

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of AGM 25 October 2016 held in Clincarthill Church Halls, 7pm

Present: Community Councillors R. Carlaw (Treasurer), C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Perry, L. Rice, R. Street
Also attending: K. Cusick, A. Hardie, M. Lindsay, L. Mulraney, PCs I. Cooper and R. Donnelly, Cllr A. Graham.

1. Welcome:

Chris Carus chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending. Les Rice agreed to stand in as Chair during the period when the office bearers stand down. Attendance was noted (as above).

2. Approval of Minutes of last AGM:

The minutes of the AGM of 27th October 2015 were approved (Proposed Chris Carus, seconded Joan Perry).

3. Chairperson's Report (Chris Carus):

Community Councils are the most local tier of democratic representation in Scotland. Their influence depends on their being in touch with the community they represent, and building constructive relationships with partner organisations.

Last year I reported that we had four priorities for the session ahead.

The first priority was to press ahead with Letherby Triangle project that came out of the Grow Mo Flo project, seeded with a grant of £2400 from Langside Area Partnership. Since then we have carried out a thorough consultation on design options for the Letherby Triangle. The aims are to create a civic space that will be well utilised, and to address concerns with pedestrian safety. MoFloCoCo was awarded £13,520 over the last 12 months by Glasgow City Council to support this project. This included £3200 from the first Langside Community Budgeting process.

The funding went towards a series of consultation events including school events, evening idea sessions, fun days, street play, online questionnaires and a traffic impact assessment. Several hundred people participated in the consultation process which determined a preferred option linking the Triangle to the shop fronts on Carmunnock Road. The next steps are i) design the specific road layout ensuring pedestrian safety concerns are addressed, ii) door-knock immediate neighbours to ensure their opinions are respected, iii) detailed design, iv) apply for planning permission, v) raise the estimated £500,000 - £800,000. The immediate next step of detailed design will likely cost £10-15,000 and we are currently awaiting the outcome of funding applications. We have always intended that the funds for the project should, as far as possible, be new funds and not diverted from council expenditure commitments.

The second big priority is to resolve the long outstanding complaints about parking. The plan, including optimisations on Bolton Drive, Clincart and Cathcart Roads has been agreed in principle with the Roads Department. We must finalise the plan for Letherby before the supporting legal process can go ahead, allowing implementation of the changes.

The third big priority concerned Hampden event management. Although people who choose to live near to a national football stadium expect some disruption on major match days and around concerts, we need to push for consideration towards residents. After following up with Hampden, Police, licensing, parking enforcement and LES on our list of 21 deliverables, we can claim some achievements. These include representations to the licensing board which resulted in toilets outside the stadium for concerts and much better information on the website. We will continue to push for greater consideration of residents.

The fourth priority was our concern for the future of the old Victoria Infirmary. We wanted to ensure there was meaningful community consultation before the site is redeveloped. This is one of the largest redevelopment sites in the southside. MoFloCoCo is one of the 5 local community councils that makes up the Victoria Forum which has the

express purpose of campaigning for a community consultation process that arrives at a development plan which is well integrated with the neighbourhood. It was known for several years that services would transfer out of the old Vicky to the new Vicky and then in 2015 to the new Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. Nonetheless, and despite a concerted pressure campaign by the Victoria Forum, the NHS board made no serious attempt to consult the community, only asking tendering developers to be considerate to community concerns. The sale to Sanctuary Group was announced on the 2nd of August, 12 weeks ago, and no form of Community consultation has been announced. So it is very disappointing and alarming that demolition of some parts of the site is to commence this week. MoFloCoCo and the Victoria Forum have always taken a fair-handed and constructive approach with NHSGGC and then with Sanctuary. However, unless Sanctuary changes its approach very rapidly we will need to take a much more confrontational and obstructive approach.

A minority of anti-social individuals continue to spoil our environment with littering, dog mess and fly tipping. If we can find some additional volunteers to support such a programme, I expect MoFloCoCo can co-ordinate a plan of action that would encourage more civil behaviour.

In this past year, MoFloCoCo has developed further as an organisation. We have learnt a great deal about how to advocate on behalf of our community; learning about the licensing and planning processes and about community consultation. The 9 current members each give up a significant part of their time, unpaid, to advocate on behalf of their community. We each have clear responsibilities and this has taken considerable pressure off me. Last year I said I would step down as chair at this point. However, with our stronger devolved organisation I feel I would be in a strong position to lead the Council if selected.

I'd like to thank everyone who contributes to the positive community spirit of Mount Florida, and who make it the lovely little urban village that we are all proud to call home. The Chairman's Report was approved (proposed Joan Perry, seconded Claire Charlwood).

4. Approval of Accounts:

Treasurer Richard Carlaw gave his report. Most of the grant funding received his year was from the Area Partnership, with additional small grants from the Big Lunch for the Letherby Triangle picnic, and our usual administration grant from GCC. At the moment we have £566.24 in the bank account, which is now operating properly, though the signatories will need to change. Richard will send in details to GCC. Richard also sought approval to get access to internet banking and this was agreed. The accounts were approved (proposed Les Rice, seconded Rosie Street)

5. Demission of current Office Bearers:

The current office bearers stood down, and Les Rice took the chair.

6. Election of Office Bearers:

The following Office Bearers were nominated, and as there were no other nominees, were then elected:

Chair - Chris Carus (proposed J. Perry, seconded M. Charlwood).

Vice Chair - Joan Perry (proposed C. Carus, seconded M. Charlwood)

Treasurer - Richard Carlaw (proposed L. Rice, seconded C. Charlwood)

Correspondence Secretary - Joan Perry (proposed J. MacDonald, seconded L. Rice)

Minute Secretary - Janet MacDonald (proposed J. Perry, seconded L. Rice).

Chris Carus took the Chair again.

7. Assignment of Other Responsibilities:

Social media - Rosie Street

Twitter - Gavin Thomson

Hampden Liaison - Claire Charlwood

Area Partnership - Mark Charlwood

8. Appointment of Associate Members:

Ailsa Hardie was invited, and agreed, to become an Associate, representing local businesses.

9. Review of Inventory and Resources:

The Community Council property list is as follows:

1 gazebo, 1 picnic table, 2 dog stencils, gardening equipment, 1 flipchart easel, 1 BBQ and utensils, 1 standing banner.

10. Date of next AGM:

The next MFCC AGM will be held on Tuesday 24th October 2017 at 7pm in Clincarthill Church Halls.

THE AGM WAS CLOSED

Normal business meeting resumed.