

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 28 April 2020
held via Zoom, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Chris Carus (Chair), Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Judith Pollock, Robert Pollock
Also attending: Calum Mackinnon. Mandy Burke

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris Carus chaired the meeting. Apologies were received from Gavin Thomson (Secretary) and Claire and Mark Charwood.

2. Minutes of last meetings:

The minutes of the February and March meetings were approved (prop. Chris Carus, sec. Judith Pollock).

3. Matters Arising:

(i) Item 6: Directory of contacts has been updated with many more sites offering help.

4. Correspondence:

Several people had been in touch re the Coronavirus situation via the Facebook page and had been directed to the relevant organisations.

5. Treasurer's Report (Judith):

(i) We have £647.35 available in unallocated funds.

(ii) ERZ payments have been made, but church hall hire costs have still to be paid.

(iii) The school is owed some money but is unable to raise an invoice at present.

6. Councillor's Report:

No councillors attended.

7. Covid-19 response locally:

(i) Risks of transmission – what can be done locally to help? We will collect ideas and compile a report to be sent to councillors.

(ii) Money is being made available by the Scottish Government for widening pavements etc.

(iii) The proposed Battlefield cycle lane could be extended to Mount Florida through Letherby Drive to join up with the cycle way in Kings Park.

(iv) the bus stop at Lupton's/Alyssa's café on Cathcart Road does not allow for social distancing of passing pedestrians. Ask that the bus stop is built out as planned, or a temporary coned-off area provided on the road.

(v) The pedestrian crossings are also pinch points, especially on Cathcart Road at the shops and at Prospecthill Road. Could these be adjusted so that the 'green man' is automatically part of each sequence of lights to avoid having to press the button?

(vi) Kingshorn Drive is currently being used as a rat-run to avoid traffic lights, despite its being part of the 20 mph zone. Could it be blocked off near the Kings Park Road junction, or a modal filter applied to limit access to walking and cycling?

(vii) Anna had proposed trialling a mini Holland scheme – need to establish what stage this is at.

(viii) A webinar is being held on Thursday about the temporary measures which may be put in place.

(ix) Could access be allowed to the bowling green, currently unused, to enable elderly people to have somewhere to walk safely?

(x) Many people are shopping online at present. Although some businesses in Mount Florida are doing well, others have had to close. How can MoFloCoCo assist traders? What can we find out from GCC about support for businesses?

Action > Chris will prioritise suggestions and draw up a report to send to Anna.

Action > Chris will contact the bowling club re access; Judith will investigate planning regulations and access legislation.

8. Letherby update:

(i) The group are looking at ways to do online consultation. An online survey on travel modes had been carried out and the results analysed. Others have been done but had little response –

how do we increase responses? Share on social media, and encourage other groups such as Stanmore Social to share. GHA are also good at reaching others. The sub-group is looking at various methods such as Survey Legend, which is affordable and allows pictures to be put up for participants to get an idea of options. Calum had passed on the Commonplace info used for Battlefield, but this was quite expensive. ERZ are working with Scope survey and are still to come back with costings.

(ii) Judith has updated the impact assessment. Ideas from analysis of the travel mode survey include:

- lobby GCC to provide better cycle ways
- provide secure cycle storage for Mount Florida
- extend the Bike for All scheme
- have a street closure day to try out

9. AOCB:

(i) What stage is the Sanctuary development at the old Victoria site?

(ii) A bat survey was due to be carried out at the bowling green in May – will this go ahead?

(iii) As there had been little participation after week 1 to our online discussions, these will be discontinued for the present; a meeting could be convened to discuss any urgent business. Regular monthly meetings will continue via zoom.

10. Close. Next meeting online via zoom on 26 May.

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