

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of 24 October 2017
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Perry (Secretary & VC), G. Thomson
Also attending: PC Derek Coyle, PC Mary MacIntyre, Peter Alexander, Kirstie Cusick, Margaret Kane-Dickson, Jo McManus, Judith Pollock, Lee Handlin, Paul Smith, Shruti Jain (Living Streets), Cllr T. Wisely.

1. Welcome and Apologies (C. Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from R. Carlaw (Treasurer) and R. Street

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 26 September 2017 were approved: (proposed C. Charlwood, seconded J. Perry).

3. Matters Arising:

There were no other matters arising.

4. Community Police Report:

There had been 5 crimes reported since the last update. These mostly related to matches at Hampden. Events were heavily policed. The next match will be the League Cup final on 26 November, with a 3p.m. kick-off.

The officers were asked if we could be told how many 101 calls had been made during the match at the weekend, and if the emergency routes could be clarified.

The police are holding a drop-in surgery at Langside Library on Sunday 11 November from 10.30-12 noon.

They will also make a presentation on hoax callers and fraud to the Guild at Clincarthill Church, which it is hoped will be open to all (date to be confirmed). In addition, they will provide safety information for our Facebook page.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

(i) Correspondence had been received from:

- Living Streets
- Mount Florida Parent Partnership
- Govanhill Baths (see their crowdfunding page)

(ii) Traffic Order: LES had issued drawings and made provisional suggestions about what might happen, e.g. one-way streets, no loading/waiting on Cathcart Road. We had suggested improvements that could be made, e.g. more parking spaces, better access to shops etc. Their response partly addressed our concerns but also included other proposals. We have responded further.

6. Treasurer's Report:

The balance of the account stands at £1,571.76. The cheque to Chris to cover the cost of newsletter has not yet arrived. Once this has cleared it will leave a balance of £842.22.

The bill for the hire of the hall for our meetings (around £250) is expected soon. Our administration allowance from GCC (around £450) should be received in January.

7. Councillor's Report (Tanya Wisely):

Cllr Wisely will attend the multi-disciplinary group that meets after events at Hampden and will find out more about the group. She is also on the Battlefield working group.

Cllr Wisely had met with Shruti from Living Streets, regarding traffic changes. Following the completion of the work for the new sewage system, the buses have reverted to their original routes. A number of local residents would prefer the no. 6 bus to continue along Cathcart Road, while others prefer the original route. Many of the users of the service are elderly and not on social media, so their voice is not heard. The MyBus service is useful, but must be phoned for in advance. We can publicise the service, but this information should also go on bus stops.

A feasibility study has been held around Battlefield Rest and the bus routes, and a briefing will take place on Friday. However the traffic survey was done when the roads were closed and may not therefore be accurate.

There have been reports of flooding due to leaves blocking drains. Cllr Wisely urged residents to let her know of problem areas. There are also issues with overgrown hedges etc.

The cycling advocacy group will conduct a tour of the ward, and Cllr Wisely will speak with them. There is a new cycle path planned from Victoria Road into town, and they are looking at how this might be linked into the Langside area.

It was noted that a section of Aikenhead Road is very gritty, and needs to be swept.

8. Letherby Triangle Action Plan (Gavin Thomson):

We wish to create a sub-group to take the Letherby Triangle project forward. It is not necessary to be a Community Councillor to be a member of the sub-group; the group will be empowered to represent MoFloCoCo on the Letherby project, and will report back to the Community Council. Community consultation events had taken place, and a design was chosen; further analysis is needed before we can progress. We need a group leader to project manage, and also people to help with grant funding etc. The group could eventually spin off to become a community development trust or similar.

Terms of reference for the sub group had been drawn up by Mandy Evans Ewing.

- 1) A sub-committee will be established with the purpose of furthering the re-development of the land referred to as 'Letherby Triangle'
 - 2) The objectives of the sub-committee will be:
 - a) to reach final design for the re-development including feasibility assessment and budgets for capital investment and maintenance
 - b) to define the sustainable model in terms of site ownership, insurance, funding/ business model and governance
 - c) to obtain planning permission and any building permits
 - d) to commence fund-raising
 - e) to transition to the sustainable model
 - 3) The sub-committee's terms of reference shall be renewed at each AGM
 - 4) The minimum sub-committee membership will be a named chairperson and at least 2 others.
 - 5) The sub-committee will meet formally with minutes recorded at least once per month. Draft minutes will be remitted to the secretary (correspondence) of Mount Florida Community Council within 1 week of each formal meeting.
 - 6) The sub-committee will be empowered to represent the Mount Florida community council to other organisations on matters relating to Letherby Drive.
 - 7) The sub-committee will report back on its activities at every meeting of Mount Florida Community Council.
 - 8) Responsibility for funds shall remain with the full Mount Florida Community Council.
- The proposal to establish a sub-committee was accepted, and Gavin was nominated as Chair of the committee. Judith agreed to be on the sub-group pending ratification of her nomination.
- Action** Gavin & Judith to work on starter funding applications, and to keep Cllr Wisely informed about developments.

9. Hampden Neighbours:

Our survey is still open following the weekend matches. Comments had been received re parking restrictions, as the reason for some of these was not made clear. GCC response was not satisfactory. Kirsty and Beth have volunteered to help with surveys and a meeting will be held next week.

10. Communications Plan:

We continue to develop our Facebook and Twitter pages, and put out regular e-newsletters as well as the printed newsletter. We also need to encourage people to come to the meetings in person.

11. AOCB:

(i) Shruti from the **Living Streets project** attended. The aim is to get more people walking and cycling. They are also looking at the effectiveness of the 20mph zones. Parents of local school children would like the area extended to include Battlefield (although not all yet know of the existence of the zone).

The project would like to canvas wider opinions within the local community about the 20mph zone. We have had quite a bit of interest on our FB page and will promote it further. We can put out a survey and also promote a walk-round.

A travel plan is being developed with the Junior Road Safety team, and the school is working on a banner to put up. The WOW (Walk Once a Week) scheme has been set up to encourage active travel.

(ii) **Victoria Infirmary Development** –The master plan for the site has to go to the new Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm committee before going for planning permission. This master plan should take into consideration of the social and economic needs of the area. GCC did not move to generate a master plan, and Sanctuary has not come up with a master plan. The planning application has been submitted, but is very technical. It does not contain a social or economic analysis and gives no explanation of why certain units are proposed. There is no visual representation of the site from the Battlefield Rest side. The Victoria Forum recommends that the planning application be rejected as premature, and not in line with GCC's published requirements for a master plan.

12. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 27 November 2017 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.