

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the (Zoom) Meeting of 25 January 2022
7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus, C. Charlwood, M. Charlwood, Bernhard Hidding, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Amber Mohammed, Judith Pollock (Chair), Robert Pollock, Natasha Visser (Secretary), Robbie Warringham (Treasurer)
Also attending: Mandy Burke, Victoria Loughlan, Cassandra McLuckie, Nicola Smith, Paddy Smith, Eachann Gillies.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Judith Pollock chaired the Zoom meeting, which is to be regarded as a regular community council meeting, and welcomed those attending. Cllr Tanya Wisely sent apologies.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The amended minutes of the November meeting, previously circulated, were approved (proposed Chris Carus, seconded Robert Pollock).

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising outwith the agenda. Several late items were added to the agenda under item 12.

4. Summary of Correspondence (Natasha Visser):

An email had been received from Lawrence O'Neill informing us that physical meetings of community councils will be allowed from 1st February.

5. Treasurer's Report (Robbie Warringham):

The report had been circulated to CC members.

(i) We have received our administration allowance from GCC.

(ii) Several reimbursements are due, and although Robbie is not yet a signatory to the account, Chris, Mark and Judith can still sign cheques

6. Ward Councillor's Report:

No report; Cllr Wisely was unable to attend.

7. Community Police Report:

No report.

8. Hampden Park Events (Amber Mohammed):

(i) The Area Partnership meeting had been positive, and Inspector Crawford Inglis had attended. The new partnership will include MoFloCoCo alongside other interested parties, and regular meetings will be held before and after matches. The local community is urged to make use of the 101 telephone number and Police social media to report issues as they happen. Our community police officers will be patrolling the streets for future events. Inspector Inglis said that Police Scotland are keen for members of the community to sit on the panel also.

(ii) Laura Moran is taking on a different job role, and Christine Martin will be our main contact.

We may have to chase up our request for more toilets on match days as we have not yet received a response.

(iii) After the Premier Sports Cup semi-finals, Judith and Amber had put in a lot of work to follow up residents' complaints. We got a reply on the participation request from GCC, and are trying to have a meeting arranged. A good reply was received from Police Scotland; Hampden replied through a phone call and are attending the meetings with Police Scotland, who will be taking the lead on antisocial behaviour. Hampden are employing additional G4S to work alongside police. It is planned to have 2 Police officers with one G4S employee. At the cup final, this did not happen at the recent match because of Police absence due to Covid). A pre-match meeting will be held in March, in advance of the next international match and planned summer events.

9. GOMoFlo (Bernhard Hidding):

(i) There has been no recent meeting, and not much movement regarding works at Clincart Road corner. We are awaiting delivery of benches. Rachel Smith and others in the Area Partnership have been urged to move forward with the bollard art. Bernhard has approached a local artist,

Claire Barclay, to ask if she could provide a mural. She may produce ideas for a floor mural along with art which could be attached to the bollards – we could potentially use the IKEA grant money for this. The deadline for the Area Partnership funding may have passed, but some money may be able to be carried over to the next budget.

Action➤ Amber will check whether allocated money can be carried forward.

(ii) Judith is compiling a list of requirements to be sent to Christine.

(iii) Robbie had emailed three of the ward councillors about glass recycling bins. Their common replies proposed two sites for additional bins – at the junction of Cathcart Road and Clincart Road near the phone box, and Carmunnock Road at Letherby Drive. This had been discussed further on our Slack channel (footfall, etc.) and we felt that these were not ideal locations. Bernhard said that he would prefer that glass bins should not be sited on the carriageway but we could ask that they are put on the double yellow lines. It was felt that the council may situate them on pavements for reasons of health and safety. Bins are supposed to be emptied by GCC in advance of matches at Hampden to prevent misuse of bottles.

Action➤ Bernhard will sketch out suggestions for alternative locations and share with Robbie who will respond to GCC.

10. Letherby (Judith Pollock and Amber Mohammed):

(i) Confirmation had been received from SusTrans that they will fund the final stage of the design process, with two conditions attached. Judith has since spoken with Derek Dunsire of Liveable Neighbourhoods and is trying to arrange a meeting next week. GCC has said that they will support the project, which has planning permission. We have been asked to engage with Glasgow Disability Alliance to discuss plans with them and have emailed them, though we are still awaiting a response.

There is still time for people to get ideas in to further develop the Liveable Neighbourhood proposal. Further discussions may be had about how to make the area safer for pedestrians. Derek has promised to send the report to Judith when it is published.

Action➤ Judith to share link to LN consultation on social media.

(ii) It was suggested that an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order might be put in place, which could help by reducing the speed limit to 20 mph on Cathcart Road. We have identified certain black spots and there is a good case for having a lower speed limit all round the school, especially at the blind corner on Cathcart Road. Reduction of traffic around the school will also help reduce air pollution. It was noted that the police have increased resources until the end of February and that road safety is one of their priorities. We will inform Derek Dunsire that the TRO is something we wish to be implemented soon, with road layout changes to follow.

Action➤ Judith will contact the ward councillors summarising what has happened (including the recent road accident) and requesting a TRO.

Action➤ Bernhard will follow up on the signage for Bolton Drive area and the road markings allocating for the loading bays after Chris sends him a note about what was supposed to happen.

11. Use of Queens Park Glass House:

Shawlands and Strathbungo community councils have been in contact regarding the recent move by the Scottish Rural College into the area of the glass house formerly used as a café and soft play area. This was done without any local consultation, and it looks likely that if/when the glass house is reopened to the public, it will be a very much reduced space. We are broadly supportive of this approach and have been asked to sign a letter of protest which is being drafted and will give this our full consideration when it is received.

12. AOCB:

(i) Newsletter: we have not produced one for some time due to Covid restrictions. We have National Lottery / IKEA funds for community engagement what could cover production. Short articles (100-200 words) could include the Liveable Neighbourhoods scheme, GOMoFlo, clean-ups etc. and a piece on Window Wanderland Suggested deadline is the end of January for submissions (including photos).

Action➤ Judith will edit and arrange printing and distribution.

(ii) Train Station: There are proposals to reduce the hours that the office is manned, closing it at 4:45 p.m. This would mean limited support for disabled passengers, and reduced toilet access. Scotrail have not made clear the full impact of these changes. There is a new minister for transport, Jenny Gilruth, who could be contacted along with our MSPs.

Action➤ Judith will put out information on social media and write a response on behalf of the community council.

(iii) Chris had again received an email from Dr Katie Brown from the medical centre requesting volunteers to be interviewed by students about local health services. Amber, Judith and Paddy volunteered.

(iv) Lanes: the lanes are looking better in terms of storage and lighting, but planters are not yet organised. There has been a lot less fly-tipping. The lane WhatsApp group is functioning well. The police have said that sometimes people hide in bin sheds during football matches and residents are asked, where possible, to ensure that bin sheds are kept locked (or blocked with bins) at these times.

(v) The Area and Sector Partnership want more participation through citizen panels. It is not clear what this would mean for community councils. Amber will share more information when it is received.

(vi) Community Trust/Bowling Club: A flyer is being put out soon to update residents on what is happening. Judith will write to the developer's PR team to find out details of proposed community engagement.

(vii) From next month we can resume our meetings in person – permission for this was received today. Although most attending tonight's meeting were in favour of face-to-face meetings, it was recognised that it may be easier for some people (e.g. parents of young children) to attend virtual meetings. We will try to have some of our meetings online during the year.

Cassandra said she was interested in finding out about becoming a community councillor. Claire and Mark offered to meet her to discuss.

13. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 22nd February, at 7pm in Clincarthill Church Hall.