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THE NEWSLETTER
OF MOUNT FLORIDA
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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COVERING MOUNT FLORIDA AND KINGS PARK WEST

DEAR NEIGHBOUR,

MoFloCoCo is a group of unpaid, elected local people who give some of their spare time for the benefit of the local community. In this newsletter you can read about our work representing you and find out how you can play a part, too:

We lobbied the Glasgow 2014 Organising Committee for sympathetic treatment Hampden neighbours, and for better provision of information about the arrangements for the Games. (see page 3)

Our campaign for a thorough review of parking restrictions continues (page 2)

We are launching a new community-based project to improve the quality of the local environment (page 1)

We're supporting the new Business Association in its work to promote the local shops.

The environment plan, which we're calling 'Grow Mo Flo!', is a chance for everybody to get involved for the good of the neighbourhood.

I hope you'll stay in touch with MoFloCoCo through social media, by signing up for the monthly e-newsletter on our website, or by coming to our meetings. Thanks for reading.

Chris Carus, Chairman

GROW moflo!



MOFLOCOCO INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN A NEW PROJECT AIMED AT BUILDING ON THE WONDERFUL COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF MOUNT FLORIDA TO MAKE OURS A CLEANER, GREENER AND EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

We want to unleash the pride so many people feel for our area, not only to eliminate litter and dog mess, but also to enable everybody here to make a positive contribution to our environment. We can take inspiration from the 'guerrilla gardeners' you may have noticed around the neighbourhood!

MoFloCoCo is partnering with Urban Roots and CARCAP, (plus any other organisations that want to join in!). We have been awarded £2400 of City Council funding from Langside Area Partnership to kick off the project, and now we need your ideas and your help to get things going.

Why not come along to the launch event on Saturday 13th September at 1:30 to 3:30 at the COP Church hall (old Mount Florida church), 1123 Cathcart Road. We'll be discussing your ideas and looking to establish a team of volunteers around the following themes:

- Making neglected spaces greener and more beautiful, much like the Stanmore Social Community Garden (see box), for example back courts and lanes.

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- A positive campaign to encourage responsible dog ownership.
- Constructive co-operation between the community, the City Council and other agencies.

The key to success for community-based projects like this is the involvement of people like you. Please come along to contribute your ideas and find out more. You can drop in and out any time during the event so we hope to see you on Saturday 13th. And if you can't make it, you can catch up at our normal monthly meeting on 23rd September (details on page 3), or watch out for updates on social media.

STANMORE SOCIAL COMMUNITY GARDEN LAUNCH



ON FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST AN ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD ATTENDED THE STANMORE SOCIAL COMMUNITY GARDEN LAUNCH, JOINED BY JAMES DORNAN MSP.

The garden is comprised of three terraces linking Stanmore Road and Cumming Drive. Currently an expanse of neglected concrete, this space has the potential to become a productive and beautiful space in the heart of Mount Florida. Plans for the garden include an orchard, vegetable and flower beds, fruit bushes, play equipment, accessible ramp, seating and a shelter.

Everybody had fun marking the launch with seed bombs, nature weaving, apple pressing, live music and tasty snacks.

The project is supported by a Stalled Spaces grant of £2500 and other grant applications are pending. The project is a partnership between Stanmore Social, Urban Roots and Cathcart & District Housing Association.

If you would like more information about participating in the project, contact:

📍 www.facebook.com/stanmoresocial

✉ les@urbanroots.org.uk

✉ mandy@mandyevansewing.com

BUSINESS ASSOCIATION LAUNCHED

In June, a number of business managers in Mount Florida and Battlefield came together to form a business association. The aim is simple - by working together, local businesses can tackle the issues affecting them in a more effective way. At MoFloCoCo, we welcome this new development. Local businesses are at the heart of Mount Florida and we believe the success of the area and its businesses are intertwined. It is also unsurprising that many issues which affect you as residents are also a problem for business owners, with perhaps the most obvious being the parking restrictions on Cathcart Road and surrounding streets!

Therefore, we plan to work with the Business Association to tackle some of these issues. With strength in numbers we will be able to make our campaigns for change much more vocal. As we continue with our aims to improve parking, the environment and other things affecting residents, we look forward to working with the business association to help make Mount Florida a great place to live, work and shop!

[HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?]

Community Councils are the most local tier of democratic representation in Scotland, their purpose being to give a voice to people on the most local issues. They are non-commercial and non-party political.

Community councils are especially important for areas like Mount Florida that can fall between the gaps in local and central government priorities: having fewer social and health problems than the average; having higher than average employment rates; but not being a centre of commerce and wealth.

MoFloCoCo has 18 unpaid and democratically elected Councillor positions, but some places are currently vacant. We have statutory roles in the planning and licensing processes, and we can speak loudly on any issue of local interest.

As Community Councillors retire or move out of the area we need a constant flow of new, motivated candidates. We'll invite nominations to the council at the October Annual General Meeting, with nominations due by 10th October. For information or a nomination form, please contact us at moflococo@gmail.com or call 07852 856969.

GLASGOW 2014



Glasgow 2014 has been described as the best ever Commonwealth Games, and thousands of Glaswegians made their inimitable impression on 'the friendly games'. How did it go for us, the neighbours of Hampden, and what is the Games legacy for Mount Florida?

