Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 28 May 2019 Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Pollock, G. Thomson

Also attending: Jan Clark, Jonah Coman, Jim Dutch, Gillian Katungi, Allan Munro, Cllr Archie Graham.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Judith Pollock chaired in Chris's absence. There were apologies from Chris Carus and Robert Pollock.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the April meeting were approved (proposed Claire Charlwood, seconded Judith Pollock).

3. Matters Arising:

(i) Item 4: Approval of Constitution: Robert and Judith have signed along with Chris and it has been sent off to the City Chambers.

(ii) Item 7: Treasurer's Report: Chris had sent contact details to Judith.

(iii) Item 8: Councillor's report: Anna was to follow up on Hampden but we have not heard anything further.

(iv) Item 9: Laura Moran (GCC) was to provide posters re bulk uplift; these have still to be sent out.

(v) Item 10: Bowling Club: Chris has written to Sport Scotland and the bowling club and awaits replies. We have not heard anything further about any common good funding.

(vi) Item 11: Letherby: We are awaiting the outcome of the application before contacting SusTrans about billing.

4. Community Police Report:

No officers attended.

5. Correspondence:

Gavin had received a report that GCC have done on community councils and how they can be better. Recommendations include having more power to deliver, having participatory budgeting etc.

6. Treasurer's Report (Judith):

The only spend was on the community Big Lunch, and was less than £100 We have an available balance of around £800.

7. Councillor's Report (Archie Graham):

(i) Bowling Club: Cllr Graham had requested to attend their AGM but had received no response.
(ii) Work has begun by SusTrans around Battlefield to design a new traffic management system.
(iii) Cycle ways: the case is strong for segregated cycle ways; this will however take considerable time and resources.

(iv) Cllr Graham was asked about the digital display at Carmunnock Road, which was working well at slowing traffic, but now has been removed, This may have been a pilot project.

(v) Road markings at the Cathcart Road/Carmunnock Road junction are no longer visible following road mending.

Action ≻ Cllr Graham will report this.

(vi) A question was raised about the disposal of food waste and garden waste; in tenements these is no provision for garden waste, but elsewhere these can be put in the same bin.

Action ≻ Cllr Graham will speak to Cllr Richardson, and we will raise this with Christine Martin.

8. Community Council election:

Four places were available on the Community Council. Gillian Katungi and Alex Miller had applied, the places were uncontested and they were duly elected.

9. Mount Florida Bowling Club update:

The petition now has over 1000 signatures. The electoral roll is now no longer held in the library because of GDPR. GCC say that a representative can go into the council offices and, with a staff member present, can go through the full register.

Surveyors have been seen at the Bowling Club, but so far as we know, no sale has gone forward and no planning application has been submitted. The letter re burdens of properties surrounding the green should have been received by the club last Wednesday. This may be used to challenge any change of use. Another letter will be sent to the bowling club informing them about the community trust. Papers have gone to Companies House to form a company limited by guarantee, and a web page is currently being built.

Action ≻ Chris and Alan will meet with Sport Scotland on Friday.

10. Letherby Triangle Action Plan (Gavin) :

The 'end of grant' report was sent to Awards for All. Traffic and other surveys have been done; it was noted that speed limits are not currently being adhered to.

We are now fund-raising for the design. An application has been submitted and we should hear soon. If successful, this will pay for consultation events and the design. If approved by GCC we will have to fund-raise again for the build.

11. The Big Lunch recap and future Street Play (Gillian):

(i) The Big Lunch was very successful despite wet weather. Around six local businesses contributed, and people are asking about having another event. The Facebook promotion ensured fairly wide awareness, but if we hold another event, we would like to attract more people, especially those not on social media.

In respect of the Street Play initiative, there are several other weekends when we could potentially close off a street. The deadline for applications is the last day of the preceding month. Pink is playing at Hampden on the June weekend, so the September date may be more suitable. Gavin has applied for public liability insurance.

(ii) Another suggestion (from Jonah Coman) was to hold a 'swop shop' event, perhaps at Cathkin Park.

Action → Gavin will apply for road closures in June and September.

12. Hampden Events Participation:

Alex has been following up with GCC and is keen to get a drop-in event before 22 June where various departments – transport, police etc. – can be quizzed. We will ask GCC to promote the event and make sure people attend and can voice any concerns.

UPDATE: confirmed for Tuesday 4th June, 5-7.30 p.m. at Hampden stadium.

13. Traffic and Parking:

We are waiting to hear further about the proposed one-way system around Bolton Drive. The TRO was to have been submitted in September but we have no update as yet. Action ➤ Gavin will follow up.

14. Recruitment:

There are two vacant places remaining on the community council. We are also keen to have people involved in specific projects, even if not as community councillors.

15. Communications:

Gavin is managing the Twitter account, and Chris, Janet and Gillian the Facebook page.

16. A.O.C.B.

(i) It was reported that bins in Somerville Drive were burnt off around two months ago, and have not been replaced. As with anything of this nature, we suggest emailing the elected representatives on GCC and sending a photo if possible.

(ii) The plan to close off Prospecthill Road at the car park will have an impact on Mount Florida, especially at Stanmore Road and Mount Annan Drive at Cathcart Road. East-west traffic will be most affected. There appears to be no other way to simplify the junction at the Battlefield Rest. The car park at the top end is to be sold for housing. When the planning application is submitted, we can raise a formal objection.

17. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 25 June 2019 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.