

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 26 March 2019
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Pollock
Also attending: PC M. MacIntyre, PC L. Morrison, Shona Thomson, Alex Miller, Gillian Katungi, Allan Munro, Louise Kinloch, Cllr Tanya Wisely.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Judith took the chair to start the meeting as Chris was delayed. Apologies were received from Robert Pollock, Claire Charlwood and Gavin Thomson.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the February meeting were approved (proposed Mark Charlwood, seconded Judith Pollock).

3. Matters Arising:

(i) **Item 13(iii)** – Re dumping of commercial waste at Clincart Road, it appears that this is a pick-up spot for collection of commercial waste.

(ii) **Item 13(v)** The website is now running normally.

4. Community Police Report:

We were informed that the officers will no longer be able to present us with exact crime figures. There has not been a large amount of crime in our area over the last month, beyond a couple of housebreakings and some instances of disorder. Recent reports of an increase in dog fouling can be reported to the community wardens, indicating problem areas.

5. Summary of correspondence:

(i) A letter had been received about the community picnic.

(ii) We had received a complaint via FB about an increase in dog fouling; Janet had replied giving a note of the web address and Facebook page to report

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=20207>

<https://www.facebook.com/envtaskforce/>

(iii) Sandy Paterson is to speak to Chris about the community garden.

6. Treasurer's Report (Judith):

(i) The newsletter had been printed and delivered, and this has been paid for.

(ii) The tree survey has been paid for. Money has been committed for the topographic and utilities surveys; it looks like these have been done but the reports have yet to come in.

(iii) We are still owed £30 for an advert in the newsletter.

(iv) When our outstanding commitments have been settled we will have a balance of £897.09.

(Chris resumed the Chair)

7. Councillor's Report (Tanya Wisely):

(i) LES (now renamed Neighbourhoods & Sustainability) has been rearranged to have a geographical focus. New liaison officers will meet with community groups. Steve Scott is head of Neighbourhoods & Sustainability for the Southside. He has appointed Laura Moran as our neighbourhood co-ordinator. She will come to the next meeting to introduce herself.

(ii) The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has been held up due to capacity issues. It is hoped that it will be published in June.

(iii) "Slow" posters in windows in Glencairn Drive are having an impact.

(iv) Hangingshaws – Tanya had objected to land being declared surplus. She spoke to the Social Housing officer, and a more holistic view will now be taken, recognising the deficit of green space.

(v) GCC's budget process – there was a proposal for a longer, more transparent consultative approach to setting the budget.

(vi) Stanmore lanes – A clean-up is to take place; it is important that there is a plan in place for residents to maintain the lanes in good order in future.

(vii) Re plan to set up a playgroup in Clincarthill Church – Tanya has contact details for help in setting up a community playgroup.

(viii) Tanya is looking further into a planning application which has been presented, aimed at changing the use of a community room in the high flats.

(ix) Tanya had met with Mandy of Stanmore Social to discuss improving access to the community garden.

(x) The proposed shop units at Asda will not now go ahead. The McDonalds Drive Through will go ahead, but in a different location.

8. Mount Florida Bowling Club update:

Neil Bryant, the planning officer, is keeping us up to date with plans. We would like to see the bowling club retained as a communal green space, but it seems members are determined to sell. There is however an active core of people who want to continue the fight to prevent the site being sold to a developer. (Pollokshields Community Council has taken action in relation to Kingston Bowling Club which had been bought by a wholesaler; the community got together and put in a planning application to develop it into a community hub.)

Mount Florida community group plans to form a trust aiming for sustainable development and community education, and will seek to buy the site under the Land Reform Act. Some money is available for this type of project. There is a lot of work still to be done however.

Various avenues are being pursued; a petition and leaflet are being designed and there will be a campaign going round doors seeking support, and copies of the petition will also be put in Tesco and Sunshine No. 1. Support is needed to gather signatures, and a website is also planned by the group.

The 'community' has to be defined geographically, and the most appropriate boundary would seem to be the Mount Florida Community Council boundary. This will be put into the article of association. A company limited by guarantee will be set up, and can later be converted to a charity.

