

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of 27 February 2018
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Perry (Secretary & VC), J. Pollock, R. Pollock
Also attending: Margery Cherry, John Cherry, A. Natrass, R. Natrass, Rowena Thomson, C.M. Thompson, PC Derek Coyle, PC Mary MacIntyre, Cllr Archie Graham.

1. Welcome and Apologies (C. Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from Claire Charlwood, Mark Charlwood, Gavin Thomson and Jo McManus.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 23 January 2018 were approved:
(proposed C. Carus, seconded J. Perry).

3. Matters Arising:

Safer Streets (January minute item 5) – we received a report and Chris has been in touch with Lorna Young at the Road Safety Unit. The key finding of the recent survey has been that very few people are aware of the 20mph zone. The police will hold another action day with speed guns; cars slow down when they see the officers but speed up again when the police are not there. The speed bumps at Mount Annan Drive and Carmunnock Road are not felt to be very effective.

The suggestion had been made to put aside money to distribute the report around the area, but it was felt a few reports could be printed and distributed, it could go on the website and the remaining money used to get life-size cut-outs of police officers put up along the route to enhance awareness. These would cost in the region of £80 each, or another option would be vinyl banners, to be hung around the school. Chris has spoken to the MF Primary Parent Partnership, who raised the issue of cars ignoring the traffic lights at the foot of the hill. The police are meeting with Lorna Young on 3 March and Chris will try to attend this meeting also.

➤**Action** Chris to contact LES for permission to put up cut-outs at lamp posts.

➤**Action** Chris to enquire about costs for single vinyl banner.

➤**Action** Chris to enquire about planters on the wide pavements to stop cars parking there.

4. Community Police Report:

Since the last meeting, there has been 1 drug related offence (detected); 2 assaults (detected); 15 driver behaviour/road traffic offences (mainly due to bad weather, but exacerbated by the Aikenhead Road closure). These mainly involved vehicles only.

Two cases of vandalism remain undetected to date. There were also reports of neighbourhood disputes relating to noisy parties. A report was received of someone trying doors; residents are advised to be aware and keep doors locked. The officers are willing to give crime prevention talks.

Security - Officers will be holding an open event at Langside Library on Thursday 15th March from 3-5pm, and members of the public can raise any issues with them then. There is also a separate event for elderly people at Clincarthill Church on 16th April from 10 till 3, offering advice on benefits etc. Police will attend if available, and give advice on security.

Traffic – Due to the closure of part of Aikenhead Road, traffic is cutting through back streets and causing gridlock. Cllr Richardson has tried to help by organising re-phasing of the traffic lights.

5. Confirmation of new Community Councillors:

Robert Pollock and Niall Fitzgerald have had their applications validated. We welcome them to the Community Council.

6. Summary of Correspondence (Joan Perry):

(i) There has been correspondence from Barbara about the newsletter.

(ii) Cathy Laycock had volunteered to help with any community clean-ups.

(iii) A letter was received relating to the Ed Sheeran concert at Hampden.

(iv) A letter was received from the Council asking us to nominate someone to join the Community & Citizen Engagement City Policy Committee.

(v) A consultation is ongoing re Community Council boundaries. ➤**Action** Chris will respond.

(vi) Emails had been received from a Stanmore Road resident about traffic. Anna Richardson and Archie Graham had responded.

7. Treasurer:

There is currently £1,326.57 in the account.

8. Councillors' Report (Cllr Archie Graham):

(i) **Heavy traffic** on Stanmore Road/Somerville Drive due to the Aikenhead Road closure has been a big issue. Cllr Graham had made enquiries about ways to manage this, and had been told that action to restrict traffic would inconvenience local residents more.

(ii) **GCC budget** has been set for the coming year. There will be a 3% increase in Council Tax, and another £20million in savings will have to be made.

(iii) A **consultation on houses of multiple occupancy** will be held soon. If anyone has issues with this, please check the city council website.

(iv) **Hampden** – The SFA have ruled out using other Glasgow stadia for big matches, but have not ruled out using Murrayfield. The SFA may take over Hampden, buying it from Queens Park and carrying out improvements. They are currently weighing up the pros and cons.

(v) **Letherby Triangle** – Cllr Graham mentioned the Street Design fund, which can be applied for to carry out preliminary traffic surveys etc. Judith replied that we have looked into this but are already further ahead in the process.

(vi) A consultation on **management of traffic around the Battlefield Rest** had been held, and a temporary closure of the top end of Prospecthill Road may be trialled.

(vii) **Victoria redevelopment** - The consultation did not result in agreement, and the Victoria Forum has been looking at traffic management and other infrastructure implications. Sanctuary were persuaded to produce a site master plan, which is to be discussed by the Neighbourhoods and Regeneration Committee on 13th March. A week before this date, this will be available on the council website. If the master plan is approved, the planning committee will consider the planning application in April/May.