In September 2013, MoFloCoCo started working with Glasgow 2014. You had told us you wanted clear information about the arrangements so that you could plan around them.

During the course of our campaign of meetings, letter-writing, press releases and TV interviews, MoFloCoCo used its influence for your benefit, including:

- We persuaded Glasgow 2014 to relax the constraints on deliveries for local businesses.
- We persuaded Glasgow 2014 of the need to deliver information to every address in the area.
- We persuaded Glasgow 2014 that there would be insufficient parking space for residents, resulting in the overflow parking at Queens Park and shuttle bus.
- We persuaded GCC to make available a help line for problems with parking permit infringements.

We compiled the available information into an information sheet that we distributed online. In general it seems most residents were able to enjoy the Games.

But what is the long term legacy for Mount Florida, other than parking restrictions and a few road and pavement improvements? This is what we will continue to ask our City Councillors in the months ahead.

PARKING

A year on from the implementation of controversial new parking restrictions, MoFloCoCo is continuing its campaign for a thorough review. The 'Routes to Hampden bus infrastructure' Traffic Regulation Order saw a significant reduction in parking availability on Cathcart Road and in the surrounding residential streets, especially around Bolton Drive and Clincart Road.



Over several months of dialogue with Land & Environmental Services we achieved a few small victories including the removal of restrictions at the top of Carmunnock Road, the removal of contradictory signage, and the shortening of the double-yellow lines on Clincart Road.

Our most significant achievement was to extract a commitment from LES to a thorough review of the restriction to begin after the Commonwealth Games when LES officials would be released from Games-related pressures. This commitment was supported by Councillor Archie Graham.

We expect to see a thorough review of the arrangements with consideration for both residents and businesses. Questions we will be asking:

- The Cathcart Road restrictions were intended to promote travel by bus by easing the flow of buses. How have the frequency of bus services and volume of car commuters changed?
- What have been the consequences of the Cathcart Road restriction for local life, including residents, businesses and employment?
- The restrictions in the residential streets were intended to improve pedestrian safety. Has this worked?
- Could changes create additional parking spaces, for example one-way streets with diagonal spaces?

Without the great response we received from local residents to MoFloCoCo's previous consultation we would not have got the commitment for a review. Now again we will ensure local people can have their say on how our streets are managed. Please keep in touch on social media, or sign up for the e-newsletter on our website.

moflococo MEETINGS:

Meetings are always held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, except July, August and December. 7pm Clincarthill Church Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.



23RD SEPTEMBER

**Launch of new programme
for 2014-2015 session**

28TH OCTOBER

Annual General Meeting



NEWS [IN BRIEF]

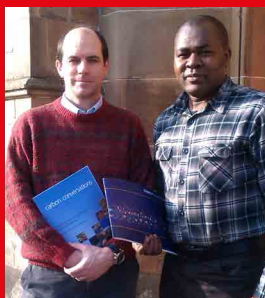
FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Mount Florida Community Council is a member of the Langside Area Partnership which has an annual grant-giving budget of around £50,000 funded by the City Council. Grants have been awarded for a wide range of purposes, including playground equipment and community group events. Please contact us for application forms and for advice about how to take advantage of these funds for your community project.

SAVE MONEY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Gear up for winter and give local organisation CARCAP a call to see how you can reduce your energy bills and carbon foot print. We provide free home visits to help identify what you can do to manage your energy, lessons on how to drive in a more fuel efficient manner and information and advice on reducing food waste. There is a helpful information sheet delivered with this newsletter on how much appliances cost to run.

Book a home visit and get a FREE TV auto shutdown and start saving right away. Contact Colin (07923 957501) or Fred (07923 958326), via Facebook or admin@copscotland.co.uk



FIRE SAFETY

Did you know all residents are entitled to a free home fire safety visit from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service? They will also fit smoke detectors in your house free of charge. If you would like to take advantage of this service, call Polmadie Fire Station on 0141 423 2223

STANMORE ROAD ON TV AGAIN!

In 2004, the BBC used a flat on Stanmore Road for its paranormal drama series Sea of Souls. This time, on 6th to 11th August, Channel 4 is filming interior and exterior scenes for a comedy drama. It isn't known yet when the 6 episodes will be screened. The title is: Scrotal Recall...! Contact us to include your community news story here.

PROBLEM IN YOUR STREET? PLEASE REPORT IT!



Clean Glasgow

0800 027 7027

Bulk refuse uplift

0141 287 9700

Parks Department

0141 287 5064

Roads and Lighting Faults

0800 373635

Water mains leaks

0845 600 8855

Anti social behaviour

0800 027 3901 or 0141 276 7400

Noise nuisance

0141 287 9700

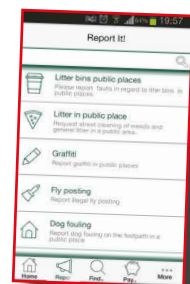
Police non-emergency

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Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

**YOU CAN ALSO USE THE
MY GLASGOW APP FOR REPORTING
MANY LOCAL ISSUES, FROM
UN-EMPTIED BINS TO POTHOLES.**



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