

Mount Florida Community Council

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

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

Also attending: Cllr Susan Aitken, Rachel Gillespie, PCs D. Coyle and M. MacIntyre

1. Welcome (J. Perry):

Joan Perry opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from C. Carus.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 28 February 2017 were approved: (proposed C. Charlwood, seconded R. Street).

4. Community Police Report:

PC Derek Coyle reported. During the past month there were 3 incidents of common assault, 2 instances of common theft, and a couple of breaches of the peace. The recent match at Hampden had not been exceptionally busy, but there are still issues around police horse manure not being uplifted.

Forthcoming football matches, especially the Celtic-Rangers game on 23 April, will be heavily policed. Disorder patrols will try to prevent antisocial behaviour. Community Safety Glasgow will be informed about hot spots. PC Coyle said that if anyone notices anything or anyone suspicious around Hampden before major events they should call 101 or inform Crimestoppers (0800 555 111).

Policing Scotland 2026 is a collaborative and strategic programme led jointly by the Scottish Police Authority and Police Scotland, to transform policing in Scotland over the next ten years. A draft strategy has been put online to allow the public to comment and feedback; see more at <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2026/>

The officers were thanked for their report.

5. Councillor' Report:

Cllr Aitken reported. She has been busy with various problems including getting leaves cleared, cleansing, dog fouling etc.

The junction at Cathcart Road and Prospecthill Road needs resurfacing and Cllr Aitken has reported this. She has also been trying to have leaves cleared from Prospecthill Road near the College as the street here does not seem to be attended to regularly.

All the local councillors have been raising issues with the Cleansing Department. Things always seem to get worse over the Christmas period, which has a knock-on effect. It was noted that grey food waste bins are not always being emptied.

Cllr Graham and Cllr Aitken had recently attended a meeting where various issues were discussed, including the state of back lanes. It was recognised that this is not just a city centre issue but applies to our area also. All elected members are of the view that something needs to be done, and that a proper strategy is needed to deal with the problem rather than a piecemeal approach. Some capital investment is needed to bring lanes up to a decent standard first. The Council will tackle issues like resurfacing, then residents can take care of general maintenance. Investment in the lanes will also help to tackle anti-social behaviour. Mark Charlwood asked that if a lanes policy is decided on, that it contains a policy of gating lanes; although this would involve some expense it was felt to be worthwhile.

Commercial waste bins are a problem. These are generally not emptied by the City Council; there is a number of different providers but no consistency. Councillors will push strongly for this to be dealt with. There is currently a plan to tackle this in one part of the city and, if it proves successful, it will be rolled out in other areas.

A special surgery was held three weeks ago in Kings Park around issues of neglectful private landlords. This is a growing problem, as there is a high percentage of privately rented accommodation in our wider area. The Council needs a strategy to deal with this. Attention has

been focussed on Govanhill for some time; this is gradually turning round. It may be worth holding a similar surgery in Mount Florida as we have had quite a number of applications for HMO recently.
➤**Action** Cllr Aitken will monitor this and we will also look at how many HMO licences are being issued. We need to find out if there is any correlation in antisocial behaviour as a result. Cllr Aitken has spoken to the Housing Department and Cleansing, and Community Safety Glasgow. We are asked to notify her of any problem areas and extra resources can be put in place.

Advie Place, May Terrace and Florida Avenue have not yet been resurfaced;

➤**Action** Cllr Aitken will chase this up.

Chris Carus had produced a summary of the Hampden neighbourhood survey and a copy was given to Cllr Airken, who was thanked for her report.

6. Summary of Correspondence (J. Perry):

Several applications for licences for Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO) had been received (see above).

7. Treasurer's Report:

Richard Carlaw had given notice of his intention to resign from the post of Treasurer, but is willing to continue to look after the books until the AGM. We will need to have an updated statement of our finances.

8. Letherby Triangle Action Plan:

A visit to Edinburgh will take place on 22 April to look at the Causey project. We have received a grant to cover transport costs and all CCs are welcome to attend.

9. Community Budgeting (M. Charlwood):

Mark will attend a meeting tomorrow on participatory budgeting. There will be more funding available in future, so we need to understand the process.

10. Hampden Neighbours:

Chris Carus's report was endorsed. We need to get a meeting arranged with the various stakeholders.

Resident Rachel Gillespie brought up the issue of trees planted in Hampden grounds which are now very tall and block light from houses in Mount Annan Drive as well as undermining the wall between the houses and Hampden. Although a Hampden representative had been out to look at this some months ago and had suggested that branches might be trimmed, this had not yet happened. A further problem is that Hampden Park Ltd do not own the land.

Claire has contacted Peter Dallas, who will attend our May meeting.

11. Victoria Hospital update:

The planning review has been extended until April.

12. Anti-littering Project:

No update.

13. Communications (R. Street):

There had been no complaints about the recent football match which was encouraging.

14. AOCB

(i) We will arrange another street play date; streets can be blocked off for special events such as this.

(ii) We need to advertise for new Community Councillors before the AGM, and should have a strategy for this.

Next meeting: Tuesday 25 April 2017 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.