

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting of 22 August 2017
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

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

Also attending: Brian Magennis, Zoë Miller, Beth Murphy, Helen Tully, Joyce Tully.

1. Welcome and Apologies (C. Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from J. Perry, R. Carlaw and Cllr Tanya Wisely.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 26 June 2017 were approved: (proposed C. Carus, seconded R. Street).

3. Matters Arising:

There were no other matters arising.

4. Community Police Report:

There were no community police officers in attendance.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

- (i) Cllr Wisely will attend the coffee morning in September and would like to hear about any issues.
- (ii) Joan has been in touch with LES about traffic issues; Cllr Wisely helped to chase this up, and a response is expected in the next couple of weeks.
- (iii) The new road surface in Advie Place, Hampden Terrace & May Terrace is now so good that cars are driving too fast. Cllr Wisely has looked into this and a traffic survey will be carried out, though there may be some delay due to a backlog. Traffic calming measures will not be implemented as the street does not meet the criteria – there have been no injury accidents since the safety assessment in 2015.
- (iv) It is part of GCC's strategic plan to implement 20m.p.h. speed limit zones in residential areas around the city. We are one of the few areas to have a 20m.p.h. limit and the Council is interested in our feedback. To date, the limit does not seem to have made a big difference to vehicle speeds; residents should contact police if there are any concerns about safety.
- (v) Cllr Wisely is following up on our questions about the way conditions are applied to the granting of licenses for events at Hampden. We will speak further at the coffee morning.
- (vi) Cllr Wisely advised that 'slurry sealer' is currently used to mend potholes in pavements. It seals cracks and stops water entering, helping to ensure longer life for pavements.
- (vii) An email had been received from Barbara Allen of Living Streets, who have been commissioned by GCC to monitor the effectiveness of 20 m.p.h. zones around the city and to encourage walking instead of driving, especially for school journeys. See further at <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/>
- (viii) The Energy Saving Trust is an organisation helping people in fuel poverty to access low-cost loans for home improvements via the HEEPS scheme. We will publicise this through the normal channels. (<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/heels>)

6. Treasurer's Report:

The grant of £400 from GCC has been paid into the account. We have incurred recent expenses of £729.54 for the printing and delivery of the newsletter; Chris has still to be reimbursed. Five adverts had been placed in the newsletter, raising £125 which helped with the expenses. We had also received a £5 donation from Julie Claire (Florist).

We have received confirmation of the room bookings at Clincarthill Church for the year ahead.

7. Letherby Triangle Action Plan (Gavin):

Gavin presented an outline of the background to the Action Plan for the benefit of those attending. Our intention is to set up a sub-group to take the plan on to the next stage. We had looked into setting up a development fund, but there are considerable difficulties in going down this road, so we would rather not take this step. This is a large-scale project, so we would like to get more local residents involved. Recruitment will be our main focus. Ideally we would like to get a local resident with skills in architecture or planning to get involved if possible. Other community groups are

interested to see how this turns out. We are a densely populated area with little green space, and need to keep the community spirit alive.

Mandy Evans-Ewing has drafted the proposed terms of reference for the sub-group.

Proposal:

- To set up a sub-group with a clear purpose and a clear idea of what the group is authorised to do (ideally by next month, as our AGM takes place in October).

Possible 2-stage plan:

- Planning permission stage
- Spin-off into independent organisation?

We will need £10,000-£15,000 to take the project on to the next stage. There is some money left in the Area Partnership fund; we need to put in an application as soon as possible, and agreed to ask for £15,000.

➤**Action** Chris to put together an application for funds.

8. Coffee Morning:

This will take place at the function room, Minnesota Fats, on 9th September, from 11a.m. to 1p.m. Cllr Wisely will attend, and we hope to have community police officers, and representatives from Hampden and GCC, to hold informal chats with residents. Rosie will M.C.

9. Hampden Neighbours:

At the last Area Partnership meeting it was decided that emergency service providers would come together to sort out emergency routes required around Hampden. This meeting has not yet happened. There have been many changes in GCC, so some councillors are still learning the ropes. It was clarified that the area where coaches park together near Hampden has been deliberately arranged so that, in case of an emergency, they can be moved quickly.

➤**Action** Chris to write back with feedback on recent events at Hampden.

10. Victoria Hospital:

The developer has now produced a master plan for the site; a draft planning application has been submitted and will have to be validated before going to public consultation. A number of issues were raised at our own public consultation; we got councillors to set up a working group to look at the wider issues, including public transport, school places, social housing, consideration of civic space etc. The working group is meeting every few weeks and will conclude with a policy document that can be used in future similar proposals.

11. Quiz Night:

The quiz will take place at Minnesota Fats on Tuesday 3rd October from 7-9p.m. Free entry. The Inquizitor will be setting the questions, and there will be raffle prizes (donations welcome).

12. Preparation for AGM:

The AGM will take place on 24th October. Anyone over the age of 16 who lives in the local area is eligible to stand for election to the Community Council. There are 12 available places. Applications can be downloaded from the GCC website, and we will have some printed copies available at the coffee morning. The deadline for applications is 6th September.

➤**Action** Rosie to print copies of application forms for coffee morning.

➤**Action** Treasurer's audited reports to be in by the AGM.

13. Communications Plan:

Information on upcoming events will be shared on social media.

14. AOCB:

- (i) We will encourage other local groups to apply for Area Partnership funding.
- (ii) Nothing has been done recently to the community garden and it is looking in need of attention.
- (iii) The draft local outcome improvement plan is now on GCC's website for consultation prior to being finalised and published in October.
- (iv) MoFloCoCo is in the top 5% of Community Councils in Scotland in terms of community engagement, and we are looked to as an example. We need to keep open communications with GCC. We are fortunate to have local Ward Councillors who are engaged and willing to help.

15. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 26 September 2017 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.