

**Mount Florida Community Council**  
**Minutes of AGM 26 October 2021**  
held online via Zoom, 7pm

**Present:** Community Councillors C. Carus (Chair), Claire Charlwood, Mark Charlwood, Bernhard Hidding, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Amber Mohammed, Judith Pollock (Treasurer), Robert Pollock, Natasha Visser (Secretary), Robbie Warringham  
Also attending: Mandy Burke, Mandy Evans-Ewing, Marine Lannic, Rhona MacLeod (Returning Officer), Paddy Smith.

**1. Welcome and Apologies:**

Chris Carus chaired the Zoom meeting, which is to be regarded as a regular community council meeting, and welcomed those attending. No apologies were received.

**2. Approval of Minutes of previous AGM:**

The minutes of the AGM of 27th October 2020 were approved. (proposed J. Pollock, seconded C. Carus)

**3. Chairperson's Report (Chris Carus):**

Looking at our achievements of the past year, chief among them is our progress on realising plans to redevelop Letherby Triangle. Planning consent finally awarded in July. We have applied for Sustrans funding for the technical phase. Now we are seeking funding for the construction. While it has always been our intent to bring in new money to the city for this project, it is in line with GCC's Liveable Neighbourhood strategy, and because the Scottish Government has committed significant spending on active travel projects, I do expect public money to be forthcoming to support this programme – as GCC has supported major streetscape infrastructure investments in Shawlands and Victoria Road. It is worth reflecting that when we started with the vision for Letherby in 2013, this was an unusual project, but now this kind of thinking is becoming mainstream. I think we can take some credit for popularising the idea of designing streets for people, for residents – not cars and commuters – and of the health and social benefits of cleaner air and active travel. Credit goes to Judith who, with her drive and tenacity, has been the key driving force. Also thanks to Gavin Thomson who continues to support since leaving the area.

Littering and irresponsible dog owners remain a significant problem. I can't say we've had any success in changing behaviours in the nearly 10 years I've been on the Community Council. However I remain convinced that visible investments in street scape – Letherby, planters, and resident litter picks are the best way to influence irresponsible behaviour. It is great to see people taking action – first independent litter picking event, and second Robbie and Natasha joining to tackle littering through the CC platform. With the recent grant of £3800 the Community Council is well equipped to take this forward.

Bins and waste remain a problem in Mount Florida, as in much of the rest of the city. We have attempted to take collaborative approaches to addressing root causes with Neighbourhood Coordinators. This has not always been successful. We raised £4000 for two projects at each end of Hampden Lane to help the residents to take greater control of the state of that lane.

Our engagement with GCC's transport strategy consultation this time last year became an important rallying point for local residents interested in further advancing Mount Florida as an attractive place to live. We got 2 new members out of it – Bernhard and Amber. Local interest was perhaps influential in Langside ward being chosen as a pilot for GCC's Liveable Neighbourhoods Strategy

In relation to Hampden Park I am disappointed that new ownership of the stadium directly by SFA has not led to any obvious change of behaviour. As before, communications are too sparse and through limited channels. We would like Hampden to be a proactive part of the Mount Florida Community, taking seriously its social license to operate. It is also disappointing to see GCC representation on Hampden's Board has had little effect. Cllr Anna Richardson remains a director of Hampden Park Limited but that appears not to be positively influencing Hampden's community engagement. It is further disappointing that our invocation of powers under the Community Empowerment Act, to participate in GCC's

role in delivering Hampden events, has been a failure. GCC did not at all engage with MFCC regarding the Euros – events that drew in 50,000 visitors during a peak in COVID transmission. Get Ready Glasgow did not engage with us at all and provided no information relevant to residents. Information was only distributed to residents by Hampden at a very late stage and after our intervention. No arm of GCC engaged with us over the decisions made with regard to the EDPZ for Womens' games that are now to be played at Hampden. The question of whether MFCC should withdraw from the participation agreement remains open. Over 10 years we have had some successes in relation to Hampden, especially the provision of portaloos outside the stadium for concerts. It is worth noting that where we have had success it has been by leveraging licensing and legislation. The next community council may consider that taking a more confrontational approach through the licensing process may be a more effective way to extract more helpful behaviours from Hampden.

Over the past year, I made a huge investment of my own time on behalf of the majority of the community opposed to the plans for a small park and tall ugly blocks of flats at Mount Florida Bowling Club. First this was to make a representation to the public hearing in November 2020 - a detailed interrogation of policy that lasted 2 ½ hours, and then, further expounding those policy arguments in a 20 page submission to the independent reporter in March.

