

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting of 27th September 2016
Clincarthill Church Hall

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), M. Charlwood, C. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minute Secretary), J. Perry (Correspondence Secretary), G. Thomson.

Also attending: Anne McGrory, PCs Shillond and Doherty.

1. Welcome (Chair, Chris Carus):

Chris Carus opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from R. Carlaw (Treasurer), L. Rice and R. Street.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the August meeting were approved with the following amendment:

Item 6(ii): 'The Council **are currently proposing** putting in traffic calming measures...' (proposed J. Perry, seconded C. Carus).

4. Matters Arising:

Anne McGrory had raised the matter of the re-routed buses, and whether they might be persuaded to stop somewhere on Cathcart Road to allow access to Victoria Road for those less able to walk long distances. Chris Carus had spoken to Cllr Richardson about this. The bus company is unwilling to make a stop on Cathcart Road.

5. Community Police Report:

PCs Shillond and Doherty attended. PC Shillond reported that during the period 27th June to 26th September there had been:

- 6 offenders reported for drug possession – these were small quantities of illegal substances for personal use;
- 35 assaults reported, of which 19 were detected. These included one serious assault, the person responsible has been taken to court;
- 9 drivers had been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for various offences;
- 5 housebreakings – 1 detected;
- 2 thefts from motor vehicles (detected).

Residents are advised, as always, to be vigilant. Don't leave close doors on the latch; don't leave bikes on landings or in closes. If using cash machines, keep your PIN covered and put money away as soon as possible.

Mark Charlwood asked if we could have a map of the area covered by the beat (Golf Delta 57). PC Shillond replied that the beat area maps can be found on the Police Scotland website <http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/communities>. (These do not show the boundaries of the areas covered.)

6. Councillor' Report:

Cllr Richardson was unable to attend but had sent an email.

1. Traffic calming scheme

I welcome the traffic calming and 20mph zone planned for Mount Florida, though I appreciate there are potential issues with traffic being redirected. I received a high level of correspondence about the Mount Annan traffic calming proposal in response to the public consultation. I met with a group of residents from Kinmount Avenue to discuss in person the concerns they have about increased traffic on their street. I met with council officers to discuss the many concerns from residents, who advised they were unable to extend the traffic calming measures past those already scheduled. As a result of the level of comments received from the consultation they have committed to a period of traffic monitoring once the scheme is established. I will be following this up to ensure it happens. I asked how residents can propose further improvements, such as road closures or speed bumps, and was advised these would have to be considered separately as part of a future work plan. I am happy to support residents who wish to bring any suggestions to the department.

2. Victoria redevelopment

I have met with Sanctuary, who have now bought the old Victoria site. I was reassured by their commitment to retaining some parts of the old buildings, and the mix of housing they have planned. They have assured me there will be meaningful community consultation, and I will do all I can to ensure that happens.

3. School milk update

I am delighted that Cordia's pilot scheme to remove sugary flavoured milk from the primary schools in the ward was successful, and this has now been implemented permanently. Primary school children including those at Mount Florida primary will now only be offered plain milk. I am liaising with Cordia to hopefully widen the scope of this initiative across the city.

4. Road resurfacing

I continue to receive considerable casework on the condition of roads and pavements. Please notify me of any problem areas and I will do my best to arrange a repair. For information, the local roads included in the current work schedule covering 2016/2017 include the following: Battlefield Road, Advie Place, May Terrace, Hampden Terrace, Cordiner Street, Clincart Road, Florida Street.

5. Traffic lights

The junction at Prospecthill Road and Cathcart Road continues to cause difficulty. After several complaints and investigation by officers the light sequence has been altered for a trial period. I would encourage you to contact me with any feedback so that the best light sequence can be chosen by officers once the trial finishes.

The quickest way to contact me about anything is on anna.richardson@glasgow.gov.uk or www.facebook.com/annaforlangside

Action > Chris to email Cllr Richardson to ask about the double yellow lines which had been painted on Cathcart Road and then removed.

7. Summary of Correspondence (Joan):

- (i) Bill of Pollokshields Community Council had been in touch to ask our advice about carrying out traffic surveys, Joan will reply, passing on details from Felicity at ERZ.
- (ii) Michael Dunn, a geography student, had been in touch to ask for help in filling in a questionnaire for his dissertation on community councils, politicisation and the Community Empowerment Act 2015. Claire had been in touch with him, pointing out that Community Councils are apolitical. He acknowledged this as an error on his part, but has not been in touch with any amended wording.
- (iii) Residents have been asked to help with a police survey, 'Your View Counts' helping to shape police priorities; this has been publicised on our Facebook page (<http://www.scotland.police.uk/.../local-policing-consultation/>).
- (iv) Several applications had been received for street trading licenses.

