

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of 22 January 2019
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), G. Thomson (Correspondence Secretary), J. Pollock
Also attending: Ann McGrory, Cllr Archie Graham.

1. Welcome and Apologies (C. Carus):

Chris chaired and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from Robert Pollock.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the November meeting were approved (proposed Claire Charlwood, seconded Gavin Thomson).

3. Matters Arising:

There were no other matters arising outwith the agenda.

4. Community Police Report:

No officers were in attendance.

5. Summary of correspondence:

An email had been received from a resident who is taking over the old Minute Man printers' building, and had applied for permission to change the licensing conditions in order to convert the premises to a yoga studio. The application had been refused, and she wanted the Community Council to support a renewed application. It was agreed to put her in contact with Planning Aid Scotland (<https://www.pas.org.uk/>), who can assist with applications.

Action➤ Chris will pass on details.

6. Letherby update:

The Letherby project had received funding from SusTrans and Awards for All, but it was insufficient for us to do all that we would wish. Judith has been in touch with SusTrans, who have agreed that we can reapply for funding; the next round of funding will open at the end of February. ERZ is the preferred bidder. Judith has contacted them, and they will let us know what we need to do in terms of surveys - utilities, agricultural, topographical etc. - and will send a list of contractors. There is still some visible work going on, but there will be nothing major until Spring.

7. Councillor's Report:

Cllr Graham reported.

(i) The Council is about to set their budget proposal for the next financial year. A council meeting will be held on 21st February, and the final figures will have been received from the government by then. The Scottish government had ruled that local authorities can not raise council taxes by more than 3%, and this is unlikely to change, so cuts will have to be made to services. The nature of the cuts is not yet known.

(ii) Notification had been received about a proposal to vary the licensing hours of the Beechwood pub; though this is strictly speaking in Kings Park Community Council area, KPCC is defunct, and local residents live in our CC area. The Beechwood's outdoor area is not currently allowed to be used on match days or when large events are on at Hampden, but the proposal is that this should be allowed. There is concern about noise and disturbance if this goes ahead; it would be difficult for staff to control. Cllr Graham will put in an objection. They also wish to keep their function room, which is popular and is regularly used, open until 1 a.m. Again, this could potentially lead to problems, and Cllr Graham will comment, and suggested we might also wish to object, though the Licensing Board may take the view that if other licensed premises in the area are allowed later opening, it should apply across the board. The application reference no. is GC0997.

(iii) Housing investment: Most housing development in our area is taking place in Langside ward; however there is a plan to build 80 units for social rent in Hangingshaw Place, work to be completed in 2023. A planning application is not yet in place, but the site is earmarked for housing. Home in Scotland Housing Association (who were involved in the development on Cathcart Road on the old cinema site) is interested in the site.

(iv) Ann McGrory raised the issue of pigeon droppings under the railway bridge, encroaching on to the pavement area. There are health concerns about the risks of disease from pigeon droppings,

as well as risk of other vermin feeding on bread etc left for birds. Cllr Graham advised contacting Environmental Health, and the Community Council will also make contact about this issue.

Action➤ Janet to contact Environmental Health.

8. Hampden Events Participation Request:

We had received a note from Denise before Christmas, but things are not moving very fast so we need to chase this up. We will feature this in the newsletter.

We had been contacted as there is currently Scotland-wide research taking place into participation requests and how they are working. It is too early at this stage for us to give meaningful feedback; they will come back to us in May or June.

9. Battlefield Street Design:

There has been no further news since Mark sent information about the hands-on design meeting at the church. Members of the public came up with ideas, but no plans have been firmed up as yet. The steering committee is well attended. We need to get involved so that we can have input about the potential effects on traffic flow outside the immediate area of the proposals. The preferred route for cross-city traffic would be along the B-road (Prospecthill Road) but people tend to go along Letherby Drive past the school. If Prospecthill Road is closed off, this will create more traffic in Mount Florida. The next meeting is on 6 February from 2-4pm.

10. A.O.C.B.:

(i) An email had been circulated from Dr Catherine Brown, looking for people willing to participate in a community research project. Some community councillors have participated.

(ii) Social diary: Community councillors are meeting tomorrow at 7pm for a meal at Saponi d'Italia.

11. Newsletter (Judith):

Judith circulated a draft layout. The newsletter will run to 8 pages, at a cost of £450 plus delivery. Contents will include an article on the Letherby project, a Q&A with Peter Dallas of Hampden, a survey of people's perceptions of the area, volunteering in the community, pieces on the rain gardens, Battlefield Street Design, What's On section and some adverts for local businesses,

12. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.