

# Mount Florida Community Council

## Minutes of AGM 27 October 2015 held in Clincarthill Church Halls, 7pm

**Present:** Community Councillors R. Carlaw (Treasurer), C. Carus (Chair), M. Charlwood, C. Charlwood, J. Hefferan, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Matheson, J. Perry, L. Rice  
Also attending: K. Cusick, R. Cairns, R. Street, R. Sullivan, Cllr A. Graham

### 1. Welcome/Opening Remarks and Apologies:

Chris Carus chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from Amy Sutherland. We noted the resignation of Chris Boyce-Butler, and thank her for her contribution. Attendance was noted (as above).

### 2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the AGM of 28th October 2014 were approved with the following amendment: Item 3, para 2 should read – “In the past year, MoFloCoCo has made significant **progress** against the priorities...” (Proposed Mark Charlwood, seconded Les Rice).

### 3. Chairperson's Report (Chris Carus):

Community Councils are the most local tier of democratic representation in Scotland. Their influence depends on their being in touch with the community they represent, and building constructive relationships with partner agencies. Mount Florida Community Council has had a good year in these respects.

We stuck with the three priorities we set for ourselves at the beginning of the year. Although, some of the issues remain unresolved we have made significant progress.

The first priority was to use the grant of £2400 from Glasgow City Council to engage the community on environmental improvement through our Grow Mo Flo initiative. The underlying idea is to build on the existing community spirit and pride in the area, ultimately discouraging littering and dog fouling. Following a consultation event we supported the establishment of a tenement back court improvement project, now known as Mount Florida Quad. We also consulted further on developing the Letherby Triangle into a more attractive civic space, under the leadership of Les Rice.

The development of Letherby Triangle hinges on our second priority which is the resolution of the continued complaints about parking and pedestrian safety throughout Mount Florida. Having started the work following resident complaints in late 2013, Joan Perry is nearing completion of the final details of an overall plan in partnership with Land & Environmental Services. We expect the plan to allow for safer traffic flow, to create more parking spaces and enable the expansion of the Triangle. Important wins for the community include the assurance that there will be no pay and display scheme.

Our third stated aim was to build our own organization and allow new members to contribute according to their potential. This is always a struggle for Community Councils. We need each of the 12 positions on the Council to count and each member to lead on an area of responsibility. We have separate leaders for most of our areas of work but we have lacked a dedicated correspondence secretary and a leader for the Hampden work. With the help of non-members Rosie Street and Neil Johnson we have improved our online communication with residents. Unless there is another nomination I will be happy to be re-appointed as Chairman tonight but if I am it will be the last time. I will step down during the course of the 2015-2016 session.

Beyond our initial aims, in January this year we started a new programme of work aimed at persuading relevant agencies to manage major Hampden events more sensitively in consideration of residents. Taking an objective approach based on surveys we have seen some improvement in recent events. We need to drive the 21 agreed deliverables to conclusion with the partners including Hampden Park Ltd.

We should now be concerned with the future of the old Victoria Hospital buildings. This is one of the largest development sites in the Southside and with the sale continuing apace without community consultation I think it important we intervene. Let's work with other community organizations to make sure the developers, planners and ward councillors are in no doubt about the views of the community.

The members and supporters of the Community Council contribute a significant part of their spare time. I don't have time to list all those contributions but I want to recognise one Community Councillor in particular, Janet MacDonald, for doing the difficult work of Minute Secretary.

We should recognise the support we get from the community, from partner agencies and from the ward councillors. We continue to have every right to change our neighbourhood for the better. Thank you to all who support MoFloCoCo.

The Chairman's Report was approved – proposed Richard Carlaw, seconded Les Rice.

**4. Approval of Submission of Independently Examined Statement of Accounts:**

The books are with the independent examiner, and are ready to be signed off, but we seem to be missing the final bank statement to cover the end of August, before the account was closed and the money transferred to the new account in the TSB. An email has been received from the examiner saying that all is well in terms of the account balance, receipts etc, and it will be signed off when the statement is received.

Mark, Amy and Richard are the current signatories to the account.

**5. Demission of current Office Bearers:**

The current office bearers stood down. Cllr Graham took the chair at this point.

**6. Election of Office Bearers:**

The following Office Bearers were elected:

**Chair** - Chris Carus (proposed Les Rice, seconded Joan Perry). Chris then resumed as Chair.

**Correspondence Secretary** – Joan Perry (proposed Les Rice, seconded James Hefferan)

**Minute Secretary** – Janet MacDonald (proposed Joan Perry, seconded Mark Charlwood).

**Treasurer** - Richard Carlaw (proposed Les Rice, seconded James Hefferan)

**7. Assignment of Other Responsibilities:**

**Social media** – Amy Sutherland, with support from Rosie Street

**Parking** – Joan Perry

**GrowMoFlo/Triangle** – Les Rice

**Hampden Liaison** – Claire Charlwood and Mark Charlwood, with assistance from James Hefferan

**Hospital Legacy** – Jim Matheson (proposed Les Rice, seconded Joan Perry)

**8. Nomination of Lead and Substitute Representatives to Community Planning Partnership:**

Mark Charlwood (lead); Chris Carus (substitute): (proposed J. MacDonald), seconded C. Charlwood)

**9. Nominations for Rotating Chair of GCC discussion forum:**

There were no nominations.

**10. Appointment of Independent Examiner:**

Richard Carlaw provisionally proposed his colleague Rosalynn Mackay. We will thank Mary McCallum for all her work over the previous years.

**11. Appointment of Associate Members:**

There are no new associate members.

**12. Review of Inventory and Resources:**

The assets stand at a value of £522.03.

**13. Date of next AGM:**

The next MFCC AGM will be held on Tuesday 25th October 2016 at 7pm in Clincarthill Church Halls.

**THE AGM WAS CLOSED**

**Normal business meeting resumed.**