

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of 26 June 2018
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Perry (Secretary & VC), M. Charlwood, N. Fitzgerald, R. Pollock, G. Thomson
Also attending: Suzie Bowman, Billy Kennedy, PC David Doherty, PC David Wardell, Kirstie Cusick, Cllr Archie Graham.

1. Welcome and Apologies (C. Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from Claire Charlwood and Judith Pollock.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 22 May were approved with amendment to item 8 (Letherby) to tighten up wording to reflect that delay is a result of our not yet receiving a letter of support from GCC: (proposed C. Carus, seconded G. Thomson).

3. Matters Arising:

No other matters arising.

4. Community Police Report:

PCs Doherty and Wardell reported. Since the last meeting, there had been the following incidents: 32 relating to events at Hampden – these comprised 4 thefts; 8 assaults; 2 breaches of peace; 16 alcohol-related incidents; 1 possession of drugs and 1 sexual assault. There were in addition 12 offences not relating to events at Hampden. These included 1 housebreaking and 2 attempted housebreakings; 2 serious assaults; 2 cases of vandalism; 1 public indecency and 2 road traffic incidents.

Residents are advised to keep windows closed to prevent ‘creep-in’ burglaries. Residents are also encouraged to report any event-day incidents by calling 101; this may not get an immediate response, but will help to plan for future events by highlighting hot spots.

A new campaign - ‘You’re asking for it’ – aims to target adults buying alcohol for minors. A similar approach in other areas has helped to reduce youth-related crime. Posters have been distributed to off-licenses and other licensed premises.

Following recent concerts at Hampden there were problems getting people away from the area, due to trains leaving half full, and nearby roads blocked with traffic. There needs to be better coordination. (see further below).

5. Councillor’s Report:

Cllr Graham reported that following changes to the Council budget process, some children and over-60s are now being charged entry to swimming pools. It was also planned to increase Council nursery fees by 57% this year, with a further increase next year. A parents’ group, Fight the Hike, had been set up and had had a lot of discussion with representatives of the various political parties, and another meeting is to be held this coming Thursday. The SNP administration has listened to concerns and has agreed to limit this year’s raise to 18%, but other parties think this is still too high.

Shawlands town centre action plan: this is almost complete. The area around Langside Hall is being revamped to create a town centre space.

Roads and traffic management around Battlefield Rest: SusTrans has given money to the Council to carry out studies around traffic flow. We have to work out how we tie this in to our aspirations for Letherby Triangle.

Hampden: Following concerts, trains were causing concern by leaving the station while people were still queuing to board, and there seemed to be confusion over which station entrance was to be used. Stewards from Hampden need to liaise with SPT, and all stakeholders (including the police and GCC) need to get together to work out a better strategy.

Regarding the future of Hampden, the SFA are considering various options for their HQ, including Hampden and Murrayfield. Lobbying continues, and the next board meeting will be held on 29th August. A move away from Hampden would affect local businesses, as well as the Scottish Football Museum, the football medical centre and various football associations that are based at the stadium. Queen’s Park FC owns the stadium, but could not afford to run it on their own. They

might transfer ownership of the stadium to the SFA, but there is still some resistance to that proposal. Cllr Graham is doing all possible to ensure that the SFA stays at Hampden.

Rain Gardens: there has been no recent update. Cllr Aitken has spoken to GRS and they will get back to us. There is unlikely to be any decision until at least August.

6. Hampden

On balance, local residents see Hampden as important to the area. MoFloCoCo supports the SFA staying at Hampden. We would also like to see Hampden plc engage more with the local community around event management. We want to make sure our voice is heard in operational planning, and in the development of any vision for Hampden. We have invited HPL to support our SusTrans application for a grant for the Letherby project. Chris has phoned and emailed Hampden's PR agency and Peter Dallas, but there has not been much progress on this. Cllr Richardson is the Council's representative on the Hampden board. It was agreed that we would like to have something positive to say about community engagement. It was further agreed that we should submit a participation request to GCC under the Community Empowerment Act; we want to see less anti-social behaviour at Hampden events. Chris had sent a draft copy to Community Councillors and after feedback, this will be officially submitted.

➤**Action** Chris to write letter of support for the SFA staying at Hampden and will send to Peter Dallas.

➤**Action** Chris to submit participation request to GCC after feedback.

Options to pursue:

- (i) organise a photoshoot with the school at the start of the new term;
- (ii) put out a press release to the Evening Times, etc.,
- (iii) write a general letter of support and get local businesses to sign it;
- (iv) get other local CCs involved (Judith had already received a statement from Shawlands CC);
- (v) contact journalists.

7. Letherby (Gavin):

Peter Dallas had been positive about the project. We have received a small amount of money from the Big Lottery fund and are trying to get funds from SusTrans. We need more input from GCC to help with the submission.

➤**Action** Gavin and Judith to chase this up. (Susan Aitken to forward LES contact).

8. Summary of Correspondence (Joan):

- (i) There had been two applications for renewal of street traders' licences.
- (ii) Second phase of the Community Councils' scheme of establishment; Chris to follow up re boundary.
- (iii) The Polmadie gasifier is being commissioned at present and there had been some local concerns. Chris has contacted SEPA and asked for a report.
- (iv) A beer festival is planned at the rec's later in the year; the biggest concern expressed has been about litter.
- (v) GDPR came into effect at the end of May. GCC were to come back to us with guidance on this. All our emails to residents go out via MailChimp so we should not have any concerns.

9. Treasurer:

A report will be available at the next meeting. The bank account signatories had been sorted out.

➤**Action** Chris to pass files to Judith

10. Traffic update:

Nothing is planned until September. Joan is in touch with Cllr Wisely.

11. Communications:

We had posted summary reports of meetings on Facebook. We may decide to put out another newsletter after the Hampden decision. Niall is willing to assist with this.

12. AOB:

- (i) The planning application for the Victoria redevelopment was approved. The community did influence the outcome, and the developer has now agreed to pay for pedestrian crossings and will put a play park on the site. We had pressed for affordable units to be mixed throughout the site, but this was unsuccessful.

£800,000 is to be paid out over 8 years towards environmental projects in SE Glasgow, as compensation for failure to meet environmental considerations on-site.

The Victoria Forum is writing up what was learnt for the benefit of other community groups. A working group is still looking at the impact on schools, road layout etc.

(ii) The Boys' Brigade is looking to get involved with a community project. We had suggested a litter project – not just a clean-up, but doing a litter survey and helping to identify where more bins are needed. This will take place in the autumn, and we will help to publicise this.

(iii) Chris will miss the August meeting, possibly the September meeting, and the AGM in October. He will be looking for someone to take over as Chair, or to split the duties.

(iv) A focus group is being held with Caroline at the Clockwork at 7p.m. on Wednesday.

(v) Living Streets: A survey was to be conducted about the 20mph zone, aimed at improving local streets, and £600 was given to MoFloCoCo to work in partnership with the local primary school. A decision will be taken by email following discussion with MFPPP.

13. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 28th August 2018 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.