

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the (Zoom) Meeting of 23 February 2021
7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), M. Charlwood, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Pollock, G. Thomson (Secretary)
Also attending: Holly Bruce, Mandy Burke, Bernhard Hidding, Joan Perry, Natasha Visser, Robbie Warringham, John (?).

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris Carus chaired the Zoom meeting, which is to be regarded as a regular community council meeting (prop. C. Carus, sec. J. Pollock), and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from R. Pollock.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the January meeting were approved (proposed C. Carus, seconded J. Pollock).

3. Matters Arising:

(i) Item 10(i): Hampden Lane – last month Laura Moran told us about the toolkit for residents looking after public lanes, which we have publicised online. Chris has also posted an editable document relating to Hampden Lane on social media.

Laura had been asked whether the western end of Hampden Lane was a public right of way; it seems that it could meet the criteria. There is still an issue of fly tipping in the lane, and the small glass bin has not yet been removed. In addition, the blue bins have been overflowing for some weeks, and one blue bin has been removed from No. 69 and not replaced. Residents are asked to report any missed collections to the cleansing department. We also encourage residents to put up the poster supplied in the toolkit in closes, to remind neighbours of the bulk uplift process.

Action ➤ Judith will pass on details of the person in charge at Polmadie to Mark.

Joan Perry is organising a clean-up of Hampden Lane east, and GCC have agreed to provide a skip for the initial clean-up. Other owners would need to organise their own clean-up. The lane end could be gated to prevent unwanted fly tipping, but for this to happen, a stopping-up order would have to be applied for.

Action ➤ Chris will get back in touch with Laura to ask how the cleansing will get access to back yards for bulk uplift.

(ii) Item 11(3): the pot hole at Kinmount Avenue has been filled in.

4. Summary of Correspondence:

(i) Stephen Docherty of Friends of Queens Park had been in touch to say that dialogue has been set up with GCC regarding investment plans for the park. Membership of the group discussing the matter is limited to 8, including one community councillor representing all four local community councils. It was noted that Community Councils have no role or mechanism to represent other areas. There were no volunteers to act as a representative for Mount Florida.

(ii) Laurie Ross, the new insurance firm on Carmunnock Road, has had several nominations for the Letherby Triangle project for its community charitable giving programme. We have sent them some information about the project, as requested.

(iii) We have been offered an opportunity to participate in focus group discussion about the participation request based on our experience with our request in relation to events at Hampden Park. There were no volunteers to represent the Community Council in this discussion.

(iv) The Friends of Kings Park are doing a survey on park use, and are looking for more responses, particularly from young people.

(v) Langside Halls Trust are also doing a consultation on how the halls might be used in future. We have posted links to the proposals and feedback form on social media.

5. Community Police Report:

No police attended, and there was no report.

6. Treasurer's Report (Judith):

There has been little change since last month. We committed to paying Chris a contribution towards the cost of the zoom account.

7. Ward Councillor's Report

No ward councillors attended.

8. Nominations for new Community Councillors:

(i) Two nominations had been received and validated by Steven Dowling, and a further three nominations have since been received. There are five vacancies, so we will leave this open for any further nominations. Those nominated:

Bernhard Hidding

Natasha Visser

Robbie Warringham

These nominations were accepted (proposed C. Carus, seconded M. Charlwood).

All three will join Judith on the GoMoFlo committee.

(ii) An induction pack on being a community councillor can be found on the GCC website

<https://glasgow.gov.uk/communitycouncils>

Our primary role is about representation, with a secondary role in leading development initiatives. Our key code of conduct is that we are publicly accountable for decisions made collectively by the community council. If speaking publicly, we should be clear on whether we are speaking as an individual or on behalf of the community council.

Our mission statement (on our website) says that "MoFloCoCo enables participative local democracy for the benefit of the whole community."

9. Letherby Project

(i) Not much update this month. The planning application is fully up to date. 34 comments had been received, with 32 in support, 1 against and 1 neutral.

(ii) Kirsty is working on a fundraising strategy with Judith and Gavin. We would be eligible for My Park Scotland crowd-sourced funding via Green Space Scotland, which should allow us to approach bodies who only support charities for funding.

