**

Mark had circulated material. The event had been very successful, although we ran out of forms - almost 200 people turned up. The surprise was that 48% of the attendees had heard through word-of-mouth. Lessons had been learned about how much space was needed; people preferred the market stall approach. We perhaps need to explain better to people the eligibility criteria for voting. We also need to help groups market their projects to the public. We might write up pointers for those who wish to apply next time and put these on the website.

➤**Action** Mark will bullet-point these and send to Chris.

#### **10. Hampden neighbours:**

Kirsty Cusack had written up the comments, and Chris will write a report, identifying key problems and deliverables, and will send this to the relevant stakeholders (police, parking, Hampden). The next match is on 26 March, just before our next meeting on 28 March.

➤**Action** Chris to write report.

➤**Action** Claire to invite Peter Dallas to our May meeting.

#### **11. Victoria Hospital (C. Carus):**

The Victoria Forum managed to get the planning department to concede that there should be a master plan for the site, as stated in the City Development Plan. A public meeting was arranged last week to canvas opinions. The Vic Forum met Sanctuary on 27 February, with a letter from the planning department. The head of planning, Forbes Barron, had expressed reservations as to whether the master plan could be drawn up within the timescale, while allowing local residents input. Sanctuary wish to submit the master plan and application at the same time. The Forum wants complete clarity in the process. The key points of the master plan should be –

- sequential - approval of the master plan should precede the detailed planning application
- should include the wider area
  - schools capacity
  - public transport, etc.
- socio-economic analysis

The planning process is defined by law; the planning review process is underway but is not yet complete. We need to use our influence, and need to get clarity from GCC as to what is intended by the ‘master plan’.

#### **12. Anti-littering Project:**

Nothing to report.

#### **13. Communications Plan (R. Street):**

Our numbers are growing, and we are sharing news with the Battlefield Community Group Facebook page. We are encouraging people to use the page as a community forum.

#### **14. AOCB**

(i) Asda update – the consultation period was not extended. We put in an objection in an attempt to get concessions. There should have been a pre-application consultation; splitting the applications into two got around this. It has been determined that no more than one of the units will be for hot food takeaway.

➤**Action** Chris will follow up and publish update. He will try to get something for the Letherby project.

(ii) The traffic regulation order for 20 mph speed limit zone is going ahead.

➤**Action** Rosie will publicise.

(iii) Mark had attended the PB Scotland event. The organisation aims to build understanding in communities as well as awarding money. (See free resources available at <https://pbscotland.scot/>) The intention of the Scottish government is that 1% of every council’s budget every year will go to community budgeting. We need to learn more about it before it takes effect.

➤**Action** Mark will join PB Scotland.

#### **15: Close:**

Chris closed the meeting, thanking those who attended.

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