

# Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 24 May 2022  
Clincarthill Church Hall. 7p.m.

**Present:** Community Councillors Chris Carus, Claire Charlwood, Mark Charlwood, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Cassandra McLuckie, Amber Mohammed, Judith Pollock (Chair), Paddy Smith, Natasha Visser (Secretary) and Robbie Warringham (Treasurer).  
Also attending: Cllr Holly Bruce, Cllr Paul Leinster, Allan Munro, PC Sammy Garcia, PC Louise McDonald.

## 1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

## 2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above; apologies were received from Bernhard Hidding and Robert Pollock.

## 3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the April meeting were approved (proposed A. Mohammed, seconded Paddy Smith).

## 4. Matters Arising:

(i) **Item 6(iii):** Judith had given Cassandra details of contacts in Queens Park Working Group but she has been unable to attend due to work commitments.

## 5. Summary of Correspondence: (Natasha Visser)

Several emails had been received and shared.

## 6. Treasurer's Report (Robbie Warringham):

(i) There have been no outgoing since the last report.

(ii) The deadline for spending the Places Called Home grants has been extended to September.

## 7. Ward Councillors' Report:

The new ward councillors (Paul – SNP and Holly – Greens) introduced themselves. Things are still in the early stages, and they have been having intensive training since the election. The first full meeting of council sat last week, but none of the committees have yet met. Installation of the No Idling signs on Cathcart Road has taken place.

Paul is dealing with other correspondence received. He will be sitting on Planning, Contracts and Property, and on Digital Glasgow, and will be chair of City Property. He is also the new chair of Langside Area Partnership. Angus Miller will deal with transport issues. Paul's interest in local issues includes finding funding for improving streetscapes. There is to be £1 million for each ward, and the Area Partnership will decide how that is spent. Around £46,000 will be available for Langside Ward from the Parks and Open Space Improvement fund

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewDoc.asp?c=P62AFQDNDXUTNTZ3ND> . Liveable Streets –a pilot scheme will be undertaken to improve access around Langside Monument.

Holly will be Vice Chair of the Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction committee. She will also sit on the Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement committee, and the Glasgow Life board. She is the spokesperson for the Green group on justice and equality issues. She will be looking at cycling spaces, planning applications (including amplifying residents' voices on planning applications), and lighting in streets and parks, trying to find ways to make Queens Park more accessible in the darker months. She is also on several working groups, e.g. LGBT and Community Safety. She will be pushing for the reopening of libraries and museums that are still shut.

## 8. Community Police Report (PC Garcia):

PC Garcia reported. It will now be a regular procedure to keep the local action plan in place for football matches. He had been posted inside the stadium on Saturday, but had spoken to colleagues around the stadium and things seem to be a bit better, with only 4 incidents reported to the police. They are still waiting to hear back from local businesses. There is still a problem with shops selling alcohol to people who are already intoxicated.

The Community Council had not received many complaints about the recent match. It was noticed that more ticketing of illegally parked cars had taken place. Allan said that he had pointed this out to wardens, who had been confused about parking restrictions due to some old signage on lamp posts left from several years ago - this is the case in a number of streets. Some car owners had been spoken to on Saturday, and the £30 fine is clearly not working as it is cheaper for drivers and passengers to pay the fine if caught than to take alternative means of transport. MoFloCoCo had responded to the consultation last year, asking that the fine be made higher.

Hampden now has more portaloos, and police are talking to Hampden and encouraging them to let fans know the location of these. Fans are asking, so it seems that these are useful.

Buses have been spotted dropping fans off at the local bus bay on Carmunnock Road, outside houses. The police had initially moved them on, but as soon as the officers left, the buses returned. There is a special bus park for events, but this does not seem to be much in use.

Bike marking – a recent session was held at the college and about 100 bikes were marked. The bike register scheme is available online (<https://www.bikeregister.com/>) ; bicycles have a unique frame number which can be registered, and the bikes can be marked with the security marking kits available on the website, or at local sessions.

#### **9. Hampden (Amber Mohammed):**

**(i) Vegetation:** Hampden has cleared all the bushes around the stadium, not just the diseased trees as per the original consultation. Amber has taken this up with them. She brought up the lack of further consultation, asked why more trees had been removed than discussed, and whether there were plans to replace the trees removed. She also noted the Japanese knotweed spotted around the stadium and asked if they had a solution for this.

They replied that the head groundkeeper had spoken to residents of Norfield Drive, but residents at the top of Mount Annan Drive had not been consulted. Landscaping work is still ongoing, and some turfing will take place. There may also be some hawthorn planting. They are taking action to eradicate the knotweed and ensure it does not enter adjacent properties.

**Action** ➤ Judith will contact the Mount Annan WhatsApp group.

**Action** ➤ Holly will take this to the environment committee.

SEPA should ensure Hampden deals with the knotweed.

**(ii) Football events:** we got very little feedback on the recent match at Hampden from residents. The action plan seems to be working, which is reassuring.

**(iii) Concerts:** Amber will push for a meeting before the summer concerts. Potential problems will be communicated to the licensing committee. Karen Young is the new SFA events manager for non-match events, and may be the best person to contact there.