Action> Tanya to send link to new study about green space and adult mental health.

9. Letherby Triangle Action Plan :

The surveys are being done and will feed into phase 3. An application will be drafted soon. We are confident that funding will come from SusTrans, who are interested because this is a community-led project. Gemma from Urban Roots has been working on active travel links with north Toryglen.

Figures are available from surveys done as part of the Battlefield project. Prospecthill Road carries about one-sixth of the traffic that goes along Battlefield Road, and if it is closed off, more traffic will be pushed through Mount Florida. The traffic plan will change, and there is concern about the potential negative impact. The Battlefield consultation is open until April. Anna has been looking at Mini-Holland schemes (see more at <https://www.eta.co.uk/2018/11/23/mini-holland/>) with a view to trialling in Mount Florida; this is still in the early stages.

10. The Big Lunch (Gillian):

Gillian had proposed this annual get-together of food sharing and friendship as a community initiative (<https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/thebiglunchhomepage>) It is usually held on 1-2 June but could take place at any time over the summer. It could be in a garden, street, church hall or other space. Individuals who wish to take part would need to register. Residents can apply to close off a street on the following dates: May 17-19, June 21-23, July 19-21, or Sept 20-22. It was noted that the Pink concert takes place at Hampden on 22-23 June so this might not be the best time to think about having an outdoor event. We could possibly use the church hall, though it would also be good to have an outdoor space. If the event was held on a street closure weekend, we could apply to close off Letherby Drive. The most likely date looks like Saturday 18 May. This project needs a co-ordinator, and others to take on tasks. Possible ideas include having chalk buckets for kids, street play, cycling proficiency, a fire engine etc.

Action> Need to look into public liability insurance (Living Streets money could possibly be used for this). Check if there is a recommended provider. (Mandy Evans-Ewing has done this sort of thing before and may be able to advise.)

11. Hampden Events:

(i) Alex and Chris went to the City Chambers to follow up with Denise Hamilton about community participation in events organisation licensing. There will be a public consultation so that residents can feel that they have a say in events. Hampden will provide a venue. There has been no follow-up to date from Denise.

Action> Chris to pass Denise's contact details to Alex.

(ii) There have been problems with visitors parking inappropriately on match days. Yellow lines are to be repainted at the parking area. Fixed penalty notices are set and can't be changed, but in theory GCC could have a bye-law to increase fines for parking in residents' permit holder areas.

Action> Tanya to make enquiries.

12. Traffic and Parking:

A Resident in the high flats had been in touch, wanting to know what the proposals were and is unhappy. The TRO is to go out to consultation in June so that local residents can have some input.

13. Recruitment:

(i) Gillian had responded to our appeal for a MoFlo resident to represent the community on the Queens Park Arena Board. She has met with Bob Marshall and Evelyn and will go to their next meeting in April.

(ii) We currently have 4 vacant positions on the Community Council. Chris proposed that we hold an election in May to fill these positions. We will put up posters in the library, shops, etc.

Action➤ Chris to contact Collette, who has not been attending meetings or responding to emails.

14. Newsletter:

The newsletter went out and has been well received. It has been shared with other community councils, and various people have been in touch as a result.

15. A.O.C.B.

Shona Thomson is one of 23 new artists in residence appointed by GCC in the various wards. Within Langside ward, she aims to explore the potential of creativity and the arts in health, well-being and quality of life. Phase 1 of the project takes place between now and the end of June, and will consist of fact-finding to look for potential, need, interest etc. Shona works with archive film, and does events, tours and so on (www.akindofseeing.co.uk) Phase 2 will involve bigger projects, yet to be decided; these could be in collaboration. There may be space at Mount Florida Studios for events. Graham Brown of Hampden Bowling Club is interested in the history of Hampden and is putting together a project at the moment. QP Football Club is the oldest amateur club in Scotland and has an interesting historical perspective. Keith Stoddart has a collection of old and new photographs of the area, and local film maker Francis Higson is documenting the bowling club.

15. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 23 April 2019 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.