

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting of 23 May 2017
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes)

Also attending: PC Mary MacIntyre, Lynn Mulraney, Sarah Heaney, Casey Dickson, Peter Dallas.

1. Welcome and Apologies (C. Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from J. Perry, R. Street and G. Thomson.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 25 April 2017 were approved: (proposed C. Carus, seconded C. Charlwood).

3. Matters Arising:

The road resurfacing at Advie Place, May Terrace and Hampden Terrace has been completed to the satisfaction of local residents. We have pressed for this to be done for some considerable time and are pleased that our efforts have had some effect.

4. Community Police Report:

Mary MacIntyre attended. She and Inspector Campbell had recently met with the Chair and had a fruitful discussion. For Community Council meetings, it is more helpful for us to have a write-up of Hampden events as the basis for problem-solving discussion; also to have crime trends rather than bare figures, and problem-solving advice.

There is a large number of police inside the stadium during football matches, but fewer outside, which is the problem area for local residents. The police now plan to go around the area an hour before the start of games, and again afterwards, monitoring the situation in streets that have had problems (Clincart Road, Florida Street etc.) The Aikenhead Road Problem-Solving Team can be contacted and asked to deal with specific issues as they arise (tel: 101).

Chris had asked LES about parking on match and event days. The list of emergency routes was out of date, and has now been reviewed, with significant changes made to the road network. Aikenhead Road and the adjacent road onto the motorway are to be kept clear for police emergency vehicles, but other road closures and restrictions are made by GCC for traffic management and safety reasons. The Fire and Ambulance services may also have other emergency routes. By law, parking restrictions go in place 2 hours before the game and for 1 hour after. Again, GCC restrictions may differ.

Bogus callers and identity theft are widespread at the moment and residents are asked to take extra care. Do not give out bank details or PIN numbers, especially over the 'phone. Further information will go in our next newsletter.

5. Councillor' Report:

No councillors attended; the new rota may still have to be made up following the local election.

6. Summary of Correspondence:

A communication had been received from local resident Jim Matheson on behalf of South Side Against Fracking. They have prepared a statement opposing exploration and would like support. It was decided to hold this over until our next meeting, when we will have had a chance to read over the document.

➤**Action** Joan to bring to next meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report:

There have been no transactions over the last month.

8. Letherby Triangle Action Plan:

There was no update. MoFloCoCo note with sadness the resignation of Les Rice from the Community Council; Les however still wishes to be part of the sub group dealing with the Triangle, and can do so as an associate. We need to make a decision on whether we have the resources to continue with the project. We will need specialist skills – fundraising, project management etc.

9. South Seeds:

We welcomed Casey Dickson of South Seeds, and he introduced the organisation. They are an environmental charity based in Victoria Road, and carry out a range of sustainability projects on the south side. They can carry out a free energy audit in people's homes, taking about 35-40 minutes, looking at issues such as energy provider, insulation etc. and can suggest ways to improve energy efficiency. They can also signpost towards grants, loan schemes etc. to help with costs of improvement. They send out a written report with information on materials and extra help. They also offer a handyman service (chargeable) and can fit clothes pulleys, chimney balloons, bike storage solutions etc. They also offer a strimming service (chargeable), and run the urban Croft and other community gardening projects. Their AGM is taking place on Thursday 25 May from 7-8 pm in the Victoria Road office – see more at www.southseeds.org/annual-general-meeting/.

The organisation is funded by the Scottish government's Climate Challenge fund, with the aim of achieving carbon reduction in homes and small businesses. Now in their 6th year of operation, they support people in reducing energy consumption, and also help people with issues of fuel poverty. They are looking for ideas on how to promote their service and engage with community groups.

10. Hampden Neighbours:

Peter Dallas of Hampden plc attended and gave an update. Neighbourhood notification has improved; immediate neighbours get a fixture list delivered, and others outwith the immediate area can sign up via the website to receive an email list or letter. More local residents filling in our questionnaire regard Hampden as a positive asset to the area. Hampden is mindful of what happens outside the stadium, and they have taken measures to address issues such as queue management. Portalooos are also being put in place, and they are working closely with GCC. There is now a hotline for reporting horse manure which needs to be uplifted.

The lease for the stadium is up in 2020, and the debate will be taking place over the next few years as to whether it continues to be the national football stadium. The final decision will be made by the SFA.

People are encouraged to use public transport to get to the stadium, and the SFA have instituted an initiative to bring fans out by bus from the city centre. It is appreciated that extra signage is needed.

Targeted messages are needed for the website and printed material, and Mr Dallas agreed to put a message on the website about the 'no drinking in public' bye-law.

Mr Dallas was asked about the presence of large concert equipment trucks. As there has to be a quick de-rig after events, these trucks have to be on hand. The number of vehicles will depend on the size and scale of the concert.

Mr Dallas agreed to provide raffle prizes for Stanmore Social's street party on 4th June, and the community police will also attend the event.

➤**Action** Claire to send letter (on behalf of Stanmore Social) to Peter Dallas re raffle prizes.

➤**Action** we will encourage residents to visit the Hampden website and sign up for email notification.

➤**Action** we will put the dates of fixtures and events in our newsletter.

- 10 June – Scotland v. England
- 24 June – Stone Roses concert
- 4 Sept – Scotland v. Malta
- 5 Oct – Scotland v. Slovakia
- 21-22 Oct – semi finals
- 26 November – final

11. Victoria Infirmary update:

Sanctuary ran a 3-part consultation exercise, with responses to be received by 15 May. The Victoria Forum has always advocated a full, comprehensive master plan. Since it was felt that Sanctuary's plan was not wide enough in scope, the Forum has put together its own master plan, identifying what needs to be addressed (housing, parking, traffic, pedestrian access, public transport, community facilities, retail aspect, heritage etc.). The Victoria Forum is reflecting back community input and intends to put this forward to be considered by the relevant Council bodies (in the first instance, Cllr Kenny Maclean). The master plan, once approved, would become a material consideration once the detailed design is approved. Sanctuary should submit their master plan and application by the end of May.

12. Preparation for AGM and Elections:

We have 12 available places on the Community Council, including the Chair, Secretary, Minute Secretary and Treasurer. We encourage people to get in touch and find out about us. We meet again in June, with a break in July, resuming in August. The AGM will take place in October.

13. Communications Plan:

The newsletter will go out in June. Chris has filled out the form to apply for a £400 discretionary grant for printing, but we will need additional funding for distribution.

Events including street surgery, coffee morning and litter patrol are in preparation.

14. AOCB

The Queens Park Arena is re-opening this Saturday with an opening event from 1-6pm.

➤ **Action** we will try to renew links with QPA.

15. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 27 June 2017 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.