**(iv) GCC Area Co-ordinator** Karen Venables met with Judith and Amber last week and is looking into what can be done about extra street waste bins, and also brown recycling bins for tenements. She is also moving the Outcome Improvement Process plan forward with Christine Martin.

**(v) Nothing further** has been heard about the community open evening that was to be held this week; it looks likely that this is not now going ahead.

**(v) Parks and Open Space:** The Safer Communities team can come and work with local residents on bike marking, lock improvements etc.

#### **10. Letherby (Judith Pollock):**

**(i) Judith** updated those attending on what has happened so far. The £70,000 grant from SusTrans has been awarded. Judith will be meeting with SusTrans and GCC tomorrow, and again in two weeks. The Liveable Neighbourhoods team is on board and the GCC consultancy Services team will supervise our choice of architects to draw up the final plan. ERZ were appointed through competitive tender for the previous stage. We agreed that we are happy for them to continue to RIBA Stage 4.

**(ii) Judith** had written to Steven Dowling inquiring about the level of income which would trigger the need for an audit by a Chartered Accountant. Steven had responded that it was at the discretion of community councillors. If they are satisfied with whatever arrangements are put in place for scrutiny of the accounts, then none is needed. As the grant will be used to pay ERZ, and SusTrans will be monitoring the process, there does not seem to be a need for a full audit as all receipts will be kept and reports kept up to date.

#### **11. GoMoFlo:**

Bernhard had sent a report.

(i) Some money was provided through the Parks and Open Spaces fund for bollard art; local artists and schoolchildren are involved and a plan is coming together.

(ii) **IKEA grant (Places Called Home):** GCC donated planters for Bolton Drive, and an artist was commissioned to design a mural for the Clincart corner. Seats have been provided through the Parks and Open Spaces fund. Redundant stone blocks may be used for extra seating in the area. There was some debate about whether these would look like rubble or would create clutter. A Scottish Water drinking fountain would be an ideal addition to the area.

(iii) Bernhard had asked for an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) at the Letherby triangle junction of Cathcart Road/ Carmunnock Road. Judith will raise this with Derek Dunsire of Liveable neighbourhoods. There is a safety argument here as car drivers do not always observe road markings and turn without indicating.

(iv) **Bike bus:** Victoria (on the MF Slack channel) has suggested a 'kidical mass' where adults cycle along with kids to escort them safely to school. We would need to work out where the kids are, and what the potential routes to school would be.

(v) The People Make Glasgow communities team will be asked to find out who owns the red brick wall at Clincart Drive, to establish whether it could be used for a mural.

## 12. Community Street Party: (Paddy Smith)

Paddy had spoken with Mandy Evans-Ewing and the 19<sup>th</sup> June had been suggested as a possible date. They were looking to close off Carmunnock Road at Letherby Drive as part of the Street Play initiative, but GCC said that, as a TRO is needed for the whole city for the jubilee weekend, there would not be another Street Play event allowed so close to that. It is now felt to be too late for us to organise an event for the jubilee weekend, but there will be another Street Play weekend in September so we will concentrate our efforts there.

## 13. AOCB:

(i) **Hangingshaws:** This area is owned by GCC and had been proposed for housing, but Hampden had asked that any decision be delayed until after the World Cup bid was decided on. Tanya Wisely had asked that it should not be developed. We would like the local community to be consulted before any decision is taken.

(ii) **Orchards in Queens Park:** Chris had been asked by a group of residents if a professional gardening group could be put together to protect and renew the orchards – they are looking for a small amount of funding to do this. It was suggested that this might be better done through the Queens Park working group.

(iii) Chris is involved in LOCO Home Retrofit, a co-operative looking at ways to decarbonise home energy, by working collectively to make homes more energy efficient and get away from fossil fuels. They are looking for a body (or a number of local groups together) to apply for funding to allow them to develop a bigger plan. The Langside Area Partnership was suggested.

(iv) **Bowling Club:** Allan reported MF Community Trust had held a public meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, attended by 50-70 residents. The developer has now issued a change of plan, and is proposing to donate the rest of the land (0.3 hectares) including the clubhouse (which is to be regarded as open space), to the Trust or another community group, along with £150,000 for maintenance or a refurbishment of the clubhouse. If the Trust or any other community group takes on the clubhouse, it will have to be maintained. The developer's planning application will be submitted in June. Any new development must fit the City Development Plan (CDP 1) which must meet the highest sustainability standards and protect and improve the quality of the environment, and CDP 6, which includes providing new open spaces in association with new development. The City Development Plan is due for renewal very soon, and will place much more emphasis on the retention of green space in communities, especially in densely-populated areas such as Mount Florida.

The Community Trust met on Thursday and members will be given two options in a survey – to continue with the campaign to retain the whole green space, or to communicate with the developer and negotiate. The 149 members of the Trust will decide between these options and communicate their decision to MoFloCoCo. Meanwhile, the Community Council will arrange a consultation with the local community.

**Action** ➤ Judith will draft the consultation, spelling out the history, current situation and material reasons for objections to the development. We will ask people to identify the reasons that they object.

It was noted that Chris Bryant has resigned as director of MFCT, and Nicola Smith is taking over.

## 14. Close. Next meeting: Tuesday 28th June 2022 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall