

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the (Zoom) Meeting of 25 May 2021
7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), B. Hidding, J. MacDonald (Minutes), A. Mohammed, J. Pollock, R. Pollock, G. Thomson (Secretary), N. Visser, R. Warringham
Also attending: PC Sammy Garcia, Louise, Calum MacKinnon, Ferg Magennis, Alice Pigott, Cllr A. Richardson, Nicola Smith

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris chaired the zoom meeting, which is to be regarded as a regular community council meeting, and welcomed those attending.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising outwith the agenda.

4. Summary of Correspondence:

(i) SPT have proposed an overhaul of public transport, hoping to take more control, and have produced a document (Case for Change). They are encouraging community councils to get involved. Gavin has a copy of the document which he can share with anyone interested.

(ii) An email was received from Hampden with a document attachment detailing the road closures that will be in place during the Euros.

5. Treasurer's Report (Judith Pollock):

(i) Two grants had been received for the Hampden Lane improvements.

(ii) We have been refunded by GCC for the overcharge for the Letherby Triangle grant application.

(iii) We have confirmation that the Window Wanderland money must be used for capital equipment so cannot be used for future events, unless we wish to buy more banners. Any remaining money will be returned.

(iv) Judith had written to the school about cartoon policemen signs which can be used to deter parking outside schools etc. and is awaiting a reply.

6. Ward Councillor's Report (Anna Richardson) :

(i) Anna welcomed the new people attending the meeting.

(ii) The cyclehoop scheme has just launched, and the first 60 hangars are being installed around Glasgow. There has been a huge interest in renting these, and locations are chosen according to demand. If they are over-subscribed, there is a request function on the Cyclehoops website <https://www.cyclehoop.com>

(iii) Area Partnership funding is available for maintaining the lanes, with around £700,000 to be spent around the city. The council's private lanes strategy is looking into how the mechanism will work to distribute the money. A private lane toolkit is available.

(iv) All cleansing changes are now in place, with a 3-week cycle in place for single door properties. There has been a reduction in complaints about missed bin collections. Charges will soon be introduced for bulk uplift, so residents are advised to arrange any bulk uplifts ASAP for free uplift.

(v) The Spaces for People consultation is live. Mount Florida is on the radar for the transport strategy team. An update will be coming to the environment committee in the next few weeks, with the completed strategy about 9 months away.

(vi) Anna then took questions. She was asked about the implementation of the TRO, especially regarding the pinch point around the bus stop. The south-bound build-out is really large, lumpy and seems to be of a lower standard than others around the city. The north-bound build-out was approved in the TRO but there now appears to be a safety issue preventing the build. There was also a request to repaint the centre lines on Cathcart Road, which have not been in place since the road was resurfaced. Cllr Richardson will look into this.

(vii) A No Entry sign has appeared in the wrong place on Bolton Drive, and the signs here and on Florida Street have not been bagged. Anna will look into this immediately.

(viii) Anna was asked how we can facilitate cycling. She suggested that this conversation takes place with the officer at a meeting on 10th June with some community councillors.

(ix) Some food waste bins have not been emptied, and the street bin had been contaminated. Anna took details and will follow this up.

(x) Anna was asked about the plans for the closure of Carmunnock Road and introduction of planters as part of the first stage of the Liveable Neighbourhoods strategy. There had been quite a bit of correspondence on this. City-wide changes are being considered for the longer term future.

Action ➤ Bernhard will send Anna an email to be forwarded to John Telford.

(xi) Robbie raised the issue of the lack of glass bins in the north side of our area. Anna will try to identify suitable locations for additional bins. A new resource recycling strategy is ongoing. GCC is looking at tenements and main door properties to develop a more equitable strategy, looking at what waste streams should be going through the various mechanisms.

(xii) There may be options for traffic calming on side streets. Anna will try to contact Derek Dunsyre or someone on his team.

(xiii) **Hampden:** Amber is our new rep. She is speaking with Colin MacDonald (Safety & Operations Manager) about communications with local residents. Promises made in 2018 are not being fulfilled. Lots of greenery is being removed from the campus, which doesn't seem to be a sensible policy. Chris had written a letter to Colin on behalf of MoFloCoCo and Amber will follow this up.