One unfortunate lesson from the experience was the poor standard of open space that is to be allowed under Glasgow's Open Space Strategy. We lost the argument about the standard of the proposed park – the Reporter siding with the developer and the GCC planning department. Understanding of planning policy is crucial to engaging with the planning system and I encourage the next MF Community Council to consider how it will sustain this capability after I step back from Community Council activities.

It has been a great privilege to serve as Chair of MFCC for almost 10 years. I estimate there have been 26 members of the Community Council in that time, each using local insights to influence local issues in a way that can't be done by centralised City Government. Community Councils are the lowest level of democratic representation in Scotland. I regret that GCC and the Scottish Government do so little to raise their profile – next to nothing for urban CCs. Despite this we have 10 excellent nominations for the 12 places on the Community Council. Sometimes the greatest battle for a Community Council is just to keep going. So I want to thank long serving Community Councillors Mark and Claire Charlwood who despite serious illness, bereavements and the depressive effects of lockdown in the last year are still involved and I hope to see them soon as we return to face to face meetings. I also want to thank Janet who has been a rock as the Minute Secretary. It is an extremely important job, critical to our governance which is in turn crucial to our credibility. Thanks also to Judith and Natasha who have held the other offices of Treasurer and Secretary. And also thanks to the other Community Councillors, including Bernhard who has made a huge impact very quickly and to others who provide ideas, energy and wise advice throughout.

#### **4. Treasurer's submission of Independently Examined Statement of Accounts:**

(approved - see below)

Proposed: C. Carus, seconded A. Mohammed.

#### **5. Demission of Office Bearers and all other members:**

The current office bearers and other Community Councillors stood down, and Rhona MacLeod took the chair. There are 12 vacancies for the Community Council, and 10 valid application forms had been received. These were duly elected as Community Councillors: Chris Carus, Claire Charlwood, Mark Charlwood, Bernhard Hidding, Janet MacDonald, Amber Mohammed, Judith Pollock, Robert Pollock, Natasha Visser, Robbie Warringham.

#### **6. Election of Office Bearers:**

The following Office Bearers were nominated, and as there were no other nominees, were then elected:

**Chair** – Judith Pollock (proposed C. Carus, seconded R. Warringham).

**Secretary** – Natasha Visser (proposed J. Pollock, seconded A. Mohammed)

**Minute Secretary** - Janet MacDonald (proposed R. Pollock, seconded N. Visser).

**Treasurer** – Robbie Warringham (proposed J. Pollock, seconded J. MacDonald)

**7. Assignment of Other Responsibilities:**

Judith Pollock took the Chair. The following responsibilities were then assigned:  
Area Partnership Lead – Amber Mohammed (proposed C. Carus, seconded M. Charlwood)  
Area Partnership Sub – Judith Pollock (proposed C. Carus, seconded N. Visser)  
Planning Contact - Natasha Visser (proposed R. Pollock, seconded A. Mohammed)  
Licensing Contact – Natasha Visser (proposed C. Carus, seconded J. Pollock)

**8. Continuation of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils:**

This was agreed and noted.

**9. Appointment of Independent Examiner:**

It was agreed to appoint Mary McCallum as our independent examiner.

**10. Appointment of Associates:**

No associates were proposed; we are willing to receive nominations.

**11. Review of Inventory and Resources:**

There is nothing of any value currently in the inventory.

**11. Date of next AGM:**

The next MFCC AGM will be held on Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 7pm, venue to be advised.

**The AGM was closed and the normal business meeting resumed.**

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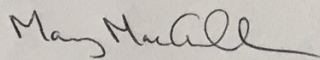
## Mount Florida Community Council

### Accounts to 31 August 2021

<b>Balance carried forward</b>	14976.42	577.35	<b>15553.77</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>Ringfenced</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Total</b>
GCC - Window Wanderland 2021	1704.12		
GCC - Admin Allowance		683.41	
Hampden Lane east	1500.00		
Hampden Lane west	2900.00		
<b>Total income</b>	<b>6104.12</b>	<b>683.41</b>	<b>6787.53</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Window Wanderland 2020	204.33		
Letherby Triangle	13189.00		
Miscellaneous		86.34	
Window Wanderland 2021	1704.12		
Hampden Lane east	1264.70		
Hampden Lane west	0.00		
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>16362.15</b>	<b>86.34</b>	<b>16448.49</b>
<b>Surplus / deficit for the year</b>			<b>-9660.96</b>
<b>Balance</b>			<b>5892.81</b>
<b>Ringfenced funds</b>			
Living Streets	588.09		
Letherby Triangle	995.00		
Hampden Lane east	235.30		
Hampden Lane west	2900.00		
<b>Total ringfenced</b>	<b>4718.39</b>		
<b>Funds available</b>			<b>1174.42</b>

Inspected and approved by Mary MacCallum

Signed



Date 20/9/21