8. Treasurer's Report:

Richard Carlaw was unable to attend.

Action > Chris to remind Richard that audited accounts must be prepared for next month's AGM.

9. Letherby Triangle Action Plan (Mark):

Mark has been trying to arrange a meeting with LES. Responses to the traffic survey suggested that Letherby Drive would be overloaded if Carmunnock Road is shut off. We propose having at least 2 lanes for vehicles heading towards Cathcart Road, and 1 lane for those coming off Cathcart Road. We need to get LES's view and see whether this scheme is viable.

A meeting will take place on 10th October to share the proposal for Letherby and to check the feasibility of the plan. Mark, Chris and Joan will attend, and Joan will bring the report.

The report went online after the last meeting; we promoted the FB page and it received 10,000 views, with around 200 reading the full report. It was also publicised via the e-newsletter, but we did not get much response from that.

MinuteMan has put the newsletter into a printable format and copies will be printed to be put in the library, etc.

A detailed design and physical model will be prepared, if funds are available. We have still to get a decision from Awards for All; the proposal will be reviewed at the end of October. The next Area

Partnership meeting will take place at the end of November, and a decision from them is dependent on getting the go-ahead from Awards for All.

10. Parking and Traffic (Joan):

There is no update.

Action > Joan will take the report to the meeting with LES.

The new traffic light sequencing at the junction of Cathcart Road and Prospecthill Road (mentioned in the councillor's report above) has been well received by local residents.

11. Langside Heritage Project (Janet):

The event organised by the Heritage project on Saturday 17th September was a great success. Local residents got to try their hand at archaeological 'digs' at Langside Parish church and Langside Community Garden, and at metal detecting, as well as viewing the fascinating displays of old postcards, maps and archaeological finds in the church. Glasgow Geological Society had an information stand, and keen amateur geologists got to make casts of fossils. There were guided historical walks available, and the weather was kind. More events are planned on the run up to the anniversary of the Battle of Langside in 2018, including talks on local history etc. More information can be found on the project's Facebook page.

Action > Janet to pass on contact details of the project organiser to Anne McGrory.

12. Hampden Neighbours (Claire and Mark Charlwood):

(i) Mark and Chris will pull information together and feed back to the community.

(ii) Cllr Archie Graham will chair a meeting of those who would like to be involved.

(iii) There have not been so many problems with concerts this year, now that the Hydro is open. We will thank Hampden for helping out with Portaloo's, etc. There appears to be more awareness of the issues, and a greater willingness to listen, which is welcome.

Action > Chris and Mark to write up the report.

13. Victoria Hospital (Chris Carus):

There has been no change since last month. Sanctuary Group has made a commitment to a meaningful consultation process that goes beyond the statutory minimum; the Victoria Forum suggested a charette. Sanctuary have noted this but have not given a commitment.

The current city plan says that the Victoria site is a 'master plan' site; only after the master plan has been approved by the planning committee can planning requests be approved. This is a way of ensuring that development is integrated rather than piecemeal. Structural safety testing is taking place at the moment, and the old admin block will be redeveloped.

Sanctuary has put the architectural contract out to tender. The Victoria Forum suggested that the architects selected should have experience of community consultation. This has been noted.

14. Anti-littering Project (Chris Carus):

Chris had attended the consultation meeting with reps from other Community Councils. A post has been put out on social media asking residents to put forward specific requests for the environmental task force to tackle. Chris is promoting the environmental task force, so people now the number to call. He is currently seeking a meeting with the ETF about how to tackle our priorities.

A good clean-up was carried out by Clean Glasgow after this weekend's event.

15. AGM

Next month is our AGM, when nominations for office-bearers will be received, and we need to be quorate. We also need to encourage more people to come along to this and other meetings.

Although we now reach many more people via social media, we still need to reach those who do not use these channels. Another printed newsletter might be put out. We might also reach out to local people via coffee mornings etc at Clincarthill Church, the Wednesday Club at Hampden, and other regular local events.

Action > Chris to speak with Richard to see if funds will allow printing of another newsletter.

Action > Claire to ask for poster to be put up in the Pentecostal church.

Action > Joan to speak to Hampden residents.

Themed meetings might attract people with an interest in a particular issue.

October – AGM

November – Hampden

January – Traffic/Letherby update.

It might also be useful to let people view the video about what it means to be a Community Councillor.

Action > Chris to put the link on social media.

16. Communications Plan (Rose Street):

Action > Chris will send a note to Rosie with the key points:

- Themed meetings to make meetings more engaging;
- Several items to go in the newsletter;
- Community Council video to go on Facebook.

17. AOCB:

There was no other business.

18. Close:

Chris closed the meeting, thanking those who attended.

Next meeting: AGM Tuesday 25 October 2016 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Halls.