

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of 23 January 2018
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. McManus, C. O'Donnell, J. Perry (Secretary & VC), J. Pollock, G. Thomson
Also attending: Kirstie Cusack, PC Sophie Leslie, PC David Doherty.

1. Welcome and Apologies (C. Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from Rosie Street, Cllr Tanya Wisely and Cllr Anna Richardson.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 28 November 2017 were approved:
(proposed C. Charlwood, seconded G. Thomson).

3. Matters Arising:

Victoria – see below under Any Other Business, item 13(ii).

4. Community Police Report:

The main topics of concern to local residents at the moment are the road works, Hampden and speed enforcements.

Crime report:

There have been 19 detections of drug possession.

Three assaults took place; one was detected and two remain undetected to date.

There were several offences relating to driver behaviour; 5 were detected and 4 undetected.

These offences include 1 drink driver and 1 uninsured driver.

There were 9 cases of housebreaking or attempted housebreaking; all remain undetected.

A robbery had taken place at Lifestyle Express; the offenders have been caught.

There were 3 instances of vandalism, involving children throwing stones at buses.

There were 11 offences under Section 38 (breaches of peace etc.) and of these, 6 were detected.

There were 3 reported cases of communications and cyber crime; this is low in overall terms. February 6th marks Internet Safety Day – the theme this year is "Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you" and is a call to action for every stakeholder to play their part in creating a better internet for everyone – see more at www.saferinternetday.org.

"Take 5 to Combat Fraud" is a new campaign to help stop fraud. Residents are advised to question anyone coming to the door, or attempting to gain bank details over the phone. Let the police know of any suspicious behaviour.

This week, officers are targeting uninsured drivers. Traffic is being monitored during the roadworks, and rat running is known to be a problem especially in Advie Place/Hampden Terrace. Stanmore Road is also not wide enough to allow cars to pass, which caused problems during the recent bad weather. The Road Safety Unit, based in Queen's Park, has good relations with council engineers and will go out and look at speed bumps, traffic lights etc.

➤**Action** contact Laura Young at RSU to enquire about traffic light phasing; invite her to our meeting.

The possibility was raised that officers might hold an event for local women to promote the carrying of rape alarms and other personal safety measures.

The 20 mph zone is mandatory but not all drivers are obeying. Improved signage might help. We asked if police could also help by attending hot spots with speed guns. The difficulty is that drivers change their behaviour when uniformed officers are visible, but return to their previous behaviour later. Plain clothes officers may monitor the situation and decide what action to take.

5. Living Streets

Further to the above, the 20mph limit has been introduced as part of the Lower Speed Communities project (<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/what-we-do/projects/lower-speed-communities>). The draft plan report was circulated for comment. Judith will respond on our behalf and send a copy of the ERZ consultation report and conclusions. Previously Carmunnock Road was found to be the preferred option for closure after public consultation by ERZ. We need to get clarification whether the suggestions in the report are recommendations or actions. For the

scheme to be effective, it needs political pressure (and visible enforcement, e.g. with a fixed penalty notice) to push it out city-wide.

Carmunnock Road is being used as an arterial route even though it is a residential area and a 20mph zone. It would be useful to consider alternatives, e.g. a chicane or closing off part of Carmunnock Road, allowing access to Hampden etc but not using it as an arterial route. A major rethink of the area is needed. It was suggested that we might hold an event with the school, local councillors etc., involved.

➤**Action** Chris to write to Kate Holland of MFPPP.

6. Summary of Correspondence (Joan):

- (i) There have been two reapplications for street traders' licences.
- (ii) A report had been received from Living Streets.
- (iii) The School Council meeting had reported.
- (iv) We were advised of a fair coming to Queen's Park in February.

7. Treasurer:

- (i) The position of treasurer is vacant. Richard is ready to hand over statements etc when the new treasurer is in place.
- (ii) Our admin. allowance of £484.35 had been received from GCC and paid into the account.

8. Councillors' Reports:

An email had been received from Cllr Richardson. She is working closely with officers on the current traffic diversions, and they are aware of trouble spots. The most favourable option seems to be to have speed bumps on Advie Terrace.

Uplift of household waste is difficult over the holiday period, and there are still some problems. Cllr Richardson can be contacted if these are not resolved soon.

Cllr Wisely is keen to start progressing the TRO. She has also followed up on the issue of grit in cycle lanes.

9. Letherby Triangle Action Plan (Sub-Group – Gavin):

Andrew Beglin and David Dunlop have been contacted. Judith and Gavin are meeting David Dunlop this coming Monday at 11a.m. They are looking to get an idea what funding might be allocated to the project, and are also preparing funding bids for Sustans and the Big Lottery to enable us to finish phase 2 – the detailed designs and costings.

10. Nomination of MFCC representative on the Queens Park Arena Board:

We are encouraged to have a representative on the board. Meetings are held quarterly and are currently working on getting a 25-year lease on the site. The site will be sub-let to local company (InHouse) who will be responsible for running events. The Board will raise money for capital expenditure. We agreed that we would need to find out what the rep's responsibilities will be before committing to this.

11. Hampden Neighbours (Claire/Mark):

(i) Beth had prepared a clear and concise report which had been circulated. The main problem identified is parking. We may need to get in touch with the event promoters and football clubs and ask them to advise use of public transport. Antisocial behaviour and littering are also seen as major problems. GCC can help with enforcement of parking, but other issues involve educating people coming to events about what facilities are available.

(ii) Licensing for events – we never received a response about this. Community Safety Glasgow should be involved in antisocial behaviour issues; they are closely involved with licensing.

➤**Action** Contact Eleanor Lee and ask for advice on who to contact with regards to our local area.

(iii) Aims:

- (a) to have no private transport to events, and to ban event vehicles from using the park-and-ride.
- (b) toilets need to be fixed.
- (c) There needs to be one council officer whose duty is to take responsibility for managing problems.

(iv) Hampden is generally seen as a positive asset but needs to address issues such as fans making better use of public transport. We need to highlight what public transport is available.

➤**Action** Chris and Beth to amend report and pass to Mark in time for meeting on 30th January.

12. Communications Plan:

No report.

13. AOCB:

(i) Consultation on changing the road layout at the Battlefield Rest – options include closing Prospecthill Road at the Rest. Chris had responded. There will be further consultation on detailed designs in the spring.

(ii) Victoria redevelopment – the Council has shifted position on provision of a master plan after pressure from the Victoria Forum. Inside the boundary, the developers have now put together a master plan. The Victoria Forum wrote a response regarding what was perceived to be missing, e.g. housing to meet local needs (esp. social housing). Outside the boundary, there needs to be account taken of the impact on local services. Need to follow through on GCC's studies on socio-economic impact outside the site boundary.

(iii) MoFloCoCo goals and strategy – Chris had written up the notes from our informal meeting. It would be good to have more events on a regular basis. We might also have a speaker along (e.g. Darren McGarvie).

➤**Action** To be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

(iv) Local transport survey – Judith will send link and asked that everyone completed this ASAP. She will bring details of the findings to the next meeting.

14. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.