

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2014
COVERING MOUNT FLORIDA AND KINGS PARK WEST

INTRODUCTION

MOFLOCOCO IS A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS WHO GIVE SOME OF THEIR SPARE TIME TRYING TO IMPROVE THEIR LOCAL AREA. WE REPRESENT RESIDENTS IN AN AREA WHICH INCLUDES A PART OF KINGS PARK. IN THIS NEWSLETTER YOU CAN READ ABOUT OUR RECENT WORK ON THE ISSUES YOU HAVE TOLD US ARE IMPORTANT:

- 1) Opposing excessive parking restrictions
- 2) Reducing litter and improving the environment
- 3) Ensuring the arrangements for the Commonwealth Games are considerate of local residents and businesses.

We are making progress in these areas but we can do much more with your help. See the back apge for examples of how you could volunteer for Mount Florida. Thanks for reading and we look forward to seeing you at a meeting or hearing from you by any of the means listed at the bottom of the page.

ANGER MOUNTS AT PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Residents and businesses have told us loud and clear of their disappointment with regard to the recently introduced parking restrictions - and we want to hear more.

MoFloCoCo is currently taking steps to challenge the more confusing and arguably unnecessary restrictions.

Correspondence with council officials has revealed that the reasons for the restrictions mainly revolve around pedestrian safety, which we completely support, and reducing double-parking on Cathcart and Carmunnock Roads, which we don't recall being a significant issue.

We have been successful in persuading officials that the restrictions at 1 to 33 Carmunnock Road were both confusing and excessive. Consequently the new restrictions have since been removed, and we helped at least one resident have a parking ticket overturned.

However there is still much to be done - and we need your help.

We think the remaining issues revolve around 3 main areas. We ask you to share your opinion with us on the following points.

* The restrictions on Cathcart and Carmunnock Roads are excessive and the signage is confusing. This is bad for residents, shoppers and our local businesses."

* We need new ideas for safely creating more parking spaces around Clincart Rd, Bolton Dr, Florida St and McLennan St. For example introducing one way traffic on some streets could enable diagonal parking. The double-yellow lines at 39 Clincart Rd don't need to be so long."

*For safety reasons, the traffic island on Bolton Dr should be illuminated or have reflective bollards."

We continue to correspond with council officials, and will seek the continued support of our elected politicians. Please come along to the January MoFloCoCo meeting or write to us so we can represent your point of view.



NEWS [IN BRIEF]

Langside Area Grants

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. Projects supported recently include 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.

Mount Flora

Scotrail has recently approved plans put forward by a group of Mo Flo'ers and Battlefielders for gardening on Mount Florida station. It is hoped this will be a trigger for other green projects in the area through next summer. Scotrail provides funding so all we need now is hands to help out (green fingers optional!). We especially need to hear from people willing to join the organising committee. Contact Chris at 07852 856969 or via moflococo@gmail.com for more info.



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

[CONTACT US TO
PUBLICISE YOUR
COMMUNITY
GROUP HERE!]

STAYING SAFE

MoFloCoCo has been paying close attention to a new Police Action Plan in Kings Park to tackle anti-social behaviour involving uniformed officers on foot, cycle patrol, trial motorcycles and mounted police deployed in the area.

The initiative has resulted in a substantial decrease in disorder, proving that communities working with the authorities do make a difference. We are currently looking into how a similar plan could be implemented in Mount Florida.

Community Safety Glasgow has a wealth of information and useful contacts for tackling anti-social behaviour on its new website - www.saferglasgow.com

If you're out and about at night, Police Scotland issues the following information about staying vigilant

- * If not using public transport, try and pre-book your taxi, or arrange a lift home.
- * Be aware - avoid isolated areas. Don't take short cuts through dark alleys, parks or across waste ground and keep to well lit, busy areas. Walk facing the traffic so a car cannot pull up behind you unnoticed.
- * Make sure your mobile is charged and has credit - keep it safe and do not leave it unattended
- * Have your keys ready when approaching your car or house.

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MEETINGS:

All residents are welcome to attend Council meetings at **7pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month**. (There are no meetings in July, August and December) at **Clincarthill Church on the corner of Battlefield and Cathcart Roads**. Special topics for forthcoming meetings.

