

## Mount Florida Community Council

### Minutes of meeting of 25th November 2014 Clincarthill Church Hall

**Present:** Community Councillors C. Carus, G. Cumming, C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, S. Johnson, J. MacDonald, D. Martin, J. Matheson, L. Rice, A. Sutherland  
Also attending: J. Hefferan (Associate), Cllr S. Aitken. L. Black, R. Carlaw

#### 1. Welcome and Introduction:

Chris Carus chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending. We had held our AGM last month, and Chris noted that in setting our priorities for the coming year we will focus on fixing problems with current parking restrictions, and trying to improve environmental aspects of Mount Florida. We now have better systems in place, and are better known throughout the local area.

**2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from C. Boyce-Butler and C. Potter.

#### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the October meeting were approved (Proposed C. Charlwood, Seconded L. Rice).

#### 4. Community Police Report:

There were no officers in attendance.

#### 5. Councillor's Report:

Cllr Susan Aitken reported progress made on the parking measures, which had been discussed at a meeting earlier today attended also by Mark Charlwood. There are as yet no definite outcomes, but there has been good engagement with the problems. As there has been no response from the Business Association, LES will seek input from each business.

Cllr Aitken had been out last week with the Community Safety Glasgow vans. Community Safety Glasgow (CSG) is an initiative run jointly by Glasgow City Council and Police Scotland. It deals with issues below the level of those tackled by the police, but more significant than those dealt with by LES. Our ward (Langside) has fewer problems than other areas across the city. A day of action was held; four small vans with mobile CCTV patrolled the area, and issued several fixed penalty notices for dog fouling and fly tipping. The areas where these offences occurred will be patrolled carefully, See the Community Safety Glasgow website for further details (<http://www.saferglasgow.com/>) - the number to call to report dog fouling is 0800 027 7027.

There has been a crime spate in Battlefield recently. Cllr Aitken set up a meeting with Community Police and local businesses, with a view to setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. There may be value in something similar in Mount Florida.

An update on Holmlea Primary School - it looks like a deal can be done with Housing Associations to convert the premises into social housing. The project needs a great deal of money as the building has been lying empty for some time.

Langside Library will celebrate its centenary in February, and a Family Open Day is planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> February; flyers will be available soon.

Cllr Aitken was asked to say more about changes to catchment areas for local primary schools. Merrylee Primary is currently over-subscribed, and the proposed changes are not drastic; Mount Florida Primary is below capacity at the moment so the additional pupils will be welcome. The change will have a largely positive effect on Mount Florida, securing the long-term future of the school. No concerns have been raised by parents or staff, and no pupils will be forced to move school. Past decisions in the wider city area are being revisited; there needs to be an entire review of catchment areas across the city.

Les Rice raised the point that Glasgow's Green Year was launched last week, and asked Cllr Aitken whether any money was available for community councils to put on a green event. Cllr Aitken will look into this.

Chris Carus asked about the Business Association, which seems not to have got fully established. We invited the Association to contribute to the parking review but got no response, and so LES will survey local businesses. It was pointed out that businesses need to engage in order to make the review a success.

Chris also asked if we could tap into the Community Safety database to get information on local problems, in order to enable us to map these and look for patterns. We could get someone from Community Safety to speak to us, and also get the Community Payback teams to help with carrying out or helping with community projects that are too big for local volunteer teams.

#### 6. Matters Arising from last meeting:

- i) **Item 9.ii:** A representative from the Friends of Langside Halls will attend our January meeting to update us on the project.
- ii) **Item 9.v:** Re the parks rules changes, we had input our thoughts, but have had no further information.

#### 7. Community Councillor nominations (deferred from October meeting):

Richard Carlaw's application was confirmed, and we welcome him to the Community Council.

#### 8. Appointment of Treasurer (deferred from October meeting):

Richard Carlaw was nominated for the position of Treasurer (proposed Chris Carus, seconded Les Rice). Richard was confirmed as the new Treasurer.

As there were indications of interest for new Community Councillors, it was agreed that we will advertise the remaining 4 vacancies on the Community Council and invite nominations to be brought to our next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**Action** > Chris Carus to prepare poster and get copies printed.

