

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the (Zoom) Meeting of 26 January 2021
7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Pollock, R. Pollock, G. Thomson (Secretary)
Also attending: PCs Akram and McKeown, Robin Cairns, Bernhard Hidding, Calum MacKinnon, Laura Moran, Cllr Anna Richardson, Helen Voce, Sam Whitmore.

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.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

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

3. Matters Arising:

Community Councillors had corresponded with each other by email since the last meeting and had agreed the text of the letter which was sent to Cllr Richardson on 18th January. On the understanding that GCC officers are, or will soon be, working on plans to introduce a low traffic neighbourhood (LTN) design in Mount Florida using a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order under the Spaces for People programme, the Community Council supports the concept of an LTN in principle if it reduces coronavirus transmission risks and improves both air quality and active travel safety away from the arterial routes.

Further the letter agreed by the Community Council requested that the following points are considered in the design of the LTN:

- Alleviate coronavirus transmission risks at the pavement pinch points at 1105 and 1046 Cathcart Road by implementing the bus build outs contained within an already-approved TRO.
- Eliminate a long standing pedestrian safety risk by closing the junction of Carmunnock and Cathcart Road. As you know, this closure is already planned as part of the Letherby Triangle civic space plan.
- Take steps to prevent rat-running by motorised vehicles on residential roads within the area framed by Prospecthill Road, Cathcart Road, Kings Park Road, Kings Park Avenue and Aikenhead Road (see attached diagram).
- Consider the impact of transferring additional traffic onto the main arterial routes. For example, there are concerns about the traffic lights at the junction of Kings Park Avenue and Aikenhead Road which some residents already consider to be dangerous with right turn filters on only one of the four approaches.
- We ask that GCC avoids introducing one-way systems in residential streets, as it has done in Dennistoun, as we fear this may result in higher traffic speeds.
- Furthermore, we request that officers engage in some meaningful consultation at an early stage of development of the LTN design. Some negative reaction to an LTN is inevitable but the most powerful way to get buy-in is to promote resident's sense of control over their environment. We understand that consultation is not required under the Road Traffic Regulations Act (1984) however we believe it important to the acceptability and long term viability of meaningful LTN measures.

4. Summary of Correspondence:

(i) An email had been received from Public Health Scotland about the development of the Place Standard Tool, looking at the 14 sectors within the tool through a "climate lens". Sam Whitmore explained that PHS is looking for organisations to trial it. They are hoping to create something that will be used by community groups. Judith replied that we have used this previously as a monitoring tool to provide a snapshot of information about the use of green space. The general feeling is that there is insufficient green space in our area.

Action ➤ Chris will put Bernhard in touch with Sam.

(ii) We had received information about a pre-planning consultation re the installation of a 20m telephone mast at Cathkin Park, ahead of the planning application. We will put this information in the newsletter and on social media.

(iii) Mental health training workshops and support are available.

5. Community Police Report:

PCs Akram and McKeown reported. Re Covid transmission risks, hi-vis patrols are being carried out to ensure compliance with wearing of face masks, social distancing etc. A back shift is addressing issues such as house parties.

There are no significant crime trends. At the end of 2020, there was a spate of bicycle thefts but an offender was caught and has been charged. There has since been a marked decrease in these offences. The bike marking scheme has not yet taken place because of the restrictions. Youth volunteers will be involved when the scheme resumes.

Patrols were on duty at the recent football match to address any anti-social behaviour issues.

Stop checks are being carried out on vehicles found to be speeding.

Fly tipping and littering: there has been an increase in calls. Extra hi-vis patrols are now in force.

One youth offender was apprehended for vandalism, but there have been no major incidents.

6. Treasurer's Report (Judith):

(i) A grant was received for Winter Wanderland.

(ii) The final payment to erz was made for the Letherby project. We have an outstanding balance on the Sustrans grant but will hold this until we are through the Planning process to cover any additional funds incurred. The available balance on the account remains at £577.35.

(iii) **Animating Spaces:** Judith and Bernhard have been going through the draft offer, and have been in discussion with other community councils. The process is designed for major projects, and seems unnecessarily complicated for the project we want to undertake. We are being asked to take ownership and liability for the planters, etc. Judith is waiting for more information on liability insurance from Steven Dowling.

At the moment, there seem to be several issues that would involve a lot of time and commitment to sort out. Judith and Bernhard are willing to keep pursuing this, but are not willing to accept the offer at this point. We cannot apply for permissions until we have signed the agreement. Contracts must be in place by 31 March.

The contract signatories are being asked to take on liability, rather than the community council as a whole, which is not regarded as acceptable.

It was reconfirmed that the current bank signatories are Mark Charlwood, Chris Carus and Judith Pollock.

It was agreed that in the event that the Community Council decides to authorise signing of the contract, the delegated signatories would be Mark Charlwood, Chris Carus and Judith Pollock.

If Bernhard and Judith get to the point where they are happy to recommend to the Community Council that the contract be signed, the community council will meet to discuss and, if content to sign, delegate authority to sign to the above signatories. If necessary, we could agree by email to hold a special meeting.

Ongoing maintenance: GCC will not put planters in place in areas where they do not have the resources to maintain them.

Action ➤ Bernhard will forward the automated response from City Services to Cllr Richardson.

(iv) Chris asked to claim half of the cost of the Zoom account (around £85), which at the moment is his personal account. We will investigate if this can be transferred to the community council when this account expires in October.

Action ➤ Chris to send details to Judith.