(xiv) Funding of Letherby Triangle project - this is still in the planning stages and we will be looking for funding once planning permission is received. Anna was asked whether the £1.5m allocated for Open Spaces could be accessible for the project, and also about the Scottish government regeneration capital grant scheme. She replied that the Open Spaces money may not be appropriate for this, as it is designed to apply to things like sustainable drainage etc, with work being carried out by the Council. She will investigate the Scottish government grant further.

7. Community Police Report (PC Sammy Garcia):

(i) There will be extra fixtures at Hampden on 22nd and 29th June. There may also be another match on 4th September (Scotland v. Moldova). It has not yet been announced what the ground capacity will be; operational orders are still not out. Some sanctions may be applied regarding certain countries.

(ii) Crime Trends - there is a low level of incidents in Mount Florida, with no significant trends. Bike thefts have been a problem in Queens Park and Govanhill. There is currently an operation targeting these thefts. Posters are available; PC Garcia will drop these off this week.

Action ➤ Robert will distribute posters around the neighbourhood, and Janet will post on Facebook.

8. Hampden/ UEFA European Championships:

Amber has been in email correspondence with Colin MacDonald. A fence will be in place as discussed at the residents' information evening. Tents are going up at the moment. A team is in place to deal with any residents' questions. A letter is being distributed to the streets around Hampden about road closures etc. during matches, and while erecting and taking down the fence. It is not easy to read and we felt it would be easier to understand if the information was laid out on a map or in a table. We felt the letter should go out to all areas that will be affected by parking restrictions. It would also be helpful if Hampden could place targeted Facebook posts.

There are no concrete plans available as yet for managing fans arriving at the stadium. There is some information on the UEFA website about the requirements -

<https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro-2020/news/025b-0ef33753d7d0-100629325be2-1000--key-info-for-euro-spectators/?iv=true>

There are safety concerns about social distancing, with around 12,000 fans attending.

Historically there has been very poor communication between Hampden and Scotrail, with fans often left stranded. Coordination with public transport has never worked well.

Action ➤ Amber will email Colin tomorrow with questions about parking, transport and plans to mitigate Corona virus transmission, as well as plans for controlled dispersal at the end of matches (email to be copied to Laura Moran and Denise Hamilton). If no adequate response has been received by Thursday, our political representatives will be contacted, and if our concerns have still not been addressed by Monday of next week, we will contact the media.

9. Prospecthill Road Development:

The closure of Prospecthill Road was intended to be part of the new street design. The proposed new flats look like they will dwarf the existing terrace opposite, and there are concerns about parking provision etc.

Action➤Gavin will write to Battlefield Community Council and offer our support if they wish it.

10. Letherby Triangle Project update:

(i) Planning permission is still not through. The landscape architects met with the planners a few weeks ago. A lawyer has been found who will look at the title deeds – it appears that the feu that Hampden held on the Triangle has expired, and they will identify who the current owners are. There is money from the Sustrans grant available to fund the search for the title holders.

(ii) No progress can be made on securing funding for the build until the planning permission has been granted. 70% of the funding has been promised from SusTrans but we will need to raise the rest. We should get some support from the landfill tax and there may be opportunities to secure some of the planning gain funds. We will dedicate some time to further discussion at another meeting.

11. GOMoFlo Environmental Project:

(i) Natasha and Robbie had put together a short plan for organising community clean-ups; preventative actions can be taken separately. This has still to be discussed in the GOMoFlo group. The Neighbourhood Volunteer Improvement scheme is currently suspended due to the pandemic but our community council insurance may cover us for clean-ups. GCC are trying to introduce a model to allow more flexibility for volunteers.

12. AOCB

(i) Alice has proposed a clean-up for this coming Saturday morning. Alice uses the Next Door app to organise clean-ups.

(ii) Robbie has drafted a letter about the bins to go to Anna; this had been circulated to community councillors.

(iii) As Chris is resigning as Chair at the AGM?, we will need someone to assist with updating the website and pulling together the newsletter. Chris is willing to give training in these tasks.

(iv) Gavin is to move house out of the district so will no longer be eligible to be a community councillor for Mount Florida, but will continue to assist Judith with the Triangle project. We will mark Chris's time as Chair and Gavin's as Secretary with drinks (outdoors) at some point soon.

14. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at 7pm, online (Zoom)