

# Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the (Zoom) Meeting of 27 April 2021  
7p.m.

**Present:** Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), M. Charlwood, B. Hidding, J. MacDonald (Minutes), A. Mohammed, J. Pollock, R. Pollock, G. Thomson (Secretary), N. Visser, R. Warrington  
Also attending: PC Garcia

## 1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris chaired the zoom meeting, which is to be regarded as a regular community council meeting, and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from Claire Charlwood.

## 2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the March meeting were approved, with the addition that Judith will look into pollution monitoring (proposed G. Thomson, seconded R. Warrington).

## 3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising outwith the agenda.

## 4. Summary of Correspondence:

(i) An update had been received from Cllr Aitken (see below).

## 5. Treasurer's Report (Judith Pollock):

(i) Nicola has been paid the £150 owed for Winter Wonderland. This leaves a balance of £488.92. We can extend the spend of the Winter Wonderland to September 2021. Judith will check with Nicola that she is organising it again next year and will check with Karen Gorman if the remaining grant can be used for next year.

**Action**► Judith will get back to Nicola.

## 6. Ward Councillor's Report:

(i) Councillor Aitken was not able to attend but had sent an update.

- Glasgow Life facilities – contrary to recent reporting, there are no permanent closures planned for any facility but the challenges of reopening after the pandemic mean that not everything can reopen at once and some older buildings pose particular challenges. Of the facilities in or near Langside ward, the following may be of interest: Langside Library – requires internal works to accommodate Covid-safe distancing but will fully reopen by the end of August; Geoff Shaw Centre, Toryglen – there are a number of expressions of interest in taking this facility over as a community asset transfer; Couper Institute and Library – this entire building is not adaptable for Covid-safe distancing and has long been in need of significant internal adaptation; a mobile library service will be provided for the community in the interim period and planning for how to bring the building up to standard is underway; Langside Hall – has of course been closed for some time primarily due to the need to replace the internal heating system; a community asset transfer is already underway.
- UEFA European Championships – it's now been confirmed that the rescheduled Euros matches will go ahead at Hampden on 14, 18, 22 and 29 June, with 12,000 fans allowed to attend. There will be a fanzone at Glasgow Green. Comms will be circulated to Mount Florida and King's Park residents very soon so they know what to expect of match days
- COP26 – this will also be going ahead on November, with around 25,000 delegates expected to attend in person negotiations at the SEC. The CMOs of Scotland and England will announce public health guidance for a Covid-safe event in early June and the Get Ready Glasgow campaign will launch at the same time. In the run-up to COP, Glasgow CC will hold Citizen's and Youth Climate Assemblies and there will also be ward-based local activity through the existing artists in residence programme.
- Cleansing – street cleansing, parks management and, to a lesser degree, domestic waste collections have been affected throughout the pandemic. There was an agreement with the trade unions that cleansing staff would work reduced hours to ensure Covid-safe practices, however as of last week, cleansing staff have returned to working their full shift. Graffiti removal teams are also back up and running. Bulk uplifts can be arranged at <https://glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=20545> and additional recycling bins (blue,

brown and purple) can be ordered free of charge at <https://glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=16566> (or request through me or another councillor). Recruitment has taken place for additional Neighbourhood Co-ordinator posts so that there will be one for every electoral ward. So Langside will shortly have its own dedicated Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, who will work under Laura Moran and who the community council should expect to hear from in due course.

(ii) We raised some questions about the low number of glass and food waste bins in our area compared with Battlefield, and also about contamination of the street food waste bins. There were also concerns about the glass waste bins near Hampden not being emptied.

**Action** Robbie will draft a letter highlighting our concerns; Amber will assist with advice on legislation.

(iii) There are also concerns about the reopening of Langside Library, which had been scheduled to open at the end of April; this has now been postponed until August. We would like to know why the remedial internal work has not yet been carried out and what remains to be done to manage social distancing.

**Action** Mark will write again to Cllr Aitken.

## **7. Community Police Report (PC Sammy Garcia):**

(i) Covid policies relating to football matches and other events are being regularly updated. It is not yet clear how many matches will be taking place at Hampden during the Euros. PC Garcia will get back when details are known.

(ii) PC Garcia agreed to keep an eye on the glass bins around the lanes, which may be a hazard during Hampden events.

## **8. Nominations for new Community Councillors:**

There is still one vacancy on the Community Council. All current community councillors will stand down in October and can stand for re-election. Any other residents interested should be encouraged to get in touch.

## **9. Hampden/Euro 2020:**

(i) Amber is willing to be our contact for matters relating to Hampden. She has worked at the stadium and knows Colin Macdonald and others. The key points we wish to raise are:

- Better communication with MoFloCoCo and with local residents

This could take the form of emails and social media updates, as well as leafleting the houses in the immediate vicinity of the stadium.

- The cutting away of trees around the perimeter

We understand that this is to give a clearer view for CCTV cameras, but the number of trees removed seems drastic.

- Letherby Triangle

This area appears to be owned by Hampden, so we will need to approach them before going ahead with the planned improvements.

- Hangingshaws

This area has zoning for housing, but apparently Hampden had asked that nothing be planned until after the Olympics.

## **10. Letherby:**

(i) The planning application is still not through. Felicity and Murray have met with the planning department. There were questions about access to housing and shops, and the planning department had asked for the specification of seating etc. We are keen that there should be no problems with access.

(ii) We had been approached by a group who want to make a film about community projects.

**Action** Gavin will respond.

## **11. GoMoFlo:**

(i) A meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, and a 2-pillar strategy was discussed, looking at community clean-ups and a preventative action survey to assist with developing publicity materials.

(ii) Animating Spaces: Bernhardt is preparing a report.

(iii) Traffic issues: In January, a group of residents had met with Anna who was going to put them in touch with the officers dealing with LTNs to see if there were proposals for Mount Florida. There has been no further contact and the group are reluctant to engage with the community until GCC's plans are known. Kirsty was to write to Anna asking for an update; a draft has been prepared.

- (iv) Queens Park FC are looking to assist with a community project.
- (iv) Dog fouling: our stencil had been lent to Battlefield CC some time ago and we have been trying to track it down: we understand it may be with Anna. Natasha asked for funds to buy chalk paint to use with the stencil, and we authorised a spend of up to £50.
- (v) We considered organising a walking tour around the area to identify defects to be reported to GCC, and will encourage local residents to report also in our next newsletter.
- (vi) Alice is trying to organise monthly clean-ups. We will publicise details.

## 12. AOCB

- (i) The two requests for grants for improvements to Hampden Lane have been successful.
- (ii) Stanmore Social is being reconstituted as a registered charity and will be the beneficiary of the grant. They are looking at environmental issues in the wider Mount Florida area.
- (iii) A Facebook poll had been conducted re the siting of a mural proposed for the area.  
**Action➤**Mark will approach Mandy Evans-Ewing for more information.
- (iv) The bus build-out on Cathcart Road had taken place but was felt to be of a poor standard compared with others in the city. It was also felt to be too long and is an inconvenience to the Keystore. The surface is uneven and may prove hazardous in winter if water collects in the hollows. Information had been received from Christine Martin indicating that the other proposed build-out would not now take place but the reasons given did not make sense. We would also like to know when the rest of the TRO will be implemented.  
**Action➤**Chris will contact Anna Richardson.

## 13. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 7pm, online (Zoom)