7. Ward Councillor's Report (Anna Richardson)

Low Traffic Neighbourhood: no decisions have been made about our area at the moment.

Trials are taking place in Dennistoun; these have met with a mixed response. The priority is to get the scheme bedded in in Dennistoun, to ensure that it works well, and to take forward lessons learned. The Roads Officer is keen to hear from us, and our ideas will be taken into consideration, but nothing is set in stone, and if things are not working for the community they can be changed.

We had asked for some consultation. Cllr Richardson explained that this scheme is currently being trialled without consultation due to the present circumstances, and this means that feedback is coming in on the reality rather than questions about problems that may not arise. Safeguards in the legislation mean that things that don't work can be amended.

We asked for proposals to be shared with the community council in advance of works commencing. Chris Carus noted that have not asked for a Low Traffic Neighbourhood, but have asked for certain things to be considered if the Council decides to design an LTN for Mount Florida and that MFCC has asked for some COVID transmission risks to be addressed.

Calum had written separately and had heard that the current plans for Mount Florida would exclude Cumming Drive and areas north - we would ask that the area be extended as far as Prospecthill Road.

8. Proposal: creation of liveable neighbourhood sub-group with Terms of Reference:

(i) Chris proposed terms of reference (see appendix below) for a new environmental sub-group of the Community Council. The terms are broadly similar in nature to those of the Letherby sub-group. He proposed the motion to adopt the terms of reference; this was seconded by Mark Charlwood, and the motion carried.

(ii) A Chair and two other members must be appointed; Judith and Bernhard indicated that they are willing to be involved.

9. Proposal: to hold interim elections for 4 vacancies in February 2021

Alex Miller had resigned from the community council so we now have 8 community councillors and 4 vacancies. Chris proposed the motion to hold interim elections in February and Mark seconded; the motion was carried. We will make an effort to promote this on social media etc.

10. Update and Q&A on waste collection with Laura Moran:

Laura gave an update on changes to waste collection, especially for tenements. She also answered residents' questions.

(i) Asked about **Hampden Lane**, she conformed that this has not been adopted by the city council but is privately owned and as such, removal of fly tipping is the responsibility of the owners. There is no council money available for provision of gates. Laura agreed to send a link to the toolkit which gives information on funding, enquiries about ownership, adoption etc.

(ii) **Bulk uplift:** This is still a free service, and is now to be arranged via the online bulk uplift request service on GCC web page <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/bulkywaste>
When the request is made, residents will be guided where to leave the items.

Closes have not yet been informed as there will be a transition to a new charging model. Laura will provide downloadable posters which can be put up in closes meantime.

(iii) **Waste collection cycle:** Some staff are isolating so there are not so many people available. Ice had also prevented some collections. Residents are asked to let Laura know about any outstanding bin collections.

(iv) **Online collection calendar:** The green bin information is currently online, and blue bin information will be available from 1st February.

(v) The issue of **fly tipping in Hampden Lane** was raised; there is currently a number of Christmas trees and other waste. Residents have been advised by police not to take photos of dumpers, but Laura suggested trying to get vehicle registration numbers for corroboration.

(vi) A small glass bin was installed at the lane, although it is very near Hampden and may cause problems with broken glass at matches.

Laura agreed to look into the above issues and send updates.

11. AOCB

(i) **Bowling Club:** The planning committee had met and confirmed refusal of the application to build flats on the site. If the decision is appealed, we will have an opportunity to make a written submission. The community councillors agreed to authorise Chris to do this.

(ii) It was felt that as volunteers in schemes such as Animating Spaces, we should not have to accept legal responsibility but should transfer this to Glasgow City Council.

(iii) There is a large sink hole in Kinmount Avenue at Blairbeth Drive; this has been reported on a number of occasions. Cones have been placed in and around the hole but no further action has been taken.

Action➤ Anna will look into this.

(iv) **Letherby:** The planning application has been submitted; residents are encouraged to support this.

(v) Dr Katie Brown had requested some local residents to speak with medical students. They may require more older volunteers to take part.

(vi) An email had been received from Steven Dowling about community council website accessibility. We agreed to ask GCC to look at the community council websites and develop a plan for all.

Action➤ Judith will contact Steven.

12. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 23 February 2021 at 7pm, online (Zoom)

Appendix:
Terms of Reference – GoMoFlo

- 1) A sub-committee will be established with the purpose of making Mount Florida greener, safer and healthier.
- 2) The objectives of the sub-committee will be:
 - a) To lead the implementation of the Animating Spaces Programme grant within the terms to be defined by Glasgow City Council and approved by the Community Council
 - b) To engage with residents, businesses and Glasgow City Council in the development of measures to control traffic volumes and speeds in the area bounded by Prospecthill Road, Cathcart Road, Kings Park Road, Kings Park Avenue and Aikenhead Road
 - c) To plan an ongoing series of community litter picks in the area, dependent on coronavirus restrictions.
- 3) These terms of reference do not take precedence over the Scheme for the Establishment of the Community Council.
- 4) The sub-committee's terms of reference shall be renewed at each Annual General Meeting.
- 5) The minimum sub-committee membership will be a named chairperson and at least 2 other community councillors.
- 6) The sub-committee is entitled to create its own social media channels to try to engage with a wide cross-section of the community.
- 7) The sub-committee will report back on its activities at every meeting of Mount Florida Community Council.
- 8) The sub-committee will be empowered to represent Mount Florida Community Council in relation to the objectives in paragraph 2.
- 9) Responsibility for funds shall remain with the full Mount Florida Community Council.