

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting of 25 April 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 Anna Richardson, PCs Brian Rooney and Louise MacDonald.

1. Welcome and Apologies (C. Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from Richard Carlaw, Les Rice and Gavin Thomson.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

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

3. Matters Arising:

The road resurfacing at Advie Place, May Terrace and Hampden Terrace has not yet happened, despite repeated assurances that it would be done. Cllr Richardson will chase this up.

4. Community Police Report:

PCs Rooney and MacDonald attended. They brought apologies from the local officers, who are away on courses. The crime figures for the last month are as follows:

Drug dealing and use: 1 offender reported for possession.

Assaults: 4 reported, 1 detected, enquiries ongoing.

Three people were reported for driver behaviour offences. There were no housebreakings.

At the recent football matches last weekend, an additional 800 officers were deployed (400 per day). The STORM crime management system did not receive any calls relating to the Aberdeen v. Hibs game on 22 April, which seems to have gone relatively well; 10 arrests were made. Any issues of drinking in streets etc. will have been dealt with by issuing fixed penalty notices.

Twelve calls were made regarding anti-social behaviour issues at the Rangers game; these mostly took place around Clincart Road/Florida Street, with people congregating and drinking in the street. There were also waves of people in Stanmore lane between 11a.m. and 12 noon. Response times were slow. 11 arrests were made, mostly relating to breaches of the peace and disorder offences. Figures were not available for the number of fixed penalty notices issued, which might give an idea of the numbers involved.

Mounted police did a good job after the match, and the clean-up also seems to have gone reasonably well. BDO officers were also keeping an eye on things. A crime report was raised on Sunday relating to graffiti; this was dealt with on Monday.

Chris had produced a summary report of identification of issues by local residents after the matches. Anti-social behaviour seems to be becoming more of a problem. Chris has spoken to Mary McIntyre and plans to speak to Inspector George Campbell on 12 May, raising our concerns. Local off-licences are now displaying posters advising customers of local bye-laws. The next game will be the cup final on 27 May.

5. Councillor' Report:

Cllr Richardson attended, and reported. She hopes to be able to attend meetings more regularly, and is happy to be working with MoFloCoCo and MFPPP.

She has attended all six Victoria development consultations, and is on the planning committee. The Victoria Forum has been pressing for a master plan on pedestrian access, public transport links, etc. but this has not been put in place. The developer is not in control of everything, but the Forum feels that more should be done. It is difficult to influence the process, but Cllr Richardson feels that it is important that all the various services involved should get together to thrash out the issues. She is in favour of a joined-up approach and will support our efforts to get the various departments talking.

The new traffic lights are in position at Mount Florida Primary. Higher traffic lights were put in, and the crossing patrol moved, which is an improvement. MF Primary Parent Partnership pushed hard for the improvements, and Jamie Rodden from the road safety team was very co-operative.

Cllr Richardson will still be available during the run-up to the local election. She can be contacted by email or on Twitter or Facebook. If anyone wants an update on ongoing issues, please get in touch.

6. Summary of Correspondence (J. Perry):

- (i) Several applications for street trader's licences had been received.
- (ii) There have been no more HMO applications.
- (iii) Correspondence had been received from South Seeds environmental group, based in Govanhill, an organisation that helps with energy efficiency etc. They would like to come to our next meeting and give a presentation, This was agreed.
- (iv) The Scottish Government consultation on parking is still ongoing.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Richard had sent a report by email. The Causey grant payment of £450 had been received, and our balance at the start of the month was £870.00. Two payments have been deposited - our GCC admin allowance of £486.36, and the Letherby Picnic cash donations of £165.40 (due to an oversight this was missed out earlier). Our current balance is £1,521.76.

Two cheques have been written relating to the Causey visit, but have not yet been cashed. When cleared, our working balance will be £1,121.76. The hall fees and auditor's fees for this session will be paid later in the year.

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

The visit to Edinburgh took place on 22 April to look at the Causey project, which has been underway for about 10 years. The MoFlo delegation met the Chair of the Causey Development Trust, their Fundraising Manager and Secretary and a local architect. They got a lot of information from the visit, which will be useful as we develop working documents. The Causey team have managed to find people with particular skill sets, and we need to do this also, identifying the skills needed as well as fundraising; it might be worthwhile paying for someone to help with planning.

The Causey team have taken a very proactive approach, and have managed to get patrons and major donations. They set up a steering group and committee and set themselves up as a charity. Our next phase is to get the design developed further and to get a planning application or TRO. Cllr Richardson suggested we speak to Gilbert, a local architect, who is interested in the project.

We also need to get the people living directly on the triangle more deeply involved. Changes in legislation have made it easier for community groups to take on these types of project. Mark Charwood asked how we might get ourselves in the position of being a pilot in Glasgow for this. He asked Cllr Richardson for contacts and how best to proceed. The City Council is very willing to support this sort of initiative.

➤**Action** Janet to ask Langside Community Heritage Group if anyone has knowledge of the Triangle area, or the Letherby name, and research further on CANMORE etc.

9. Hampden Neighbours:

(i) Chris is due to meet with Inspector George Campbell on 12 May, to follow up on points raised. He has written to the Cleansing Dept at Shieldhall but has not yet received a reply. He will 'phone and if no response is received, Cllr Richardson will approach on our behalf.

➤**Action** Chris to 'phone Shieldhall Cleansing Depot.

(ii) Parking: Andrew Beglin has been helpful. A plan is being drawn up.

(iii) Licensing: Shops have put up reminders about bye-law on no drinking in public places.

➤**Action** Chris to phone Mairi Miller about objection to a licence for the forthcoming concert at Hampden, and to ask if requests can be put into the football planning process.

(iv) Hampden follow-up with Peter Dallas: He has been invited to our next (May) meeting.

➤**Action** Claire to email next week to confirm his attendance.

We will continue to bring up issues, such as the information to go on the Hampden website, parking problems etc. Cllr Richardson will look at getting information that we can put out on social media regarding parking restrictions for individual events.

10. Victoria Hospital update (C. Carus):

The third pair of consultation events was held last week. There is no real master plan outside the immediate boundary. Tenure depends on funding; there are still matters to be ironed out. The urban design panel economic regeneration committee will look at a master plan; the planning committee will look at the detailed application. Sanctuary seems to be intending to submit their

planning application and master plan at the same time. The Victoria Forum will make it clear that the current plan is not detailed enough for the size of the area.

Some local people interested in local heritage have written to HES about getting additional parts of the site listed. The developers say that pending feasibility they will retain the Nightingale wards, but do not plan to retain the private patients' annexe.

11. Preparation for AGM and Elections:

Ideally, we would like to have 12 Community Councillors; it would be good to have complementary skills. We may hold an event in the Triangle to keep the Triangle issue on people's minds and raise the profile of MoFloCoCo.

12. Communications Plan (R. Street):

Events and Advertising suggestions:

- Tidy up Triangle
- Social event at Clockwork
- Give positive reviews to local retailers
- Get people thinking about MoFloCoCo and meeting in more informal setting
- Litter patrols - let City Council and LES know about hotspots
- Street surgery - City Councillors, police and MoFloCoCo - launch event after election
- Social advertising - direct calls to action, e.g. fundraiser, designer, copy writer etc.

➤**Action** Chris to apply to GCC for a discretionary grant for a newsletter

➤**Action** Rosie to draft social media posts

➤**Action** Mark to find out how to apply for newsletter grant

13. AOCB

No other business.

14. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 23 May 2017 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.