(iii) It appears that Hampden Park Limited own the area the proposal covers. If planning permission is awarded, we will engage lawyers to look at the titles and identify what, if any, approvals are needed for the development to proceed.

(iv) The planning department have had some comments from Roads re access for shops and houses. Judith and Gavin will meet with erz once all comments from statutory consultees have been shared with them.

10. GoMoFlo Environmental Project (Bernhard and Judith):

(i) The group is currently looking at three main areas of activity. First, Mount Florida Community Council has secured, but not yet accepted, a grant from Glasgow City Council to improve the look of Cathcart Road in the area regarded as the town centre. Bernhard is leading the design of this which involves siting a number of planters with attached seats in suitable locations. It also involves decorating the concrete bollards at the junction at Cathcart and Clincart Roads and McLennan Street. We have had to revise the position of planters on the footpath. The works need to be contracted before the end of March, so we hope to hear back soon from GCC re the permissions for this.

(ii) End of life decommissioning costs will be paid from the grant.

(iii) Charges for permission for pavement use may be paid from the grant, and we understand that the first few years' charge might be waived. When the bus build-out occurs, the planters can be moved to make more space on the pavement.

(iv) We can send out to tender but if we do we will make it clear that we are not liable to accept any of the tenders until we have signed the contract.

(v) All documentation relating to the project must be stored for up to ten years. These can be stored in digital form on Google Drive.

(vi) A concern with the contract is the requirement for public liability insurance. We have been advised that we will be covered by the public liability block insurance policy taken out for all community councils. It was agreed this should be confirmed. Mark suggested that we write a letter asking for confirmation that public liabilities in relation to the planters over their lifetime are covered by the Community Council public liability insurance, and make it clear that we are signing on this understanding.

Action ➤ Bernhard will seek assurance from GCC that public liabilities associated with the planters will be covered over their lifetime by the GCC Community Council insurance policy either through gaining agreement to attach an appendix to the contract or through written confirmation from an appropriate Council officer. Bernhard will share the outcome of this and the contract with all Community Councillors. Chris proposed that if no objections to the contract

and the assurances on insurance are received from Community Councillors within 24 hours then Judith, Chris and Mark will be authorised to sign the contract on behalf of the Community Council. This was seconded by Mark. There was no disagreement.

(vii) As the second area of the project, Robbie and Natasha are intending to organise get-togethers, when Covid allows, to carry out a community clean-up. A number of people at the meeting volunteered to join them. More information will be available closer to the time.

(viii) The third part of the project concerns traffic control. We have heard that Glasgow City Council may be intending to introduce measures to reduce rat-running in Mount Florida. There will be no consultation at this stage, although GCC may adapt the measures that are introduced, depending on the community response. We discussed how we could best engage with residents if this happens to ensure the best solution for us.

ix) Judith sent out a Doodle poll to around 40 people who responded to the November survey to try to find out which dates / times best suit them for meetings.

11. AOCB

(i) At the beginning of last year we got a grant for callisthenics equipment for the Queens Park Rec's; this is to be installed this month.

(ii) Food waste uplift – grey bins are being removed from a large number of tenements with no consultation with residents. There seems to be a new strategy to create hubs of food waste bins at certain locations around the area.

Action➤ Janet to contact Laura Moran to clarify, and to ask about alternatives.

(iii) Chris announced his intention not to stand as Chair at the October elections, due to other commitments; he does however intend to stand again as a community councillor. He also asked about handing over his non-chair responsibilities:

- Facebook – Janet and Judith are currently admins, but we could also do with others to assist;
- Updating the website regularly;
- The email newsletter (sent via Mailchimp);
- Substitute on the Area Partnership committee (when Mark is unable to attend);

Gavin has agreed to take over the email account.

(iv) Bernhard suggested setting up a commonplace map which could be used by local residents to flag up issues or information, in a similar way to that residents in Waverly Park have sourced ideas for safer streets. Chris further suggested this could be a way of meeting our constitutional objective for developing a vision for the area.

(v) Community Councils have an obligation to ensure their websites meet accessibility criteria.

Action➤ Judith will request central support for this from Steven Dowling (carried over from last month).

12. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 7pm, online (Zoom)