

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 27 October 2020
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), J. MacDonald (Minutes), Alex Miller, Colette O'Donnell, J. Pollock, G. Thomson (Secretary)
Also attending: Mandy Burke, Kirstie Cusick, Bernhard Hidding, Calum, Juan.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris Carus chaired the Zoom meeting, which is to be regarded as a regular community council meeting, and welcomed those attending. Apologies were given on behalf of Claire Charlwood, Mark Charlwood and Robert Pollock.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the September meeting were approved (proposed C. Carus, seconded J. Pollock).

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising outwith the agenda.

4. Correspondence:

(i) No mail has been received.

(ii) We have had notification via email that the planning application hearing for the bowling club site will take place remotely on 17 November at 10.00 a.m. We have recommended to residents that they nominate representatives from the Community Council and the Community Trust to speak on our behalf. A former MF resident town planner is providing informal advice.

5. Treasurer's Report (Judith):

There has been limited spend since the start of the financial year. The final invoices were paid for Window Wanderland 2020 and we have provided erz with a cheque to submit with the planning application for Letherby Triangle.

Our current balance is £14420.24, although our unallocated funds remain £577.35. The vast majority of the ringfenced funds are committed to the Letherby Triangle project and are an advance payment from Sustrans to allow us to pay the contractors when we are invoiced. The remainder of the funds continue to be the grant from Living Streets for a road safety project to be undertaken by the school.

Various options were considered, including siting planters with reflective strips at the Triangle or at the school.

Action ➤ Bernhard will check with Hidden Gardens about permission for installing planters on pavements.

6. Councillor's Report:

No councillors attended.

7. Covid response locally:

The pinch point at Alyssa's café/Lupton's: Cllr Richardson had said that the bus build-out has been approved, as part of the traffic regulation order; also approved are the one-way system on Clincart Road allowing for diagonal parking, and increased flexibility for parking on Cathcart Road.

8. Elections:

There are 12 places on the Community Council; 9 are currently occupied. The next official election for new community councillors will be in 2022, but as there are currently 3 vacant places, Chris proposed that we hold elections for these places in January. Meantime we will advertise the vacant slots.

Action ➤ Chris to formalise the above.

9. Glasgow Transport Consultation:

The city-wide consultation ends on Friday. GCC are asking people to get involved by taking part in the survey asking about road safety, decarbonisation, pedestrian safety, air quality etc. There are three strands to the strategy – city wide, city centre and neighbourhoods. We had an online conversation about this last week, with good attendance. Speakers were Cllr Anna Richardson

and Gavin from Get Glasgow Moving. We will respond to the survey as a community council, reflecting responses from the meeting. Main concerns included ownership of public transport, safer and greener streets.

Action ➤ Chris to respond on our behalf.

We discussed further what we might do locally about transport. Bernhard and Calum had provided a useful slideshow of ideas, e.g. traffic calming, management of through traffic, greenery in streets etc.

Safer Streets – support is available if we wish to take this forward.

Modal filters have been trialled in London; streets were made safer but there was some negative backlash from some drivers. Lots of detailed survey work has been done in London on these issues.

We discussed how to stop rat-running through Stanmore, Cumming Drive, Hampden Terrace, Third Avenue, Kinmount and Mount Annan. Filters on Aikenhead Road at Kings Park Avenue are a problem that needs to be addressed.

Ideas:

- We might approach GCC for funding for some sort of traffic calming
- We will request an extension to the South City Way cycle route as far as Letherby Drive
- Safer cycle storage is needed
- Ask for Next Bike station at the Triangle

Re ‘liveable neighbourhoods’ – the plan needs to be strategic and comprehensive. Calum is looking at this issue in greater detail.

Public perception – we need to establish what we want to see and bring ideas to the local community; a local conversation needs to be held. The small transport group will discuss further. Judith and Gavin have a meeting with SusTrans on Thursday.

10. AOCB

(i) We proposed setting up a trial Slack group (online collaboration platform) where ideas can be discussed and contributed to remotely and asynchronously.

(ii) Pile driving at the Victoria site and ongoing work at Queens Park ground are disturbing for people working from home. There has been no communication from the developer to alert local residents to how long this work will continue.

Action ➤ Calum will contact Battlefield Community Council to see if they have similar concerns

Action ➤ Kirstie will contact QPFC

(iii) Langside Library is to remain closed until funds can be found for refurbishment. A ‘read in’ is taking place outside the library each Saturday morning to protest against its continued closure.

11. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 7pm, online via Zoom