

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 26 November 2019
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, G. Katungi, J. MacDonald (Minutes), A. Miller, J. Pollock, G. Thomson (Secretary)
Also attending: PC Mark Gavan, Cllr Archie Graham, Ronald Simpson, K. Butler, G. Bronsky, Rachel Gillespie, Nicola Smith, Allan Munro, Anne McGrory, G. Hayes, M. Rizza, J. Simonette.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris Carus chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending. Apologies were given on behalf of Robert Pollock.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 22 October were approved (proposed C. Charlwood, seconded G. Thomson).

3. Matters Arising:

(i) Item 7(vi): Claire had been trying to get an update on the refuse collection. She had emailed Christine Martin and Susan Aitken but had had no response. No preventive measures for tipping have yet been implemented at Stanmore Lane. Bin collections are haphazard, and there have been no street bins for the last 6 weeks. The siting of bins for Mount Annan Drive is also a problem. No information has been forthcoming.

Action ➤ Alex will phone Laura.

(ii) Item 14(i) A grant of £400 had been received towards publishing a newsletter, and some of the shops will take out adverts. We hope to put this out in the new year. Articles are requested on Winter Wanderland Stanmore Social, the Bowling Club, Community Garden etc.

Action ➤ Articles to be sent to Judith by Christmas at latest.

Action ➤ Judith to see if Hampden will put in a piece about Euro 2020.

(iii) Item 8: Margaret Rizza, Jim Simonette, and other representatives of the Jimmy Johnstone Charitable Trust and Jimmy Johnstone Academy attended, and gave a presentation on their plans for Cathkin Park. The Charitable Trust, in partnership with the Academy, has leased the pavilion on an annual basis but wishes to have a longer lease in order to apply for major grant funding. They have invested in the building, which they say had been neglected and would have been in a much worse state without their intervention. They had had some consultation with Glasgow Life, schools etc. on how to proceed. They wished to apply for an asset transfer, to have the pavilion, pitch and MUGA on a 25-year lease, but not the rest of the park. When the pitch is not in use, this might be let out to other users. They have previously allowed children to use the park without charge, via the SYFA etc. and have worked with various other organisations including Nordoff-Robbins, Scottish Women's Football, and Freedom from Torture. They say there will be no problem with local residents using the park should the long lease be granted. There are plans afoot to work with local primary schools.

The Charitable Trust hopes to improve the environmental aspects of the park and LED lighting has been installed in the pavilion and the car park.

The Trust agreed that there might have been better communication, and will improve consultation with local residents and groups. The Trust wants to work with the local community and will hold open information days in the new year. They will seek to have the new lease on similar terms to the existing lease. Those who responded to the consultation should hear back soon.

4. Community Police Report:

PC Gavan reported. There had been some break-ins in the area, and also a higher rate of phone calls about Hampden, relating to football events. There were also calls about fireworks.

There will be a Festive Action Plan in place from 29 November until 5 January to minimise the risk of housebreaking. Police will be visible on the streets, in hi-vis jackets. There will be more publicity about this, and it is hoped to have a mobile police office.

We reported that residents had contacted us about incidents of public urination at Florida Street, when police officers were nearby but did nothing. Mark suggested speaking to the officers as incidents are happening but this was not felt to be very satisfactory, as it could be

intimidating to speak to police when the perpetrators are there. We suggested having a local hotline number for reporting incidents on match days. Mark will take this back to the inspector.

Alex had spoken to the police some time ago about parking issues but had had no feedback.

We had also previously asked Hampden for more portable urinals but these have not been supplied, as we were told that residents would not want them outside their homes, but our feeling is that this would be preferable to urinating in the streets. We will put a note about this in the newsletter.

Alex asked for a note of the numbers of people fined for urinating in public in the last couple of years. Mark will speak to his inspector about these issues, and Alex will follow up.

5. Correspondence Summary:

(i) The grant legal agreement had been received from SusTrans.

(ii) Confirmation had been received from GCC about Winter Wanderland.