JANUARY 28TH

PARKING ISSUES

FEBRUARY 25TH

**COMMONWEALTH GAMES
ROUTES**



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IMPROVING OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT



Living and working in a clean and safe environment is, we're sure, important to all of us and remains a cause for concern. Street litter, dog mess and overflowing bins continue to be a high-visibility problem, but we can all help to improve things.

A lack of co-ordinated clean-up after Hampden events has been an issue for some time, but, as a result of action taken by MoFloCoCo, additional resources have now been allocated by the city council to work in the area after events. Hopefully we'll all see the benefits during the Commonwealth Games.

MoFloCoCo regularly organises community clean-up days, where we focus on cleaning up areas of the Mount which are often overlooked. The last one, in mid-November, focussed on Queen's Park Recreation Ground and our team of volunteers removed several tons of items, ranging from plastic bags and drinks cans to an entire settee! Look out for details of the next clean-up day in local shops, or on Facebook and Twitter.

Neighbourhood Improvement Volunteers (NIVs), supported by Community Safety Glasgow and Glasgow city council, are individuals who improve their local environment by adopting an area in their neighbourhood and then take action to improve its cleanliness. NIVs also receive a priority service when reporting dog fouling, fly-tipping, litter, graffiti and fly-posting.

Anyone can become an NIV, and further information on the scheme, including an application form, can be found in the Environment section of the MoFloCoCo website, or at www.cleanglasgow.com

Will the Commonwealth Games mean disruption for Mount Florida?

Glasgow 2014's head of legacy Paul Zealey will attend MoFloCoCo's February meeting to update residents on plans for traffic and road management around Hampden during this summer's Commonwealth Games.

Hampden stadium will host all athletics events as well as the Commonwealth Games closing ceremony and it is anticipated there will be some disruption to local traffic during the Games, which run from 23 July to 3 August 2014.

Details about the Games Route Network – the primary routes that will be used to convey athletes and officials across the city and to venues including Hampden, will be available later this month, however more detailed planning around local area traffic management and parking is not scheduled to be complete until March.



Mr Zealey will be able to update residents on possible disruption to local traffic at the February meeting. However he is also keen to hear from the community about their concerns and suggestions on how to minimise these issues during the Games, so please do come along to the meeting on Tuesday 25 February at 7pm, Clincarthill Parish Church and let your voice be heard.

Last September, Mr Zealey stated at a MoFloCoCo meeting that Glasgow 2014 was keen for local and community input. Residents outlined their concerns about disruption to local traffic and businesses, including the Games route that would divert Hampden attendees arriving from Mount Florida station on to Prospecthill Road, rather than along Cathcart Road.

We expect Mr Zealey to report back to us on any decisions that have been made on this at our upcoming meeting.

moFloCoCo NEEDS YOU!



The MoFloCoCo team has grown in recent months and is always looking for new members. Why not join us? There are currently 12 councillors and several unelected volunteers. Apart from improving your own neighbourhood, Community Council experience could be a useful addition to a CV or contribute towards a Saltire or Duke of Edinburgh Award (ages 16 and up are applicable).

There are nine two-hour meetings per year. Community Councillors decide for themselves what additional time they are willing to contribute for projects and campaigns. Roles and responsibilities are tailored to fit each person's time commitment and skills. There are empty places on the council so you simply need to be nominated – no elections.

We especially need new people to help with the following:

- **Queens Park Arena Rep** – participate in one of Scotland's largest community-based projects. Ideal for anyone with passion for Queens Park or live events.
- **Communications Co-ordinator** – help us keep on top of correspondence.
- **Budget controller** – maintain a basic budget and facilitate discussion about how to balance it.
- **Social media curator and IT support** – encourage online discussion about local topics and help us set up an e-newsletter and mailing list.
- **Local business liaison** - help build closer links with Mount Florida's local businesses

There is also plenty of scope for volunteering on an informal basis, for example:

- Participating in community clean-ups
- Publicity design (posters, photos)
- We're open to defining a role that suits you so please get in touch.

PROBLEM IN YOUR STREET? PLEASE REPORT IT!



Graffiti, fly tipping, fly posting removal and irresponsible dog owners

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

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