

# Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the (Zoom) Meeting of 22 June 2021  
7p.m.

**Present:** Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), M. Charlwood, B. Hidding, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Pollock, R. Pollock, G. Thomson (Secretary), N. Visser

## 1. Welcome and Apologies:

Chris chaired the zoom meeting, which is to be regarded as a regular community council meeting, and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from Robbie Warringham.

## 2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the May meeting were approved with Judith's amendments (proposed Gavin, seconded Robert).

## 3. Matters Arising:

**(i) Item 7(ii):** The posters regarding cycle protection had been received and distributed by Robert.

## 4. Summary of Correspondence:

**(i)** An update had been received by email from Cllr Archie Graham (see below).

**(ii)** An email update was received from PC Akram (see below).

**(iii)** An email had been received from GCC inviting us to nominate a community councillor to sit on the newly-formed Community Council Social Recovery Group.

**(iv)** We had received a communication from another community council asking us to support a public petition requesting the provision of public toilets in parks. Gavin will forward the petition link to anyone who wishes it.

## 5. Treasurer's Report (Judith Pollock):

**(i)** The grants had been received for the Hampden Lane improvements; Joan Perry has been given a cheque for her project and money is available for the other end of the lane.

**(ii)** We will send a cheque to repay the unused Window Wanderland money.

## 6. Ward Councillor's Update (Archie Graham) :

**(i)** We await the decision of the reporter from the Scottish Government on the appeal by the developer against our decision to refuse planning permission to build houses on the bowling club site at Carmunnock Road.

**(ii)** The Scottish Government continue to refuse to give the Council the finances it needs to reopen all the facilities run on our behalf by Glasgow Life. Venues that will remain closed indefinitely without Government support include libraries, sports facilities, community centres and museums. Langside Library is scheduled to reopen in August.

**(iii)** Although a wee bit distant from Mount Florida two planned developments in Shawlands, one at the arcade and one on the opposite side of Kilmarnock Road will be benefit local people from all around Shawlands if they go ahead.

**(iv)** The football fixtures at Hampden seem to have gone to plan so far. Hopefully the game tonight will pass without incident.

## 7. Community Police Report (PC Akram):

**(i)** Action on COVID transmission risks - e.g. mask wearing compliance, COVID hygiene protocols in shops, house parties, etc.:

In relation to COVID transmissions, as community officers we continually conduct hi Vis mobile and foot patrols within licences and non-licence to make sure staff and customers are complying with face masks and adhering to government guidelines. Also speaking to staff to ascertain if there are any COVID breaches.

**(ii)** Any significant emerging crime trends:

Unfortunately there has been a rise of bike thefts across the sub division. To deter and take action on this, community officers (PC AKRAM and PC SINGH) held a bike marking event (19<sup>th</sup> June 2021) at Cathkin Braes. We managed to mark over 50 bikes. This was also well received from the community. We are hoping to hold more within the sub division. Once we have details of the event we will sent out details.

**(iii)** Community crime prevention - e.g. cycle registration.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021 your community officers held a bike marking event. Also during every Euro game at Hampden we have had anti disorder patrols and Hi vis mobile foot patrols within the vicinity of the stadium. Fortunately there were no serious incidents of note.

**(iv)** Hampden events and associated anti-social behaviour OUTSIDE the stadium.

The latest Hampden event was the Croatia v. Czech Republic game. We had several officers deployed to deter and tackle any anti-social behaviour. No issues were raised. As most of you are aware tonight Scotland take on Croatia at Hampden Park, we have several mobile disorder patrols and foot patrols within the area. Fingers crossed we can get a result.

**(v)** Dangerous driving, excessive speeds, especially in the 20mph zone.

In relation to speeding vehicles there are no patterns/trend in relation to speeding vehicles.

Speeding vehicles are an issue throughout the sub division.

**(vi)** Anti-social behaviour: littering, fly tipping.

At the moment there is an increase of calls regarding youths loitering and acting suspiciously around the Cartside area, Battlefield area. We have marked this area for extra attention, which will be covered by community policing officers and response officers. Also we have noticed several vandalism calls in around the Langside library area near to the benches. In order to address the issue we have made the 2 community policing teams aware and to conduct patrols within the area.

**(vii)** Any major recent incidents that residents may have heard of and be concerned about:

No major incident to report or to be concerned about.

#### **8. Letherby Triangle Project update:**

**(i)** The Planners had expressed concern about sight lines into the flats opposite the Triangle. ERZ have produced a mock-up and it does not seem to be an issue. Drawings were submitted to planning earlier this month.

**(ii)** A TRO will now be needed because of the move of the taxi rank. The time remaining to carry this out is a concern. The decision for planning permission will be delegated.

**(iii)** We are in the final of the Evening Times Streets Ahead awards, and there will be a live Facebook event tomorrow evening at 7p.m.

#### **9. GOMoFlo Environmental Project:**

**(i)** Gavin had shared the committee paper mentioned by Anna last month, and Judith had read over this together with the accompanying documents. The report itself was felt to be quite vague and it was felt that we would need more information about how the process works.

**(ii)** The report that went to GCC in early June was approved and improvements will be implemented in 23 neighbourhoods. A toolkit has been issued for local groups to engage their communities. <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5d034673c6a24faeab4596b92f01c07d>.

We would wish to indicate an interest, and may need to carry out a survey to evidence demand.

**(iii)** We will aim to:

- find out more about the process (Judith to email)
- carry out a survey of local residents
- register local interest

#### **10. TRO:**

**(i)** Bernhard had forwarded the document regarding the details of the TRO. GCC offered to supply planters for the Bolton Drive triangle. They are asking for a layout plan which will be checked for safety aspects before approval. We will have to agree to maintain the planters. **(ii)**

Wild flower seeds will be provided but we would have to supply any other plants. It was agreed to use some of our budget (up to a maximum of £500) to purchase plants and soil, provided there are no problems with liability and maintenance.

**(iii)** We are awaiting the permission-to-use form for signing.

#### **11. AOCB:**

**(i)** We will need a new secretary to draft agendas, handle the email inbox etc as Gavin will be giving up the post as he moves out of the area. Natasha agreed to take on this role.

**(ii)** By October we will also need someone to take on the role of Chair, and take over admin of the website and FB page.

**(iii)** An email had been received back in February regarding having our website disability compliant. Judith had replied at the time, requesting assistance from GCC with this. As this has to be implemented by 1 July, she will follow this up.

**12. Close.**

**No July meeting.**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7pm, online (Zoom).**

**We will arrange a barbecue in due course as restrictions are lifted.**