

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of 28 November 2017
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. McManus, J. Pollock, R. Street, G. Thomson
Also attending: Stephen Kennedy, Cllr S. Aitken.

1. Welcome and Apologies (C. Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from Joan Perry (Secretary & VC) and Colette O'Donnell.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 24 October 2017 were approved: (proposed C. Carus, seconded J. McManus).

3. Matters Arising:

(i) Judith and Jo's nominations were approved and we welcome them. Robert Pollock had submitted a late nomination but the council officer would not accept it in the scope of the AGM. It was agreed to invite nominations for the two vacant positions in February. It was agreed that the nomination of a new treasurer will also be held over until February.

(ii) The accounts had not been audited in time for the AGM. They are now ready and were approved. Mark and Chris are the remaining signatories; we will change signatories in February when the new treasurer is in place.

(iii) Living Streets: Shruti had sent an interim report. Survey results: many people do not know about the 20mph zone; some who did know don't think it is working. We had a good number of responses with some suggestions. Rosie and Joan will meet with Shruti again early in December.

(iv) SusTrans are keen for Living Streets to remain involved in the Letherby project.

(v) Joan had been looking at GCC proposals for traffic and parking changes – we will discuss further in January.

4. Letherby update (Gavin):

Our accounts were not ready on time for the funding applications. The Area Partnership had given some money in the past but the latest tranche has all been allocated.

SusTrans – Judith had sent a summary of our feasibility study and they can help with funding.

Awards for All had suggested that we move to Stage 1 application; Judith suggested that this is too early as the money has to be spent within a limited time, and that we should wait until we have all our funding applications ready to submit. It would be helpful to have an LES representative on the steering group to ensure that what we are doing fits in with the Glasgow Strategic Plan.

It would also be useful to have an email from LES in support of the project to show to funders. We might consider the public sector portal in the longer term.

We have been considering a Community Asset Transfer; there is lots of interest in CATs at the moment, and we could become a case study for a different type of community asset transfer, possibly in partnership with GCC. We would need to have an agreement that we would not incur liabilities.

A budget has been agreed to do essential maintenance city-wide on buildings like Langside Halls. Work on upgrading Shawlands is nearing an end and should be finished by June. The impetus will then be on the Langside Halls Trust to take over. Planning officers would then be freed up to assist us.

➤**Action** Chris will write to Andrew Beglin, and Cllr Aitken will ask for an officer to be assigned to the group, to attend meetings and/or stay in touch. She will also ask LES to send supportive email.

➤**Action** Mark will contact David Dunlop (Planning).

5. Community Police Report:

No officers attended.

6. Councillor's Report (Susan Aitken):

Hampden had been in the news; Cllr Graham has started a campaign to stop the SFA from moving from Hampden, and is making a motion to ask the city government to intervene. The Sports minister may also have to be involved, as this is more than just a Glasgow issue. There is both the

immediate and long-term impact to be considered if Hampden were abandoned. Cllr Graham wants to get the SFA to commit to its long-term future; clarity is essential.

Re the **Victoria redevelopment**, Cllr Aitken had not been able to attend meetings of the forum but has been in close contact with officers. She assured us that nothing Sanctuary do will impact on the Council's master plan. The plan will not go to the policy committee until Easter at the earliest. Sanctuary has more plans to submit, and meetings are planned for the end of January. GCC would like to see a mixed development at the site but supplementary guidelines will need to be changed, as the site was accessed under the previous guidelines. Sanctuary's planning application also gives no context of how the site will look in relation to surrounding buildings. We would like to see a 3D representation of the site, including the Battlefield Rest, the library etc. Cllr Aitken informed the Community Council that while the developer's master plan addresses only the site itself, GCC officers will generate a master plan addressing the wider for the socio-economic context. Chris said this was a most welcome development and asked for confirmation that this wider GCC-led masterplan would study socio-economic issues such as school capacities, housing needs and transport. Cllr Aitken indicated that this was the case.

➤**Action** Cllr Aitken will speak with Cllr Graham, and will approach Sanctuary for answers.

Cleansing/Neighbourhood maintenance: This is an important issue and there are plans for LES looking to take the cleansing service forward.

20mph zones are to be rolled out across the city in the coming months. It is hoped that by doing this on a bigger scale and with a public information campaign it will make a difference.

A resident had asked about the possibility of signage to deter noise from cars idling outside Hampden. It would be more effective to promote Park and Ride as opposed to individual car usage bringing people to the stadium; it would also be helpful to enforce the No Idling bye-law. Susan will find out whether it is the Police or GCC responsible for idling bye-law enforcement

The **Day Centre** at Cathkinview flats had been closed and is lying empty; people now have to use the Toryglen centre. Cllr Aitken was asked what the plans are for the old centre and if it could be used by the local community, e.g. for the lunch club currently held at the church hall.

➤**Action** Cllr Aitken will put Stephen Kennedy in touch with her colleague Mairi, who deals with social issues.

Proposals have been put forward for **changes to the road layout at the Battlefield Rest**. LES have been looking at issues around traffic flow. A drop-in consultation is being held at Langside Library on Thursday between 3p.m. and 7p.m. An online consultation is also available. There are currently four options and an opportunity will be given to mix ideas from the various proposals.

Plans for **public transport in the city** are at an early stage. SPT has statutory responsibility for regional transport planning. GCC are becoming more involved. Transport expert Professor David Begg will chair a new commission to look at transport across the city. Better partnership is needed with the bus companies. Local franchising may be put in place in areas that are underserved. A low emission zone will be implemented at the end of next year, with initial focus on public transport. Better traffic planning is needed in the city centre. Ultimately the aim is to move towards a more Continental-style city centre.

7. Hampden:

Our survey results were passed to Beth Murphy, who is aiming to prepare a report on the event last Sunday and will bring to the meeting.

Mark had attended the Area Partnership meeting. Fixed penalty notices have been issued but do not appear to have much effect. Mark persuaded the Council to write to the Scottish Government to ask that the penalty might be raised, as it does not currently act as a deterrent.

It is difficult to get answers from the police and LES about when the area is patrolled. Police insist that they are still concerned about emergency routes and clearways and will report back to the next Area Partnership meeting on 30th January. There is far more security involvement at large stadia following the terrorist attacks in Manchester. We need to get the message through to people about parking, especially coach parking.

8. AOCB:

(i) Recycling: There is concern about the state of back lanes with fly-tipping a major problem. Recycling bins are overflowing, and bins are not evenly distributed along the lanes. GCC councillors are aware of the issue.

(ii) Gavin had circulated a draft response to the low carbon emission consultation to community councillors, and was given approval to submit it on our behalf.

(iii) Chris had previously met Dr Oliver Escobar at the City Chambers and was put in touch with Strathclyde University students who might wish to get involved with community issues for their

final year projects. It was agreed that it would be good to get an audit of community needs produced. Needs are not always being identified, e.g. people with mental health difficulties, isolation, mother and toddler groups etc. We will liaise with students, Gavin to be the primary contact.

(iv) It was proposed to hold a social event in January to welcome the new community councillors and volunteers. A meal was suggested at Sappori d'Italia on Tuesday 16th January at 7.30 p.m.

➤**Action** Chris to book restaurant.

(v) The death of former Treasurer Gordon Cummings was noted with sadness. Mark will write a short appreciation of his contribution to the Community Council over many years.

9. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.