

# Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 25 February 2020  
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

**Present:** Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), M. Charlwood, G. Katungi, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Pollock, G. Thomson (Secretary)  
Also attending: Scott Martin, Cllr Susan Aitken.

## 1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris Carus chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending. Apologies were given on behalf of Robert Pollock, Claire Charlwood and Alex Miller.

## 2. Minutes of last meeting:

The revised minutes of the meeting of 28 January were approved (proposed G. Thomson, seconded M. Charlwood).

## 3. Matters Arising:

(i) Item 5(i): Cathkin Park: Chris has not yet approached GCC to broker a meeting between the various stakeholders. (See further below, item 7.)

## 4. Community Police Report:

No officers attended.

## 5. Correspondence Summary:

(i) We had an email regarding the Low Emission Zone consultation, the deadline being 29 March.

**Action** > Any contributions to be sent to Gavin before the deadline.

(ii) A signature was required for the funding acceptance for calisthenics equipment; Judith and Chris signed.

(iii) GoBike are gathering information on street design for bikes.

(iv) Otago Lane Conservation Trust are setting up a network of community councils and are currently setting aims, objectives, constitution etc.

(v) A letter had been received re a licensing application for a food van.

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

Our balance remains healthy at £18687.98, though £16804.99 is ringfenced for specific projects.

We are due another invoice for the Letherby work for around £10,000, so that will clear a large portion of the balance. Quotes for the printing and delivery of the newsletter have been accepted. We will receive £200 income for the newsletter. There are also outstanding costs for hall hire and the website redesign which will reduce the balance further.

## 7. Councillor's Report (Cllr Aitken):

(i) Cathkin Park: No decision has yet been made on the community asset transfer. It had been felt that there was a lack of transparency and insufficient reach-out to the local community. Cllr Aitken had spoken with the Jimmy Johnstone Charitable Trust and she now feels that what they are proposing could be an asset for the local community. They do not wish to take over the speedway area or the rest of the park, but only the football area. Part of the issue is that many who are currently using their facilities are from the Govanhill area, but the Trust needs to get more information on what they are doing out to Mount Florida. They have agreed to have more open days, and will speak to all local councillors.

(ii) Laura Moran, the Neighbourhood manager, has organised a meeting on Monday to discuss the impact of Hampden events on the local community.

(iii) Cllr Aitken was asked about the situation regarding bulk uplift, particularly in Stanmore Lane, over which there is still no clarity. She will speak to Stephen Scott. There is to be a fundamental review of bulk uplifts, as there will be an introduction of charges for this service.

## 8. Letherby Triangle (Gavin):

(i) There have been a lot of developments. ERZ had met roads engineers and planning officers, and the roads design has been agreed in principle. ERZ have since met with bus operators and a landscape architect, and might cut back some trees to allow them space and provide light for lower level planting. The road area will be on one level at Carmunnock Road end, and tiered at

the other end, probably with an event area and a shelter. Final designs will be agreed after the community consultation.

(ii) A survey on traffic patterns has been shared on social media. The survey is mostly about cycling and walking but will help to identify how we can encourage less use of cars.

(iii) It is hoped to have an event on 28 March with entertainment, arts and crafts, a Dr Bike workshop etc. A temporary road closure for this would be expensive, but we will look into other options.

**Action** > Judith will contact Mandy Evans Ewing

**Action** > Gillian will put out an appeal for the loan of a gazebo

**Action** > Help will be required to promote the event; Chris will put a note on FB.

**Action** > Judith to send Chris a copy of the design.

#### **9. Bowling Club:**

The period for comment on the NOAH proposal has closed; there were around 600 objections and 100+ letters of support. Some further questions were raised about the plans re overshadowing and emergency vehicle access, to be addressed by the developer.

#### **10. Queens Park:**

(i) Queens Park Arena group held a steering meeting to talk about programming. A draft programme was produced, to be confirmed. It is hoped that this will include a fire festival in May, a flower show, harvest festival, and outdoor learning activities for children, a fan zone for UEFA events, Govanhill International Festival etc. They are looking for a development worker (a 2-year post), and are also seeking investment and development of the space. We will also need to appoint a new rep as Gillian is moving house.

(ii) Friends of Queens Park: Stephen Docherty, the Chairman, organised a meeting for Community Councils; unfortunately we were not able to attend. The primary concern is the state of the glass houses. They are also seeking to open dialogue with GCC. The main outcome of the meeting was that a letter was drafted for people to sign, asking for ENV2 money to maintain the glasshouses. Some feedback was received asking about more general use of ENV2 money as it is not clear how this is allocated. We will support the letter asking for a plan of maintenance.

(iii) Wee Green Grass: this is a participatory budgeting scheme looking at grants to be spent in parks. Applications have to be submitted by groups (such as Friends of Queens Park).

#### **11. Communications update:**

(i) Newsletter – a draft had been sent to community councillors. The newsletter will be finalised this week.

(ii) New website: this should have gone live at the weekend but there were some technical hitches. We looked at a draft version and will get a chance to ‘test drive’ it before it goes live. .

#### **12. AOCB**

(i) Mark went to the planning democracy meeting. There is to be a spin-off group doing environmental projects and this will have a litigation aspect.

(ii) An email exchange had taken place with MacSystems who had raised a complaint about fly tipping and abandoned vehicles. Laura Moran helped sort this out.

(iii) A meeting at Hampden has been organised by Laura and Denise Hamilton between various stakeholders; this will take place on Monday. Chris and Alex will attend.

(iv) Chris will return the Red-Amber-Green self-assessment on our governance to GCC.

(v) Scott Martin is doing a project on public policy creation and hopes to work with the Community Council on environmental policy issues. He has still to work out the specifics of data collection.

#### **13. Close.**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 24 March 2020 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.**