

# Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 24 September 2019  
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

**Present:** Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, , J. MacDonald (Minutes), A. Miller, J. Pollock and G. Thomson.  
Also attending: Allan Munro, Nicola Smith, Cllr Anna Richardson, Christine Wright, Gareth Newell.

## 1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris chaired and welcomed those attending. There were apologies from Christine Martin, Gillian Katungi and Robert Pollock.

## 2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the August meeting were approved with a slight amendment to Item 8.

## 3. Matters Arising:

(i) Item 5(ii): Trees at Kings Park – there was a well attended meeting, but unfortunately the trees have now been cut down. It is hoped that, although they could not be saved, this sort of drastic approach will not be resorted to in future.

(ii) Window Wonderland – Nicola has written the application for a start-up of £500; the hope is to set up a website and publicise the event. We might also have a local artist run creative workshops. There is to be a meeting in the Clockwork tomorrow (Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>). It was agreed MoFlo would be the vehicle through which to put the application for Area Partnership funding, as this has to go to a community organisation with a bank account.

**Action** ➤ Nicola will check with Karen whether a physical signature is required.

(iii) Item 6(ii) – MFPPP – Judith met with Chrissie and talked through the Living Streets funding. They will be having further meetings to devise an active travel plan for walking to school. A representative of MFPPP may attend some of our future meetings.

(iv) Item 3(i) Callisthenics: A resident had suggested that gym equipment might be installed in the Rec's, and was looking for sources of funding. There is a Participatory Budget for parks. A pilot is being run at the moment, and if it proves successful, this might be something we look at in future. We will get in touch with the Friends of Queens Park.

(v) Item 3(iii) Bulk Uplift and Roads – The TRO includes double yellow lines at Stanmore lane near No. 69; this is needed to allow emergency vehicles access but could take a few months to implement.

## 4. Community Police Report:

Once again, no officers attended.

## 5. Correspondence:

(i) An email had been received from Baldy Bane Theatre Company asking for a donation towards their 2020 programme. We do not have much left in our budget, so declined.

(ii) We had an email from Whiteinch Community Council asking us to support their campaign to make parks a statutory service. It was felt that this might be too restrictive on local budgets and we would instead support more money from central government towards parks.

## 6. Treasurer's Report (Judith):

(i) We had received an additional £250 from the city council; this may not recur in future years but we are grateful to have it.

(ii) The accounts are with the auditor and will be ready for the AGM.

## 7. Councillor's Report (Anna Richardson):

New litter bins are soon to be installed. We will let Cllr Richardson know if there are any problems with their location etc. There have been some problems with litter bin collection but the new wheelie bins should help. The operatives' work patterns will be changing so the same crews should be attending each time. The bin lorry fleet will also be upgraded, and there will be new technology to track the vehicles.

We reported street bins overflowing, pot holes etc. and also cars parking on the pavements around the school.

### **8. Hampden Events Participation Request:**

Alex had met with the council and put forward a proposal for a multi-agency meeting next month. It is important to have an independent chair, and this would need to be agreed by the various parties. James Dornan has been approached. The difficulty has been in trying to get the non-council stakeholders (Scotrail, SPT, SFA etc.) to agree to meet. The hope is to formalise the arrangement and to have around 4 meetings per year. Denise will set up the meeting and will invite the stakeholders.

Michael Matheson (Transport Secretary) had said we would be consulted on the Transport Bill. There are fixed penalty notices for parking on event days, but it is felt that the present rate is not high enough to act as a deterrent. This situation needs to be improved, but it is up to the Scottish Government to adjust the rate.

### **9. QPFC presentation on plans for Lesser Hampden**

Christine Wright (general manager) and architect Gareth Yule (of Holms Miller architects) attended to present the plans for renovation of Lesser Hampden. QPFC owns all 33 acres of Hampden, and leased the stadium. The stadium has now been sold. QP will play at Hampden until Lesser Hampden is ready. The planning application will be submitted in the next couple of months. The proposal includes adding separate turnstiles in the wall for home and away fans; extending the terrace forwards; and some seating to be removed to create wheelchair platforms, making the stadium fully accessible for wheelchair users. The total capacity, when complete, is expected to be c1800.

The farmhouse will be retained, and dressing rooms are to be refurbished and a new exit added. The byre is to be refurbished for officials changing. Emergency exit gates will lead on to Somerville Drive. There are currently 8 floodlights; two of these will be slightly adjusted, and a change to LEDs should lead to less light pollution. There should be little impact on the circulation of fans.

Community programmes will be unaffected. The primary school will still be able to come in and use the facilities, and the artificial pitch will mean that the pitch can be used more often.

The stadium is expected to be ready for football in January 2021.

### **10. Letherby Triangle Action Plan (Judith):**

There is to be a meeting with SusTrans tomorrow. Next week there will be an inception meeting with ERZ, and there will continue to be monthly meetings. A Community Engagement plan will be set up. There will need to be monthly steering meetings with 'political representation'. We were not sure what this means; **Action**>Judith will establish meaning and let Anna know.

Next week Judith will meet Anna from Urban Roots and try to get a bigger link-up with the Toryglen project.

### **11. Bowling Club update (Alan):**

There have been few developments. It is believed that the bowling green board held a meeting with the developers.

Chris had written to NOAH to invite them to a community council meeting to give a presentation and have a discussion, and also to have an independent public consultation. They replied that they are not yet at the stage to hold such a meeting.

**Action**>Alan will meet with Neil in the planning department within the next month.

### **12. Queens Park Arena:**

No update.

**Action**>Chris will send a note to Bob Martin and Gillian about QP21.

### **13. Traffic and Parking:**

The TRO consultation has finished. One representation was made by the bus operator, who was concerned that the proposed removal of restrictions on Cathcart Road would make it more difficult for uses to get through at peak times. There were some minor objections from small businesses. The TRO has now been adopted without removing the restrictions at Prospecthill Road and the next step is to take the proposal to the head of the service for signing off.

### **14. Recruitment:**

Nothing further.

### **15. Communications update:**

Gillian got some responses offering to help with the website following her appeal on Facebook.

**16. AOCB**

(i) Next month's meeting is the AGM. There is no official election, but the office bearers will demit office and can be re-nominated.

(ii) Gillian had sent a link about the participatory budgeting seminar at SCVO. Judith hopes to be able to represent us. Gillian will also attend.

**17. Close.**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 22 October 2019 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.**