

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 27 August 2019
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, G. Katungi, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Pollock, R. Pollock
Also attending: Ruth Marsden, Hannes Bahrenburg.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris chaired and welcomed those attending. There were apologies from Alex Miller and Gavin Thomson.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the June meeting were approved with the following amendment: Item 6 – should read ‘the **available** balance in the account is now £811.61...’ and item 15(i) add: ‘Gillian Katungi is now our representative on Queens Park Arena board’.

3. Matters Arising:

(i) Item 5(iii): Hannes had been in touch to ask if some callisthenics equipment could be obtained for use in Queens Park Recs. He had checked out the Battlefield Facebook group to gauge interest, which was positive. The independent gym was keen to help, but we need to find out how best to proceed in terms of funding. Chris had tried to explore funding sources in relation to parks but there does not seem to be any particular funding for this. The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations have small grants available, if we can get match funding.

Action➤ Chris will ask Anna Richardson about the possibility of ENV5 money from the hospital site developers.

Action➤ Mark will check out the possibility of an Area Partnership grant, and can help with the application. This might be a project that the primary school could be involved in.

Action➤ Hannes will gather a list of people willing to help, and draft costing.

(ii) Richard Carlaw had been in touch about the skate park, which is falling apart and dangerous. We will explore whether this can be improved. We could involve neighbouring community councils.

(iii) Item 15(iii): Christine Martin had come round on 24th July to inspect the back lanes re the system for uplifting bulk waste, and as a result will redraft the instructions for certain streets. We are still awaiting an update about signs in closes informing residents about the procedure for bulk uplift.

Action➤ Claire will follow up about signage.

(iv) Item 15(iv): Gillian had been unable to get in touch with the Ward artist in residence re input into the QP Arena programme.

4. Community Police Report:

No officers were in attendance.

5. Correspondence:

(i) We were invited to send four representatives to a finger buffet with the Lord Provost at the City Chambers on Tuesday 17th September at 7p.m. Anyone who wishes to attend is asked to contact Steven Dowling.

(ii) A Kings Park resident had been in touch to say that work is ongoing to implement flood prevention measures in Kings Park, and dozens of trees have been removed. Residents are objecting to the seeming lack of control over which trees are removed in order to insert the culvert. A public meeting has been called on 29th August at 6.30p.m. and a council official will attend. Residents would like the contractor to put in guide rails.

Action➤ Robert or Judith will attend.

(iii) A resident on Cathkinview Road complained about rubbish left outside Lassani being scattered about. We will monitor the situation.

6. Treasurer's Report (Judith):

(i) No money had been spent in the last month. The financial year ends at the end of August; community councillors are asked to let Judith know of any expenses incurred before then.

(ii) The Living Streets money is ring-fenced and we plan to spend it along with MFPPP.

7. Councillor's Report:

There was no report.

8. Mount Florida Bowling Club update:

After the last meeting, Chris wrote to the developer declining to meet for an informal chat (as they had suggested) as this would be an inappropriate form of consultation considering that there is a lot of opposition to the development of the site. After further reflection, Chris believes the community would be best served by seeking a formal dialogue with the developer. Chris suggested a multi-step process: the developer should arrange and advertise a drop-in public meeting on a weekday evening, where they could present their plans and invite comments and discussion. We would be there to observe and summarise the process. Plans could be put online a week prior to the meeting and feedback invited. There was some disagreement and Robert was concerned that dialogue may give the appearance that the community council condones development of the site.

Action➤ Chris will seek advice about good practice for public consultations, from Planning Aid Scotland.

Action➤ Chris and Robert will discuss further by Friday and propose to Noah a formal consultation process.

9. Letherby Triangle Action Plan (Judith):

We got a £50,000 grant from SusTrans to undertake a feasibility study. SusTrans have now changed their policy and will advance us money to pay the contractor.

SusTrans will hold an inception meeting with MFCC on a date to be decided. The process for submission of the planning application should be finalised by the end of the year.

The North Toryglen green infrastructure bid is in process; Tanya is trying to set up cross-ward meetings.

Action➤ Judith will set up a meeting with ERZ when the inception meeting date is known.

10. UEFA Euro 2020 (Mark):

Four games are scheduled, and these will be very busy events. The plan is to have three entrances open, and shuttle buses from the city centre. There will also be fan zones with giant screens in the city centre. We hope thereafter that shuttle buses will be more regularly used at Hampden.

Mark had requested an update at all Area Partnership meetings so that we can inform the local community. There should be more information available at the November meeting. It is hoped that reforming the Area Partnership will allow more community input.

It was asked whether the Scottish government could intervene to allow trains to fill up before leaving stations. They currently have to meet punctuality targets and often have to leave half-full.

11. Queens Park Arena (Gillian):

(i) Gillian had attended the meeting. InHouse had been asked to hold a consultation; this had taken place and there is to be another early next year.

(ii) The InHouse website doesn't make it clear that community councils have anything to do with the Arena and this needs to be clearer. It should also be clear that the space is available for communities to put on events, and information should be provided on what local groups need to be aware of when planning events (licensing etc.)

(iii) There are vacancies on the QPA board. A conversation is being had around recruitment etc. InHouse seem to be doing a good job.

(iv) The board is looking at having public liability insurance for directors. GCC and QPA board need to sort out responsibilities before the lease agreement can be signed.

(v) Claire raised the issue of the sound system at the Govanhill Carnival. The system will now be tested. There did not seem to be anyone overseeing the performances and how spectators were controlled. It was felt that scooters and bikes should be banned from the arena; perhaps bike racks could be provided.

12. Traffic and Parking:

We promoted the consultation; information went out and feedback was gathered.

13. Recruitment:

No further update.

14. Communications update:

(i) We would need to apply for a grant in October if we wish to put out another newsletter.

(ii) Judith had reported that we had some funds left, and it was decided that we could use this to update our website.

Action➤ Gillian to appeal for help with website update on our Facebook page. We might spend £400-500.

15. Hampden Events:

We are learning how to involve ourselves via the participation process. We have made suggestions. Chris and Alex put together a checklist, and hope to meet with the council officers over the next few weeks.

16. AOCB

(i) The Community Trust has a crowdfunder to cover their expenses (see their website – MFCT.co.uk - and FB page). They asked if we could promote this on our FB page.

(ii) Japanese knotweed has been spotted along the railway at the back of the medical centre. Chris has written to Scotrail, but nothing seems to have been done.

Action➤ Chris will raise this with Archie Graham, to ask if he can escalate this with Network Rail.

(iii) Judith has been in touch with Chrissie of MFPPP and they would like someone from the Community Council to attend their meetings. We will invite them to send a representative to Community Council meetings.

Action➤ Judith will forward details to Gillian.

(iv) Buses – Get Glasgow Moving is involved in trying to get the city council to take over the running of buses. There is also a lobby to get some buses re-routed along Cathcart Road.

17. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 24 September 2019 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.