(iii) Residents in Florida Crescent and Florida Avenue had been in touch about Japanese knotweed which is damaging the pavement. This was reported to Cllr Graham.

(iv) Third Lanark had been in touch about Cathkin Park.

(v) Complaints had been received about Hampden (noise etc) and have been passed to the relevant people.

6. Treasurer's Report (Judith):

(i) The newsletter grant had been received. Judith had spoken to MFPPP about the Living Streets money; they will speak to the Head.

(ii) We have committed to refreshing the website and money had been put aside for this.

(iii) The hall rent has still to be paid.

7. Councillor's Report (Archie Graham):

(i) Re the planning application for Cathkin Park, some discussions took place around two years ago. The pitches are used by a number of organisations. The asset transfer request will be dealt with and debated, and City councillors will receive a report.

(ii) Next year's budget: it is likely that this will be set later than normally. A consultation process is taking place but there will be cuts to services. The UK government has cut the Scottish government grant, and grants to councils have been cut by about 8%. A substantial amount of money is necessary to meet the equal pay commitments.

(iii) Questions were raised about road widening, buses v. cars, refuse collection, street bin positions etc. Anyone who has any issues can raise them with Cllr Graham.

8. Letherby Triangle (Judith):

ERZ have been commissioned to work further on the design, to move it to the planning application stage. Carmunnock Road would be closed completely, and additional parking spaces provided. A meeting was held earlier this evening to inform local residents and businesses. It is hoped to progress to the design stage next year. We are keen to hear what people think. We are aware that some residents in the high flats have not been receiving our newsletters as the concierge will not allow entry. Copies of the newsletter are left in local businesses. Residents of the flats are asked to speak to their concierge, or to help deliver the leaflets to the flats.

9. Hampden Euro 2020:

Chris and Alex had been meeting with Hampden and the civil servants working on the Euro 2020 bill. A meeting was held at Hampden, where lots of questions were asked about what benefits there might be for the local community, but this was not really answered. There will be another meeting next year. We were advised by Trading Standards Manager Neil Coltart that standards are very high and anything being offered for sale that goes against the UEFA ethos will be removed. Neil is happy to come and speak to the Community Council in February or March.

A meeting will be held with GCC and other stakeholders on 8th January. Difficulties have already arisen with parking and this needs to be dealt with before Euro 2020. We can provide comment about variation in parking charges. Lessons have been learned from the Commonwealth Games and there will be a lighter touch; no road closures are expected. There will be efforts to bus people in, and a phone app will be available which should help avoid queues for tickets.

It is hoped that there will be more regular meetings with Hampden to resolve issues. We will follow up on issues such as community benefits and events management.

10. Bowling Club update (Alan):

There will be a public meeting on Thursday evening, 6-8pm, when the developed will present their plans for the bowling club. Their application is expected soon. Residents have 28 days from the planning application to raise any objections. There had been responses to Mount Florida Community Trust's plan as follows: 67 against, 156 for (though these figures may change). All representations will be looked at in January.

11. Queens Park Arena (Gillian):

- (i) A new director has been appointed. The Treasurer and Secretary are thinking of standing down, and Gillian is shadowing them both at present.
- (ii) Some funding has been received for upgrades to flooring etc.
- (iii) The financial agreement with InHouse has been signed.

12. Communications update:

Ideas and articles for the newsletter to be with Judith by Christmas.

13. AOCB

- (i) A resident had reported receiving a letter re Cathkinview Place Neighbourhood, a free online network through nextdoor.com. This is a geographically based network for sharing of information.
- (ii) Gillian has been trying to get someone to help revamp the website and this should be underway soon.
- (iii) We have received a form for Green Spaces for growing food - under the Community Empowerment Act, a local space can be nominated for growing food (see <https://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/>).
- (iv) Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is running a survey on their communications <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/gchscp-comms> .
- (v) Get Ready Glasgow (<http://www.getreadyglasgow.com/>) website for big events has info on Euro 2020 and other items of interest.
- (vi) Friends of Queens Park have funding resources for a tree planting programme this Saturday at the park at 10 a.m. - meet at the park gate opposite the Ivory.

14. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.