

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the (Zoom) Meeting of 24 August 2021
7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), M. Charlwood, B. Hidding, J. MacDonald (Minutes), A. Mohammed, J. Pollock, R. Pollock, N. Visser (Secretary), R. Warringham
Also attending: Calum MacKinnon, Micky Ross

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 Claire Charlwood and Cllr Tanya Wisely.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the June meeting were approved (proposed Natasha, seconded Amber).

3. Matters Arising:

The community council discussed returning to face-to-face meetings. Many of us are keen to meet again in person, but there are some concerns as cases of Covid have been rising rapidly again. We considered having hybrid meetings, with those who wish to meet in person attending, but also having a link via zoom or similar. A decision was deferred until the next meeting.

Action ➤ Robert will check whether the church has equipment for making this possible, and also see what Covid precautions are in place in the building.

4. Summary of Correspondence (Natasha Visser):

(i) The church hall is available for use by community groups – contact Ruth Love.

(ii) MSP James Dornan is relocating his office to the church.

(iii) There will be a Family Fun Day on 4th September.

5. Treasurer's Report (Judith Pollock):

(i) Judith had circulated the report in advance of the meeting.

(ii) Judith had asked Gordon in the GOMoFlo group to be the liaison person between MoFloCoCo and the primary school. We hope to be able to spend the remaining money soon.

6. Ward Councillor's Update:

No report. Cllr Wisely sent apologies as she is unwell.

7. Community Police Report:

No report.

8. Consultation on Parking Penalty charges:

(i) Alex Miller had previously written to Michael Mathieson to ask if charges could be increased, as they are presently too low to be a deterrent. Gavin has drafted a letter on our behalf, which will be circulated, in response to the ongoing consultation. This will be amended and/or submitted next week – any comments to be sent to Chris.

(ii) Amber had forwarded a letter from Hampden to local residents. It was felt that we need more frequent communications from Hampden than just the twice-yearly updates.

(iii) Scotland Women's matches – a gate of 5000 is expected, but the permit zones will not be in place. We would like event-day parking to be in place. Under the Community Empowerment Act we had requested involvement in the event management process, but the participation process is not working. There has been little response from Laura Moran or Denise Hamilton, or from the Get Ready Glasgow team.

Action ➤ Amber will email the officers in the first instance, to complain about (a) the lack of engagement with the community by the Get Ready Glasgow team in preparing for the Euros; and (b) around the decision taken re parking at the women's matches, and (c) lack of involvement of the community in the decision-making process. There is a section on Hampden's website about their sustainability commitment which includes a commitment to more community involvement (<https://www.hampdenpark.co.uk/visitor-information/sustainability.html>).

Action ➤ A letter will be sent to Anton Fagin at Hampden, encouraging more frequent communication; it was suggested that we might ask for a regular report from Hampden to be read at our meetings. We will also ask that they drive the social media communications.

9. Community Council Elections:

Papers had been received about the arrangements for the elections. The deadline for the return of nomination forms is Friday of this week. We will be looking for a new Chair, Treasurer, and someone to manage the website and produce the newsletter.

Action ➤ Judith said she was happy to discuss what the role of treasurer involved. She has templates for spreadsheets which can be used.

10. Liveable Neighbourhoods Plan:

(i) Chris wrote to Derek Dunsire about how and when we would be engaged in the consultation regarding LTNs etc. Judith had also been in touch regarding how the Letherby Triangle project fits with the LNP and is waiting for a response from him. Dates in the plan around consultation and implementation are unclear and she is concerned that we miss out on the opportunity. She suggested that we start raising awareness of the Plan locally to ensure people engage when GCC begin their consultation phase

(ii) Bernhard had been in touch with Ali Mackay of the Active Travel Forum, who reckons that something should happen in September.

Action ➤ Judith will pull together an outline proposal on community engagement and circulate to the Community Council for feedback.

11. Letherby Triangle Project:

(i) The Liveable Neighbourhoods pot is our main goal for funding but we are also looking for landfill tax contributors.

(ii) We are looking for more people to join the group – Amber agreed to join, and Calum is also keen to be involved.

12. GOMoFlo Environmental Project:

(i) There have been no recent meetings, but Natasha and Robbie have ordered more paint and will send the invoice to Judith. They walked round the northern part of Mount Florida and spray painted over dog mess; there was a good response on Facebook.

(ii) Litter pickers – we will encourage people to help clean up the area.

13. AOCB:

(i) Chris was Mark's substitute for the Area Partnership – someone needed to take on this role?

(ii) Bernhard had put in a proposal for funding for bollard art and for benches in Queens Park rec's and features on the build-out on Bolton Drive. Several projects were discussed and a revised list will be drawn up within the available budget. If the bollard art is not funded from the Open Spaces money, there is still additional funding available to apply for in the Area Partnership. We will encourage Nicola to apply for funding for Window Wanderland. It would be good if other constituted groups in Mount Florida could apply for funding to maximise the amount secured for Mount Florida.

(iii) It was noted that the skate park in the rec's needs to be renewed.

(iv) Cathkin Park – several residents are concerned that it is not getting enough funding. It had been suggested that a Friends of Cathkin Park group be set up, and Chris is encouraging this. We could help facilitate a group of residents to set this up. We will discuss further next month.

(v) The developer's appeal against the decision to refuse the building of flats on the bowling club site has also been refused.

(vi) Recycling bins – Robbie had had a response about the removal of glass bins near Hampden which was not very helpful. We might ask that glass bins be placed there and either emptied immediately before, or locked on, match days. It is not clear how the allocation of bins is determined.

14. Close.

Next meeting: Tuesday 28th September 2021 at 7pm, online (Zoom).