

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 23 April 2019
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Pollock, R. Pollock, G. Thomson
Also attending: Alex Miller, Marjorie Wilson, Joe Wilson, Allan Munro, Laura Moran, Veronica Green, Cathie Laycock, Cllr Anna Richardson.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris Carus chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending. There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the March meeting were approved (proposed Chris Carus, seconded Judith Pollock).

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising outwith the agenda.

4. Approval of Constitution:

The Glasgow Scheme for Community Councils has been renewed after a consultation process. MFCC's only input was a request to change the boundary to remove Old Castle Gardens, which was accepted and built into the new scheme. MFCC is now requested to adopt the new constitution, which requires signatures from the Chair and two others.

Action➤ Chris will arrange for the signed constitution to be returned to City Chambers.

5. Community Police Report:

No officers attended.

6. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

7. Treasurer's Report (Judith):

There have been no major changes. The outstanding cheques have been paid and the advert in the newsletter paid for. The balance of the account stands at £1485.15, of which £588.09 is Living Streets money which has still to be spent.

There is sufficient money in the account for a further project, or the money could be used towards the community lunch.

Action➤ Chris to pass on contact details for school to Judith and Anna.

8. Councillor's Report (Anna Richardson):

(i) Anna is involved in looking at ways to improve safety around the school. This may be tied into a wider project on movement through the neighbourhood. School meals are sometimes delivered by taxi and the school is trying to redeploy a minibus or similar to deliver meals as the taxis do not always park appropriately.

(ii) There is a new city-wide transport strategy being developed in line with Liveable Neighbourhoods (greening streets, improving air quality etc.) It is still in its infancy but is very relevant to Mount Florida.

(iii) A city-wide pilot scheme on cycle storage for people living in flats is being rolled out. This will enable secure parking on streets. The first 50 storage spaces will be opened tomorrow; there will be one on Eskdale Street. Funding is being sought to roll the scheme out wider.

(iv) Langside Area Partnership met, and provided an update on street bins. Pole-mounted bins are being replaced by larger capacity bins, enabling litter to be dealt with more effectively. This will happen in September.

Anna then took questions and comments.

(a) It was noted that no buses pass the school gate on Carmunnock Road during the day. There is an 18 month TRO and Anna will ask if it can be considered.

(b) Anna was asked if there is a possibility for a master plan for traffic on the south side – the Battlefield plan doesn't seem to take into account the displacement effects on neighbouring areas. Anna replied that those looking at the plan will have considered this, as traffic has to continue to

move. The plan must be robust enough to go through the traffic model or it will not be implemented. The bigger plan is to improve the entire city (air quality etc.)

(c) Rat runs are a major problem, especially on Mt Annan and Kinmount. A 'mini Holland' approach is being taken, similar to what happened in parts of London, looking at a more joined-up approach which is more neighbourhood based. It will be some time before this is rolled out. Strategy work will take about 18 months, and it is hoped that a pilot can start within this period.

(d) Hampden Participation request – we had put in a request under the Community Empowerment Act. Mark and Chris had had several meetings with Denise Hamilton, and had hoped that she would put in place the mechanism to make things happen. Alex and Chris met with her again at the end of February but things are not moving very fast. Anna was asked to find out what we should be expecting. We would like a consultation event to be organised with the various agencies, involving formal and informal sessions, and Hampden has offered a room for this purpose. Our expectations have been raised, but we need to know what can realistically be achieved.

Action➤ Anna will consult and email a response to the community council.

9. Laura Moran Introduction:

Laura introduced herself as the new point of contact for Neighbourhoods and Sustainability (formerly LES and Community Safety Glasgow, which have now merged). The service was restructured, recognising its breadth and size and the need for a joined-up approach. N&S will be a one stop shop for cleansing, lighting, roads, anti-social behaviour, dog fouling etc. The designated co-ordinator for the south side is Christine Martin, and Laura is the Neighbourhoods Liaison Manager.

