

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting, Tuesday, 22 February 2022

Clincarthill Church

Present

Community Councillors : Judith Pollock (Chair), Robbie Warringham, Natasha Visser, Claire Charlwood, Mark Charlwood, Chris Carus, Amber Mohammed, Robert Pollock

Also attending : PC Ahmed, Cassandra McLuckie, Mandy Evans-Ewing, Alan Munro, Carol Alexander, Fran Ringland, Nicola Smith, Paddy Smith

Apologies

Cllr Susan Aitken, Janet MacDonald

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed as accurate record by Chris Carus; seconded as accurate record by Amber Mohammed

Matters arising

Judith provided an update on the purchase of benches and the covered signage in the Bolton Drive and Clincart Road area.

Judith also updated on a recent meeting with Derek Dunsire of GCC regarding Letherby Triangle, noting that it was believed that Sustrans would provide 70% of the costs and GCC 30%. Police Scotland had been approached for their expertise on the safety of the stairs. They raised concerns however, the Chair clarified that this feature has already been removed to reduce costs.

A letter was written to the group undertaking the customer survey on the reduction of opening hours at the rail station. This was copied to Scottish Government ministers, James Dornan MSP. Natasha will circulate the response from Ministers. James Dornan's office replied to say he had also written to support maintaining the current level of service.

A new grant scheme has been announced for owners of private lanes. The first deadline is 11 March, but Cllr Richardson confirmed that further rounds will be announced.

Chris wrote to Partick Community Council confirming our agreement with their concerns about the introduction of citizens' panels.

A consultation on the future of the bowling club will be held by the proposed developer on Thursday online. Everyone was encouraged to attend to air their views. The PR agent of the developer has asked to attend the next meeting to feed back on this event. It was agreed to invite them at 8pm.

In order to recruit additional community councillors, a full recruitment process must be undertaken. Posters advertising the vacancies had been put up in various shops. Closing date is 11 March, with elections, if necessary, at the March meeting.

Summary of Correspondence

Natasha received updates on Queens Park Glasshouse from GCC and SRUC which noted the provision of a temporary three-year lease from the Council to the College.

The re-introduction of GCC Community Council development sessions was noted.

Treasurer's Report

There was no change for the last report.

It was noted that Mandy Evans-Ewing would spend the remainder of the allocated grant funding on additional plants for the lanes.

Ward Councillor's Report

There was no Ward Councillor's Report (apologies given Cllr Susan Aitken)

Police Report

PC Ahmed updated on policing and deployment arrangements at Hampden Park and approach routes for football matches. Also, noted request for more public toilets. There was also the hope that the bike security programme (i.e., marking bikes with ownership details) will be re-introduced soon.

Hampden Park Events

Amber provided an update on previous discussions with GCC and Police Scotland. The SFA plan to speak directly with respective football liaison officers on conduct and anti—social behaviour issues. Another meeting is scheduled for 21 March. GCC have said they will not provide additional temporary toilets at key location e.g., the railway station. Chair has raised this with councillors.

Although the participation request was agreed in in 2018, there has still been no engagement by GCC with the Community Council in the planning and management of events. This has already been flagged to GCC with no success. Chair and Amber to write to Anne-Marie O'Donnell, CEO at GCC, expressing extreme disappointment and note that this is a breach of legislation. If responses is inadequate, the Community Council will go the press.

Any other competent business

Mural

Natasha gave an update on the proposed mural for the Clincart Triangle. Based on a discussion with a local artist, £1,200 can provide a mural on the ground covering a limited proportion of the ground space. There was discussion of alternate options i.e., significant ground coverage (perhaps costing 6,000 to £9,000) or a wall mural (although issues of ownership need to be resolved – Chair said she would approach GCC). There was enthusiasm in the room for a mural and a consensus that other options should be considered. It was also noted that a key condition for the Lottery Community Fund / Ikea grant was the need for community consultation and engagement (e.g., local residents, Primary School). Alan, Mount Florida Community Trust, said he would provide names of artists who contributed images for the Trust's calendar

Any other competent business

Mount Florida Community Trust: Alan provided an update on the developer's recent steps regarding the bowling club and clarified the status of the Mount Florida Community Hub. There was also a discussion about the forthcoming on-line consultation about the developer's latest plans for the site (24 March).

ASDA community funding: It was agreed that Amber would approach the ASDA community liaison contact regarding potential funding for community projects.

City centre physical environment: Misgivings on the nature of the consultation on the proposals for the redevelopment of George Square were expressed by Claire and others at the meeting; the futility of the potential demolition of Buchanan Galleries was also discussed.

Bins and tenements: The historic inequity of the cleansing service provided to tenements in the area as compared with houses was discussed. Mark provided further clarity on the situation to Carol.

Destruction of the Victoria Infirmary's architectural heritage: Chris to write to Cllr Susan Aitken to express our disappointment and concern about the demolition of more of the area's architectural heritage on the former infirmary site. This is very much against previous reassurances given to the community. Given the seeming disregard of GCC for our built heritage, the correspondence will also note the need for tighter guidance and controls in the next Local Development Plan and ask that the possibility for a temporary measure is explored.

Winter Wonderland: Nicola provided an update on this year's event (5 – 7 March) and encouraged all to get involved.

Queen's Park in the Community: The new QPFC community liaison officer, Charlie, had asked to attend the March meeting to update us on their community engagement plans. Judith has invited him to attend the March meeting at 7.45pm.