(vi) A planning application has been made to install **rain gardens** in Kings Park/Aikenhead Road. Roads engineers have said that rain gardens are the best option for flood management in the area. Cllr Graham is meeting the planner on 28 February, and will seek further information on the various options which have been considered. This application is pending consideration and is due to be dealt with next month. Parking in these streets is currently informal, so it is not possible to determine how many parking spaces will be lost. It was felt that there has been insufficient consultation with local residents to explain how the rain gardens will work. Concerns are that there will be unintended consequences, such as residents who lose parking space outside their homes being tempted to monoblock their front gardens, negating the effect of the rain gardens. It is also not yet clear who will be responsible for maintaining the gardens, and it was felt that tree planting would block light to homes and leaves would add to the problem of blocked drains. Cllr Graham was asked why drains are not cleared more regularly, and answered that this is because of insufficient staff and equipment being available due to funding cuts. A local resident put forward the idea of eco-paving, which allows soak through of surface water, and asked whether this had been considered. Cllr Graham will be in further touch with Laura MacDonald of Development and Regeneration Services.

Chris Carus had been in touch with planning consultants AECOM, but has not yet received a full reply to his questions, such as why this measure is felt to be necessary and how effective it will be.

9. Letherby Triangle Action Plan (Judith Pollock):

The sub-group met last week. Archie Graham, Susan Aitken and Tanya Wisely have been lobbying officers to support the plan. The Planning Dept and LES have now agreed to work together.

There have been various suggestions regarding the way forward, including linking in to the Southside Festival. MFPPP is willing to work with us to hold a street party in June, and we may try to create something around this event (22-24 June). We had been advised to look at other projects, business improvement districts, community-led bids etc. We may organise another litter pick-up, as this is a good way to get activists involved. A shoppers' survey could be held to look at who uses the shops, who comes in to the local area from outside, etc. Mandy Evans-Ewing will submit a Freedom of Information request to see what all the recent traffic surveys have discovered about numbers, speed of traffic etc. The main thing we need to do is to arrange for GCC to handle any grant funds as we do not have the resources to deal with large amounts of money. The deadline for funding from Stalled Spaces is 26th March.

➤**Action** Chris and Joan to set up meeting with MFPPP and others.

10. Nomination of MFCC representative on the Queens Park Arena Board:

We are still awaiting clarification of the position on insurance.

11. Hampden Neighbours:

- (i) A letter had been received inviting us to lodge any complaints about the temporary licence application for the Ed Sheeran concert; these have to be made by 21st March.
- (ii) Park and Ride area – equipment trucks should not be parked there as it reduces space for other vehicles attending the event.
- (iii) We need to ensure that enough traffic wardens will be on duty at the concert to alleviate problems.
- (iv) Chris will send the report of resident feedback and proposed action plan that we approved at the last meeting to the Area Partnership.

12. Mount Florida Parking and Traffic Plans:

The timeline for carrying out the statutory process was received from Jamie Rodden of LES.

September 2018: Complete Equalities Impact Assessment and carry out initial consultation with professional road users.

October 2018: Write the Statement of Reasons associated with the Traffic Regulation Order; write the Report which gives a fuller explanation to the reasoning behind the Traffic Regulation Order; and draft the Traffic Regulation Order

November 2018: Carry out the publication of proposals by placing an advertisement in the Evening Times and displaying on-street notices on all affected roads. Documentation will be made available to view by the public and the proposals will be open to a 4 week objection period.

December 2018: Acknowledge and consider all objections, and respond to all objectors. Allow a 3 week period to withdraw their objection.

January 2019: Produce a briefing note summarising the nature and number of objections for the Executive Director to view; make recommendations to the Executive Director under the Council's Scheme of Delegated Functions; and if approved, get the Order signed and sealed.

February 2019: If approved, advise all objectors that the Order has been made; commence the 6 week period to allow for a Court of Session challenge to the Order.

March & April 2019: Commence and continue physical works on site.

May 2019: Implementation.

In September, and in line with statutory regulations, the documentation for the consultation with professional road users will be sent to various organisations and will also be forwarded to the local members for their information.

In November, the proposals will be publicised; an advert will be placed in the Evening Times and on-street notices will be displayed throughout the affected area to make the general public aware of the Council's intention and invite them to view the plans and make comment (whether support, objection or general comments and questions). A dedicated webpage and correspondence email address will be given for direct contact with LES officers. Furthermore, local members and community councils will also be given a copy of this documentation directly. The above information can be subject to change and depends on any delays experienced with current statutory processes being carried out for parking control proposals in other areas.

13. Communications:

It was noted with regret that Rosie Street has resigned due to other commitments.

14. AOB:

(i) Hangingshaws is to be developed for housing at some point, but this has been the position for a number of years. Meantime, it would be good to increase the biodiversity of the area. Rowena Thomson had obtained a list of plants that encourage butterflies. It was felt that the idea of planting poppies to commemorate the dead of WW1 might be a problem as the ground would need to be very heavily turned over to allow seeds to germinate. Stalled Spaces funding might be available for the purpose of planting seeds. SUEZ Communities Trust funding might also be applied for, as they cover biodiversity. MoFloCoCo would be pleased to support applications in an administrative capacity. Chris and Rowena will talk further.

(ii) It was suggested that we might have a presence at the event in Clincarthill Church on 16th April, perhaps with a stall and posters. Judith will attend if available.

15. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.