Laura also sits on the Area Partnerships, and on the forum for Thriving Places. She will be a strategic link to the community and represent the voice of the community. The longer term ambition is to build intelligence in order to be pre-emptive about sticky issues – overflowing bins etc.

There will be a move towards a more neighbourhood-oriented model of working, dealing with outside agencies such as police, fire and safety and so on. The public are meanwhile encouraged to report problems through the normal channels. N&S will provide a list of first contacts. A new digital system is being put in place for rubbish uplifts so bins are not missed. For more complex issues, contact Christine (Christine.Martin@glasgow.gov.uk), There are three co-ordinators for the south side; Christine covers Langside, and she will come to a future community council meeting.

Action➤ Posters will be supplied to go to closes in various areas with different rules on bulk uplift, to inform residents of the process for their area.

10. Mount Florida Bowling Club update:

Many residents are opposed to the loss of the bowling green and are pursuing plans to form a community trust to apply for the right to buy the site at market value under the Community Empowerment Act.

The situation seems to be that the club has agreed to sell to a developer conditional on getting planning permission. It has been zoned as a green space, so specific conditions have to be met before approval is given to build on the site. A meeting is to be held with the planning officer; the space could be used for a variety of community events. We currently have an under-provision of green space in our area which would be in our favour.

There has to be a demonstrable demand for the space to be used for its current purpose. For a community right to buy, a petition is being circulated but more volunteers are needed to help gather signatures. Sport Scotland is the statutory consultee, but they seem to have a narrowly focussed remit. They have said that other local clubs have the capacity to absorb the members of the club. However, the site itself was gifted (over 100 years ago) for sports and community use.

Chris proposed that MoFloCoCo make a response to the planning officer and/or Sport Scotland about the narrow interpretation of the use of the site. There could be a legal avenue to pursue – the deeds of nearby houses make mention of a tie-in to the site to bowling and any change of use may need to go to court.

It was made clear that the issue is not about being against housing development but about under-use of the site by the local community – there is lots of space that could be better used. We need to speak to as many people as possible and get folk interested in the many possibilities for use of the site.

Action➤ Chris will write to Sport Scotland.

11. Letherby Triangle Action Plan :

The application for SusTrans funding is nearly completed. A comms plan and equalities impact assessment have to be done. We will have to make a case for SusTrans money in advance, as we no longer have the Awards for All money.

Action> Anna will ask whether GCC could advance funding until the promised SusTrans money comes through.

Action> Anna to check whether there is any Common Good fund which could help with cash flow.

Action> Judith to check whether the contractor could bill SusTrans directly.

The feasibility study, tree study, topographical survey and study of utilities have all been done. The next stage is a consultation and final design plan.

12. The Big Lunch:

GCC allow residents to close a road on certain weekends of the year for a street play event. We propose to close off the part of Carmunnock Road in front of the shops on Saturday 18th May between 12 noon and 4pm for a community picnic event. A formal application has to be submitted. Minnesota Fats and Market café have agreed to supply snacks. A gazebo and other items are being lent by Friends of Queens Park. In the event of rain we might use the Pentecostal church hall.

Action> Judith to pass Fred's contact details to Gavin.

The website link has suggestions of what people can do/bring.

There are three other weekends when streets can be closed off, and it needn't be for a big event, but could just be to allow children to play safely in the street. Several conditions must be met:

- It needs to be arranged by an organisation
- There needs to be consultation locally
- Public liability insurance needs to be arranged

Application forms must be entered a month in advance.

13. Hampden Events:

(See above under 8D)

14. Traffic and Parking:

No update. The traffic regulation order is to be put out to consultation.

15. Recruitment:

Last month we agreed to hold an election for more community councillors. Nomination forms are available for election in May; forms to be submitted by 17th May. Posters will be put up in public places around the area.

16. Communications:

No update.

17. A.O.C.B.

(i) The old printer's premises is being taken over by Veronica Green, who is opening a yoga studio. Opening hours will be 9-5 on Sundays, and 9-9 on weekdays.

(ii) A clean-up has taken place around the school.

(iii) Gillian had attended the QP Arena meeting.

15. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 28 May 2019 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.