**Action** > Amy Sutherland will post on social media.

**Action** > Les Rice will distribute copies of the printed posters to Community Councillors (Janet, Gordon, Sydney and Claire) before Christmas, for wider distribution.

**Action** > Chris Carus to prepare a press release to go to local papers to drum up involvement: to include the environment, parking, the Letherby Triangle etc.

#### 9. GroMoFlo update:

Les Rice gave an update. David Dunlop has been contacted with our vision for the Triangle.

**Action** > Les Rice to follow up.

We have received grants totalling £2400, and have some money remaining. This must be spent by the end of March. CCs are asked to bring thoughts to the January meeting on how best to use this money. We could, for example, pay local people to deliver leaflets to support tenement back yard clean ups.

#### 10. Parking and Traffic Review update:

(i) We made it a priority to address residents' concerns about the Traffic Regulation Order. Businesses are also concerned. The public meeting held in February allowed us to ensure that we are accurately representing people's views. In April, we received a commitment that a review would take place following the Games. Mount Florida Primary Parent Partnership also raised concerns about safety. We have put together a joint partnership effort to make our concerns known. A desktop review was undertaken, and we are now mid-review. Residents' concerns seem to be being taken seriously

~~We are asked to feed back any comments to the Chair; **we need to come up with suggestions and conclusions that are transparent. How do we make sure that people realise that our the conclusions of the partnership review were reached in an inclusive manner, and will be sustained accepted by the community?**~~ It was suggested that we hold another public meeting, perhaps as part of our February Community Council meeting; this

**Comment [CC1]:** This is not a concrete conclusion or decision. Also it is not a background information required to understand the conclusions. So no need to include in the minutes.

would need to be well advertised. We could bring out another newsletter in early January. We would therefore need people to write articles on the environment, parking etc.

**Action**> Chris Carus will send out an email with deadlines.

**Action**> Les Rice to write article on the environment.

**Action**> Chris to write up the parking review.

#### **11. Hampden co-operation update:**

Mark Charlwood and Amy Sutherland attended yesterday's meeting at Hampden. Some progress was made, but there were also some negatives.

On the parking issue, Hampden are willing to make some space for the public in their car park near Cathcart Road on non-event days. This has to be cleared with their legal advisers. Cllr Archie Graham is pushing hard on this. The signage has to be clear.

Hampden were asked about sponsoring Christmas lights in the Mount - this will not happen this year. They are willing to supply free children's tickets to events in which we are involved. They would also be agreeable to holding meetings at Hampden, if for example we wanted to hold a public meeting.

It was felt that it would be useful to have information on tickets about restricted parking near Hampden, and details of their website with links to public transport sites; unfortunately the tickets are printed by a ticket company and only the front changes. They have said that they will look at improving their website to give better links to public transport.

They have agreed to provide toilets outside the stadium.

The online event survey produced by Chris was very well received at the Area Partnership meeting. Such surveys need to be conducted as soon as possible after events, and the results fed back to the various agencies.

#### **12. AOCB:**

(i) Jim Matheson proposed producing a petition, supported by the Community Council, to campaign against fracking, and promoting alternatives. Fracking can result in pollution and is a potential threat to the water supply. Craig Potter had looked at this proposal and there had been some email correspondence about the issue.

It was felt that, as a community council, we could not take a particular line on this issue without much wider consultation, and we have already set our priorities for the year ahead. We agreed not to take any further action on this at the moment, but it was also noted that Jim, as an individual, could post a link to a petition or campaign website on our Facebook page.

(ii) There is a free bus service for visitors to the Southern General Hospital in the evenings; cards with the booking hotline number (0845 128 4027) were circulated.

(iii) Monthly meetings are held at the City Chambers for community councillors; a training and development programme is available. Chris commended these meetings and will give further input to GCC on behalf of MoFloCoCo.

(iv) A new website, Streetlife.com, hosts local discussion forums and provides a way to share information about local events.

#### **13. Close:**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 27 January 2015 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.**