

# Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of 23 October 2018  
Clinkarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

**Present:** Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Perry (Secretary & VC), J. Pollock, R. Pollock, G. Thomson  
Also attending: PC Derek Coyle, PC Mary MacIntyre, Malky Hay, Charles Shaw, Ian Strangeways, Rowena Thomson, Cllr Tanya Wisely, Denise Hamilton (LES).

## **1. Welcome and Apologies (C. Carus):**

Chris chaired and welcomed those attending. It was noted that Joan Perry and Niall Fitzgerald have resigned as Community Councillors as of this week.

## **2. Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes of the September meeting were approved subject to clarification of item 11, that rather than seeking to elect new community councillors, we hope to encourage more local residents to get involved in our projects.  
(proposed Claire Charlwood, seconded Mark Charlwood).

## **3. Matters Arising:**

There were no other matters arising outwith the agenda.

## **4. Community Police Report:**

PC Coyle reported that there had been two incidents of vandalism; 1 common assault; 2 minor thefts of bicycles. Crime is down at the moment, but is likely to rise somewhat in the run up to Christmas.

Re this weekend's Aberdeen - Rangers match, there is no quick access to motorways so crowds cannot disperse quickly. Police hold crowds at the station for safety reasons. Police will be out in force on Sunday and will do their best to keep disorder to a minimum.

A crowd of 20,000 is expected to the Scotland - Israel match on 20 November.

## **5. Summary of correspondence (Joan):**

There had been little correspondence other than several re-applications for traders' licenses.

## **6. Treasurer's report (Judith):**

Our current bank balance is £11,914.66 though there are cheques outstanding for hall rental for 2017/17 and 2017/18 (£600) and travelling expenses. Over £10,000 of our balance is committed to Letherby Triangle and the road safety project with the school (£588.09) leaving unallocated funds of £1,326.57. Our account is healthy at the moment, but we will be looking to produce a newsletter fairly soon, and to host a coffee morning or similar community engagement event. We have applied for a grant to support the production of the newsletter.

## **7. Councillors' Report:**

Cllr Wisely reported.

(i) Cllr Wisely's new surgery hours are as follows: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, 9-10a.m. at Clinkarthill Church,

(ii) Glasgow Open Space strategy has been launched. This is important in relation to green space, sport, children's play areas etc. Cllr Wisely mentioned the EMB2 fund, applicable when developers have not provided such spaces and instead contribute money to local causes. This is seen as an unsatisfactory way of doing things, and the new strategy should replace this. Pilot areas have been looked at in depth. N.B. Newlands and Kings Park come under a different section from Mount Florida.

The consultation is open for 6 weeks and can be accessed through the consultation hub

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=23318> (survey link here

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OSS2018/>).

(iii) Tanya is continuing to look at the Hangingshaws brownfield site; discussions are ongoing.

(iv) Re Hampden - Scotrail and Network Rail are working together on the station. Network Rail information has not been forthcoming due to management issues.

(v) Battlefield consultation – a steering group is meeting. Knock-on effects on Mount Florida have been raised.

(vi) Fly tipping is still an ongoing issue. No-one seems to know what the arrangements are, as they seem to differ in different areas. There is an app for uplift arrangements, but there is a separate arrangement to report fly tipping.

(vii) Rain gardens – this has gone through planning.

### **8. Launch of Hampden Events Participation Request:**

Denise Hamilton of LES attended. She has been appointed as our contact. Denise has a background in environmental health, but is now involved in outdoor events management, helping both to manage events and the relationship between events and local communities. She was here to gauge the issues that we feel are important. There is an increasing need to engage with local communities who may be affected by events, especially those held on council-owned properties. N.B. as Hampden is not a council-run venue, there is not so much control over requirements.

Licensing – relates to activity in the stadium. There is a requirement for operators to comply with legislation, but this is not generally applied beyond the stadium itself. Safety at events is a priority, and there is a multi-agency group for safety at Hampden events, but the legislation does not cover the wider community. We need to get buy-in from the wider area. There is scope to incorporate community engagement in licensing arrangements, but no legal requirement.

Football matches differ in some respects from concerts and similar events. Getting organisers to letter-drop the local area in advance of events is a good idea; the letter should ideally have contact details so any questions or complaints can be brought up directly with the concert organisers. LES would hope to have this happen in relation to Hampden events.

There is a robust licensing plan in place. Officers will visit off-licences in advance of events and will be on hand to monitor compliance. Most events now operate a policy of a maximum number of drinks sold per person. Plans covering stewarding, policing and alcohol management are in place before events. Police take intelligence from the local community about trouble hotspots etc.

Re portaloos, this can be a requirement of public entertainment licences, but is more difficult to enforce at football matches.

A transport sub-group has been set up to look at issues around the dispersal of fans after events. Parking restrictions don't always take place; cars are parking in restricted areas seemingly with impunity while local residents have to park a distance away. There also needs to be some flexibility to allow local businesses to load and unload on match days. Litter at Hangingshaws is also a problem.

Denise agreed to take away our concerns for discussion. The idea is to improve the experience for everyone's benefit, and to encourage Hampden operators to engage more with the local community. We will communicate any concerns through Denise. The next step will be to set up a consultation, and develop an action plan. We have to work together as a group to keep commitments moving; this is an ongoing process. We may wish to hold a public meeting at Hampden, present a working draft and ask for feedback and ideas.

**Action**➤ We will put out a call to action in our newsletter; Chris will continue discussion with Denise; Mark will be in touch with Peter Dallas.

### **9. Letherby Triangle Action Plan (Judith):**

AECOM had come back with three options. Judith has asked them to arrange a meeting with GCC to discuss the outcome of the feasibility report for road closures. Speed measurements had been taken, and traffic on Carmunnock Road is roughly 26mph in the 20mph zone. We await feedback from AECOM. Our draft report is to be updated.

### **10. Hampden Neighbours:**

No further update.

### **11. Traffic Update (Joan):**

Joan is to confirm with LES the time plan for the consultation to remodel pavements and parking spaces between Cathcart Road and Bolton Drive.

**Action**➤ Joan will give an update by email.

**12. AOCB:**

- (i) We have been invited to fill a vacancy on the QP Arena board. We will communicate this vacancy in our newsletter. The QPA AGM will be held in November.
- (ii) £600 is available to do an awareness-raising event about the 20mph zone. Kirstie is now unable to take this forward.
- (iii) The Boys' Brigade will arrange clean-up dates; Robert volunteered to liaise with the BB leader and with Tesco, who hold the clean-up equipment.
- (iv) We would like to send a MoFlo rep to the working group following on from the Victoria Forum. The next meeting is on Wednesday 31 October. Judith will consider attending if able.
- (v) Caroline's report on social deprivation is complete; we will aim to get it printed and have a copy available in the library, and will also put on our website.
- (vi) The beer festival went off pretty well, although it was not widely advertised.

**13. Close.**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.**