

Mount Florida Community Council
Minutes of AGM 24 October 2017
held in Clincarthill Church Halls, 7pm

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:

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

2. Approval of Minutes of last AGM:

The minutes of the AGM of 25th October 2016 were approved (Proposed Joan Perry, seconded Gavin Thomson).

3. Chairperson's Report (Chris Carus):

Mount Florida Community Council had a good year fulfilling its constitutional objectives, which are to ascertain the views of local people, to act as a voice on local matters, and to pursue other projects in the interest of the area.

Our activities have centred on five main topics: Hampden events; Victoria Infirmary redevelopment; community budgeting; our proposals for parking and traffic improvements; and our proposed redevelopment of Letherby Triangle. As well as this we have responded ad hoc to other topics such as the 20mph zone.

I have continued to report residents' survey feedback on Hampden event organisation to the relevant authorities and to campaign for improvements. Claire has maintained a relationship with Hampden Park plc. There have been some victories, including the expanded requirement for provision of portable toilets for concerts. There have also been backward steps including the recent, and apparently unnecessary, expansion of parking control. Progress has been constrained by our capacity. I'm happy that two local residents have volunteered to support the survey reporting. If we have more community councillors in future we will be able to keep up a sustained campaign with the authorities.

I have represented MFCC in the Victoria Forum, a coalition of five community council that continues to campaign for a masterplan based on community input that would guide re-development of the Victoria Infirmary. A master plan is required by the City Development Plan. We have been disappointed by both Glasgow City Council and the developer for failing to prepare a masterplan. The Battlefield Working Group, established by Cllr Archie Graham, is a positive step but the risk is it is too late to influence consideration of the currently pending planning application.

Mark has championed participatory budgeting in Glasgow Southside and played an important role in making the Langside PB event in January one of the best-attended in the city.

We had previously tied our proposal for parking and traffic improvements around Clincart and Cathcart Roads to our proposed regeneration of Letherby Triangle. Now we understand the Letherby Project will take much longer than we originally anticipated, so Joan is working with Land & Environmental Services to prepare the detailed plans for a Traffic Regulation Order independent of Letherby. If our original proposals are realised, we can expect improved traffic flow, more parking and easier access to local businesses.

Progress on the Letherby Triangle project has slowed significantly since completing the public consultation in early 2016. Unfortunately we have not been able to raise the £15k in grant funding needed to complete the roads assessment and finalise the design. Gavin is working with a volunteer resident on some new grant applications. A visit to a similar project in Edinburgh, the Causey, made it very clear that a community-lead regeneration project is extremely rare and a very complex undertaking. We were sorry to lose from the community council the main instigator of the project, Les Rice. We need to establish a strong committee with clear leadership before good progress will be possible.

Our greatest strength has been our commitment to engaging with residents through all available channels. Rosie has played an important role as Communications Secretary. We distributed an expensive newsletter and I have been updating our website and send an e-newsletter. We use social media extensively; we also continue to hold events for face to face contact.

Our greatest challenge is in attracting new community councillors. Despite a concerted push over the last 5 months it is disappointing we had only 8 nominations for 12 places. I hope we can encourage more of our friends and neighbours to come and participate in future.

The Chairman's Report was approved (proposed Mark Charlwood, seconded Joan Perry).

4. Approval of Accounts:

Treasurer Richard Carlaw was unable to attend, but sent a note of the accounts to the end of August. These have not yet been signed off by the auditor; the approval of the accounts will be held over till the next meeting. The balance carried forward is £1,546.76.

5. Election

The current community councillors stood down, and Lee Handlin, the independent returning officer, took the chair. The following nominees were elected unopposed as Community Councillors to serve a four year term:

Chris Carus	Janet MacDonald
Claire Charlwood	Mark Charlwood
Jo McManus	Colette O'Donnell
Joan Perry	Judith Pollock
Gavin Thomson	

6. Election of Office Bearers:

The following Office Bearers were nominated, and as there were no other nominees, were then elected:

Chair - Chris Carus (proposed J. Perry, seconded G. Thomson).

Vice Chair - Joan Perry (proposed M. Charlwood, seconded G. Thomson)

Treasurer - to be decided

Correspondence Secretary - Joan Perry (proposed C. Carus, seconded C. Charlwood)

Minute Secretary - Janet MacDonald (proposed J. Perry, seconded M. Charlwood).

Contacts:

Planning & Licensing - Joan Perry

Area Partnership - Mark Charlwood (proposed C. Carus, seconded J. Perry)

Substitute A. P - Chris Carus (proposed M. Charlwood, seconded C. Charlwood)

7. Assignment of Other Responsibilities:

Chris Carus resumed the Chair. The scheme for the establishment of Community Councils lays out that to be quorate, we must have 4 members in attendance. Spare copies of the scheme were available.

The appointment of the Independent Examiner was held over.

8. Appointment of Associate Members:

There were no nominations for associate membership.

9. Review of Inventory and Resources:

The Community Council property list is as follows:

1 gazebo, 1 flipchart easel, 1 BBQ and utensils, 1 standing banner.

10. Date of next AGM:

The next MFCC AGM will be held on Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at 7pm in Clincarthill Church Halls.

THE AGM WAS CLOSED
Normal business meeting resumed.