

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 25 August 2020
held via Zoom, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Chris Carus (Chair), Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Judith Pollock, Robert Pollock, Gavin Thomson
Also attending: Cllr Anna Richardson

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris Carus chaired the Zoom meeting, which is to be regarded as a regular community council meeting.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

(i) Item 6: The Community Asset Transfer applied for by the Jimmy Johnstone Trust is not going ahead. It was refused on the grounds that it was unclear what the plans were for the asset during the period of the lease; it was unclear what the level of community involvement would be; and there were doubts about whether the Trust was the appropriate type of organisation to be applying for the asset transfer. The Friends of Cathkin Park group has been set up and we will direct any issues to them in future.

(ii) Item 4(iii): The budget for the Christmas lights had been cut, so Chris had applied for area partnership funding to improve the lights and this was approved.

4. Correspondence Summary:

(i) Winnie Mallon, daughter of former community councillor Winnie McCallum, had been in touch to say that she has materials relating to Letherby etc which she will pass on.

(ii) Laura Moran gave an update on plans for the Queens Park glasshouse. This had fallen into disrepair, with a partial collapse, and is being dismantled and put into storage until plans can be made for its future.

(iii) City Plan 2: the community planning partnership should have the opportunity to contribute. Chris had responded.

(iv) The Merchant City & Trongate Community Council had been in touch to ask us to support their bid to convert their local car park, which is council property. They wish to regenerate the space and want its sale delayed to allow time for community engagement, They have a petition and are looking for individual signatures - **Action** ➤ Chris will circulate the link.

(v) Nicola Smith has organised a "jumble trail" on Sunday 6th September, from 11m a.m. to 2p.m. We will publicise this on Facebook and Twitter.

(vi) Mandy Evans Ewing had applied for funding for Stanmore Social but this had been turned down.

5. Treasurer's Report (Judith):

(i) The annual accounts are being prepared for audit. There is still some Living Streets money, and some money for Winter Wanderland - the school still has to raise an invoice.

(ii) Some funds are ring-fenced for Letherby and an interim payment will be made to ERZ.

(iii) This will leave a balance of £577 in the account.

6. Councillor's Report (Anna Richardson)

(i) Food Waste bins - the service is still currently suspended. A one-off uplift is being made to remove waste that has been lying since the start of lockdown. An internal review of the service is taking place - the grey bins have been challenging in some parts of the city. A pilot scheme has been set up in the north-west of the city to identify those closes where the bins are being used, and those where there is little use, in which case there will be a hybrid scheme where some street bins will be introduced for use by those who still wish to recycle food waste. Our area is generally good at recycling. The city council is trying to find better ways of making food recycling cost effective and as easy as possible, and the pilot will be analysed and if necessary rolled out across the city.

(ii) The purple glass bins for individual homes will now be emptied on a 2-monthly basis. This has been monitored and monthly collections were found to be inefficient. This will continue to

be reviewed. Cllr Richardson will look into provision of brown garden waste bins for tenements, and the possibility of composting.

(iii) It is hoped that bulk uplift will resume within a matter of weeks.

(iv) Re the pedestrian pinch points in Mount Florida, a TRO was in place which allowed for bus stop build-out at Lupton's. Cllr Richardson will look into this and see if any progress will be forthcoming.

(v) Following the recent road resurfacing on Cathcart Road, not all the road markings have been put back, but those that have are still following the old pattern.

(vi) SusTrans are helping to analyse the transport survey.

7. Covid-19 response locally:

Cllr Richardson was asked about the impact of Covid-19 on local shops and businesses. There has been a resurgence of shopping locally, and it is hoped that this will continue. Robert asked about what impact there might be on the City Plan, and that it might afford an opportunity to rethink what is meant by a "city" - not just the city centre. Ways to improve local areas might involve Neighbourhood Strategy and Spaces for People.

8. Letherby update:

(i) Gavin reported that the consultation had been held online. Thanks to those who contributed. There had been a good response with over 400 responses, about 250 of which were partial responses. There were lots of comments from individuals; with a maximum of 12 people having a negative opinion on the ambitions of the project, its ability to improve the existing space, or its ability to deliver its aims, the vast majority being positive or very positive. Our initial work is still holding true, in that people still feel the need for a public space to sit and relax. ERZ are now working on the responses. People showed a liking for having native trees. The proposed lamp standard had raised concerns about light pollution in neighbouring flats, so this will not now go ahead. We have made a real effort to engage with the community and take their views on board. A final report will be produced and will go on the website.

(ii) Judith had prepared a presentation of the cost options.

Option 1 - this covered a larger area than the initial proposal, outlining a clear linear site from the church to the school gate. Extra trees would be planted, and the feature staircase kept. There would be a change of road angle at Mount Annan corner to slow traffic. Current cost would be in the region of £1.9 million, and in 2022 around £2 million.

Option 2 - Lighting column taken out and omitting taxi charging points, paving changed to tarmac rather than stone; reduces cost to £1.9 million.

Option 3 - Removes artwork and lighting; quality of paving changed from granite to tarmac. Cost in 2022 around £1.6 million.

SusTrans have increased their grant to 70%, and we would have to raise £617,000 for option 1. It was decided to submit the plan for option 1 when ready, removing the feature lighting column and artwork but retaining the feature stairs. In future, any community group could fundraise to provide artwork when other funding streams become available.

9. AOCB:

(i) **Library** - Langside library is not reopening immediately as there are problems with the layout that would make social distancing difficult. Our next nearest libraries, Govanhill and Pollokshields, and also closed at the moment. Gorbals and Pollokshaws will be reopening. Cllr Richardson assured us that the libraries will be protected in the long term and there are no plans for them to be closed permanently. The local response showed that our library is a valued community asset.

(ii) An email had been received from Callum about Community Scotland's survey of active travel projects (on behalf of SusTrans). Gavin responded on our behalf.

10. Close. Next meeting online via zoom on 22 September.