

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 22 September 2020
held via Zoom, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Chris Carus (Chair), Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Alex Miller, Judith Pollock, Gavin Thomson
Also attending: Chris Bryant, Ginny Cooper, Marine, Allan Munro, Nicola Smith

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris Carus chaired the Zoom meeting, which is to be regarded as a regular community council meeting. Apologies from Robert Pollock, Claire Charlwood and Mark Charlwood.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the August meeting were approved (Proposed Judith Pollock, Seconded Chris Carus).

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising outwith the agenda.

4. Correspondence Summary:

(i) An email was received about the transport strategy consultation. A meeting is taking place tomorrow – Chris will attend.

(ii) Get Glasgow Moving have offered a speaker for one of our meetings (see below).

(iii) Sapori d'Italia have submitted a license application asking for permission to vary their licence to allow for alcohol off sales. We will endorse this but with a request to ask for consideration of Hampden events, i.e. not to sell alcohol during matches and to remind visitors about the local bye law against drinking in public.

Action > Chris will reply.

(iv) An invitation was received to the consultation on locality planning. Thriving places is a key strategy.

(v) The transport strategy has been received (see further below).

5. Treasurer's Report (Judith):

(i) This is the first report of the new financial year. £15,553.77 was carried forward, much of this ring-fenced.

(ii) The second grant payment for Letherby Triangle has been received since last month.

(iii) £102.08 has been paid to the school for Winter Wonderland; some Living Streets money is still available. This will leave a balance of £577.35 in the account available for spending.

(iv) The accounts will be examined in time for the AGM next month.

6. Councillor's Report

No councillors attended.

7. Covid-19 response locally:

(i) **Action** > Chris will write to Anna Richardson to ask about the pinch point at Lupton's.

(ii) An article in the Evening Times on 19th September suggested a city-wide group of community councillors could form a network to aid in recovery from Covid 19

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/18733143.coronavirus-councillors-form-covid-recovery-group/>

8. Bowling Club:

(i) The Community Trust application was approved (provision for cycling to be added to the document), but the developer's hearing has been moved back to a date to be decided. The applicant, along with two supporters and two objectors, will have the opportunity to speak. MoFloCoCo may request to speak, but the planning committee will decide. It will be important to decide on the key arguments and how best to present them, as the meeting will probably be held online. We would like representatives of the Community Council and the Community Trust to attend and represent local residents at the hearing, and will ask for nominations – information will be circulated via Facebook, Twitter etc. Allan has sent a document outlining the arguments to Judith and Chris.

Ward councillors can also speak at the hearing. They have been briefed on instances of misinformation in the developer's proposals. We will write to the local councillors and ask them to represent the objectors at the hearing.

As the Open Space strategy is still in development, this could be a test case, the impact of which will be felt for decades. If the spirit of the strategy is to be implemented it will be important to address community concerns. The biggest argument against housing development is the loss of open space for the community. We know that hundreds of local residents wish to use the space for community activities, as shown by the petition, the 623 objections to the NOAH proposal and support for the Trust's proposal, and this would be a good opportunity for the committee to make a decision in the best interests of the local community.

9. Transport Consultation:

The Connected Communities consultation is being launched on Monday. It is mainly focussed on public transport. Plans are in place to prevent rat-running on Clincart Road/Bolton Drive. Can we further identify areas that are safety hazards, and help promotion of safe streets for schoolchildren and pedestrians, as well as looking after the environment?

Action > Chris will contact Get Glasgow Moving and ask about a speaker for our November meeting.

10. Letherby update:

The planning application is almost ready to go in; a few tweaks are necessary on the road safety audit, which is being undertaken at the moment. The consultation report is available on the website and on Facebook.

11. AOCB:

(i) Some trees have been chopped down at the southern edge of Hampden car park. There are also plans to clear shrubbery and remove more trees behind Mt Annan Drive, which are deemed a potential fire hazard due to dumping of garden waste.

(ii) Hangingshaws: The SFA are in talks with GCC about allowing greater access to Hampden via this area. A housing developer has also looked at the site; Hangingshaws has no planning designation so could be used for housing.

(iii) Hampden Park Ltd is to be wound up and the SFA will take over the site. Chris has asked about a replacement for democratic government of Hampden – a ward councillor used to sit on the HPL board. Chris has been in touch with Colin MacDonald (replacement for Brian Muir).

(iv) The number of bicycle thefts in the city has increased; it is thought that an organised group is responsible. Residents are advised to register bikes so they can be identified if stolen.

Residents of tenements are advised to check that service buttons are not active for longer than necessary.

(v) Window Wanderland: Nicola asked us to put forward an application for next year; this was agreed. **Action** > Nicola and Judith to check expenses.

(vi) Stephen from Clincarthill Church said they are trying to encourage community outreach. He asked about having an outdoor Christmas market, and sought our support, which we are happy to offer.

12. Close. Next meeting (AGM) online via zoom on 27 October.