

Mount Florida Community Council
Minutes of AGM 23 October 2018
held in Clincarthill Church Halls, 7pm

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Perry (Secretary & VC), J. Pollock, R. Pollock, G. Thomson
Also attending: PC Derek Coyle, PC Mary MacIntyre, Malky Hay, Charles Shaw, Ian Strangeways, Rowena Thomson, Cllr Susan Aitken, Cllr Tanya Wisely.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris Carus chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Approval of Minutes of last AGM:

The minutes of the AGM of 24th October 2017 were approved with the following amendment: addition of names of those who were elected (item 5).

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.

Some may tire of the rhetoric we hear from national politicians about the desire for 'our future in our hands', or to 'take back control'. However, there is growing evidence that people want to be more involved in the decisions affecting them at the most local level. While there are more and stronger levers for taking back control – such as the Community Empowerment Act - it remains a frustration that our greatest constraint is a lack of community councillors able to commit some of their time in support of the community.

During the year we welcomed Judith, Robert and Colette, and said farewell to Rosie, Joan, Niall and Jo. I wish to express particular thanks to Joan who has served as vice chair, secretary and parking project leader over the last four years. Eight of twelve places on the Community Council are currently filled.

Our core responsibility is ascertaining local opinion and acting as a voice for the area. Although we have done less in this respect than in previous years, we can record some achievements. Recently, we have been encouraging residents to participate in the street design project in Battlefield. This project is in part an outcome of the lobbying carried out by the Victoria Forum in relation to the redevelopment of the old Infirmary, in which I represented MFCC. While Battlefield is likely to see considerable improvements in the street design, our interest is to avoid any negative knock-on impact to traffic flows in Mount Florida.

Our other work representing local opinion has concerned Hampden. I continued the online survey from previous years, and this was the basis of representations made to the Community Planning Partnership in April. Residents expect some disruption but they also expect gradual improvement over time through consideration for litter, anti-social behaviour, traffic and parking and access to local businesses.

This same surveying was the basis for our decision in June to support Hampden Park's bid to remain the home of Scottish football. On balance, most locals said that Hampden is an asset to the area. We are pleased the SFA decided to stay, however support is neither universal nor unconditional. That is why we also decided to take advantage of the Community Empowerment Act to drive local concerns to the heart of event management in partnership with Glasgow City Council. We will kick off this Participation project later tonight.

We have also continued several projects that originated from residents' concerns or aspirations for the area. First, we continue to work with GCC on a new Traffic Regulation Order for the streets between the station and Cathcart Road. This is a long running project that has suffered from the constant turnover of Community Councillors. We urgently need a new leader for the project while we have GCC resources committed.

We welcomed a student, Caroline Downey, through the spring and summer. With the aim of deepening our understanding of local issues, we asked her to report on social deprivation. I encourage everyone to read her report which was published in August.

We also worked with Living Streets, who were commissioned by GCC to study the impact of the new 20mph zone. We still have funding, but no volunteers, to do some further work with the school and Police reducing driver speeds.

Our largest project is the proposed regeneration of Letherby Triangle. Judith and Gavin successfully applied to Awards for All and Sustrans for funding to take the proposed designs through detailed feasibility assessment, wide community consultation, and apply for planning permission. Deep and wide community support is critical to the success of this project. We must also decide in the coming year on critical issues including ownership of the site and how to fundraise for the build.

Despite our small size, we have achieved a lot in the past year. I have great confidence in our ability to engage with our neighbours and make a difference on their behalf in the year ahead. I want to finish with two requests to the other community councillors: first, that everyone plays an ongoing part in the running of the council as well as its projects; and second that each of us will organise a small social event of some kind over the next year - lets have a little fun too!

The Chairman's Report was approved.

4. Approval of Accounts:

Our current bank balance is £11,914.66. Income had been received from Awards for All (for Letherby) and from Living Streets for the road safety project in association with the school, as well as our annual allocation from GCC. A small amount of income was received for the newsletter. We have paid the hall rental for the two years owing. Over £10,000 of our balance is committed to the various projects. Our account is healthy at the moment, but we will be looking to produce a newsletter fairly soon, and to host a coffee morning or similar community engagement event. The accounts have been inspected by Mary MacCallum.

The accounts were approved (Proposed Chris Carus, seconded Mark Charlwood)

5. Demission of Office Bearers:

The current office bearers stood down, and Mark Charlwood took the chair.

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. Pollock).

Vice Chair - Robert Pollock (proposed J. Perry)

Treasurer - Judith Pollock (proposed J. MacDonald)

Correspondence Secretary - Gavin Thomson (proposed C. Carus, seconded J. Pollock)

Minute Secretary - Janet MacDonald (proposed C. Charlwood).

7. Assignment of Other Responsibilities:

Chris Carus resumed the Chair.

Co-ordinator of newsletter - post currently vacant

Community Planning Partnership representative - Mark Charlwood

Contact for planning licenses - Gavin Thomson.

8. Appointment of associate members:

No associate members were proposed.

9. GCC Councillor's Report (Susan Aitken):

Cllr Aitken reported on the successful retention of Hampden as the SFA HQ; she is meeting with the Chief Executive of Hampden next week. She thanked MoFloCoCo for our efforts in helping to raise support for Hampden, and for working with Hampden to help it be a positive asset to the local area. The SFA rethought their decision to hold two semi-finals on the same day as a result of feedback; it is a good sign that they are listening to local opinion. The SFA's decision to remain at Hampden should be seen as having benefits for the city centre as well as the local area.

We want to encourage active travel to the stadium, rather than having fans arrive in cars. Offering the fact that there are many local places to eat, etc may help encourage a more relaxed approach to coming to Hampden.

Use of the 'app' to arrange bulk uplift of waste is improving, but it was recognised that posters giving instructions, for use in tenement closes, may need to be updated.

10. Renew Terms of reference of Letherby Sub-group:

These are the new Terms of Reference for Letherby Triangle Project Team – effective 23rd October 2018:

- 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 based on wide community consultation, 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) as required. 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.

11. Review of Inventory and Resources:

The Community Council agreed to write off (under depreciation) the gazebo and barbecue as they are now several- years old and no longer fit for purpose. There is therefore nothing currently in the inventory.

12. Date of next AGM:

The next MFCC AGM will be held on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 7pm in Clincarthill Church Halls.

**THE AGM WAS CLOSED
Normal business meeting resumed.**