

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of 28 August 2018
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors J. Pollock, J. MacDonald (Minutes), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, N. Fitzgerald, G. Thomson
Also attending: Stephen Kennedy, Kirstie Cusick.

1. Welcome and Apologies (Judith Pollock):

Judith chaired the meeting and noted apologies from Chris Carus, Joan Perry and Robert Pollock.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 26 June were approved (proposed M. Charlwood, seconded G. Thomson).

3. Matters Arising:

(a) Rain gardens: We had had an extensive response from GCC, but there is no sign of the planning application as yet. They had taken on board that residents would prefer to have shrubs rather than trees, but did not see any issues around traffic flow on event days.

(b) The Boys' Brigade had asked if they could be involved in a community project. We had suggested a litter survey, but have not heard anything further on this. We will carry this forward to the next meeting.

4. Community Police Report:

No police officers attended.

5. Correspondence:

(i) We had received an invitation to respond to the city licensing policy.

(ii) We were also invited to respond to the Scottish Water Consultation – "Shaping the future". There is one week remaining till the deadline.

➤ **Action** Judith to look at this and see if there is anything we need to respond on.

(iii) Clincarthill Church has restarted its lunch club for the over-50s on Fridays from 12 noon. A two-course meal can be had for £2.00; all are welcome.

6. Councillor's Report:

No councillor attended.

7. Treasurer's Report (Judith):

The financial year-end is at the end of this month. We are still awaiting a bill from the church for the hire of the hall.

The current balance stands at £11,914.66; £10,000 of this is allocated to the Letherby Triangle work, and £588.09 is part of the Living Streets grant to promote road safety.

We would like to put out a newsletter if possible, but this needs people to work on it. It would be good to get this out early in the new financial year. We would like to publicise the Hampden update and the Letherby project, and to have a community event around the consultation work. We should also put out a plea for volunteers.

➤ **Action** Kirstie and Niall will help edit.

➤ **Action** Mark will look into getting an Area Partnership grant to help fund the newsletter.

8. Letherby Action Plan (Gavin):

We had received a Big Lottery grant to help with the project (see above). We were also successful in our application to SusTrans for match funding, and will get £15,000. These grants will help model the full design of that chosen following the public consultation, testing the viability of road closures. The first stage of the tender is out, and submissions are due by Monday. A decision will be made next week on who we will appoint. Steve Gray from GCC has been appointed to assist, and we hope to get the planning application in at the new year.

We need to think about how to engage people in this. It would be useful to co-ordinate with the press release on Hampden; they have engaged architects to look at the entrances to the stadium and we would hope to work with them.

9. Hampden Update:

- (i) The presentation will go to the SFA tomorrow, and a decision should be known this week. Steps were agreed at the June meeting, and we got a letter of support from Hampden for the Letherby project.
- (ii) We have received approval for our request to participate in the committee that appoints conditions on events. Mark agreed to go along to the first meeting. This should help with issues that arise – community voices will be heard. A press release will go out after the Hampden decision.
- (iii) We posted our letter of support on Facebook and most responses were supportive. Signatures were gathered from local businesses and the vast majority were in support. The main issue was seen as short-term parking, and the Council will work closely with organisations to improve transport links. Anna Richardson is dealing with transport issues in Glasgow and could possibly help with this.
- (iv) Chris had been interviewed by the Evening Times and they did a big spread.
- (v) Hampden Roars had conducted a survey and will send results to Chris, to help our background planning for the future. Regarding our own surveys, they were useful at first, but it was felt by some that continued surveys tend to attract only those who have complaints. It might be worthwhile asking Hampden to set up focus groups for residents as an alternative.

10. Langside Area Partnership:

- (i) Mark had attended. Abellio representatives spoke about train services in our area; older trains are to be scrapped, and 3-coach trains will be replaced with 4- or 6-coach trains, which should help at peak times. Hampden events need more capacity, but this is difficult to plan because there are no fixed times for the finish of matches; these can vary.
- (ii) Langside Community Safety overview – as previously (see <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/scotland/street-design>) SusTrans have a contract for consultancy on the Battlefield project “Creating a Space for people”. The launch event will be on 4th September at Langside Library, with a drop-in between 3 and 6 p.m., and a presentation at 6.30. Concerns should be registered by the end of September.
- (iii) Area Partnership grant – Mark reported that 51% of the budget has been allocated since April, so we should get our bid in soon for the newsletter.

11. Edinburgh University collaboration:

Caroline, an Edinburgh University student, had compiled an area profile as part of her dissertation; Gavin liaised on this. A focus group was formed. SIMD data (deprivation statistics) were consulted to see what the data could reveal about living in an area, and how this data compared with public perception. Some interesting results were achieved, and the profile will be useful to us in future funding applications. We may hold a further discussion meeting on this later in the year. It was agreed that we would be willing to liaise with another student next year if approached.

12. AOCB:

- (i) Kirstie gave an update on the school. She had met with Chrissie of MFPPP about the 20mph zone. They are looking at having a campaign in October to raise awareness of the zone. Kirstie will let Chrissie know the costs for producing banners; she had received several quotes.

There is a new headmistress at the school, and she will have to be on board. We also need police permissions, etc.

➤**Action** We need to get organised for this in September.

- (ii) The Victoria Forum is re-forming its membership to be more focussed on the new Battlefield project. Better community involvement in the planning process had been achieved.
- (iii) Our AGM will take place in October, and we should put together a flier to go on facebook etc. to drum up support.
- (iv) We need to renew the terms of reference for the Letherby sub-group.
- (v) The church hall is not used to capacity during the week, and they would like it to be used more by the local community. They hope to establish a parent and toddler group in the next year. Any groups that are looking for a place to meet are asked to get in touch. The church gardens are also open to the public throughout the year, and the church is applying to Stalled Spaces for funding.

13. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 25th September 2018 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.