

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 23 August 2022
Clincarthill Church Hall. 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Chris Carus, Mark Charlwood, Bernhard Hidding, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Amber Mohammed, Paddy Smith and Natasha Visser (Secretary)
Also attending: Usman Ali, Roisin Boyle, Cllr Holly Bruce, Mandy Burke, Stephen Cooper, Michael Farren, Beth Marshall, Allan Munro, Nurenisa Reichling, Mary Sellar, Elaine Young.

1. Welcome

Chris Carus chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above; apologies were received from Judith Pollock, Robert Pollock, Cassandra McLuckie and Robbie Warringham.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the June meeting were approved:
(proposed A. Mohammed, seconded P. Smith).

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising outwith the agenda.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

Correspondence had been received relating to the Citizens' Panel held on Saturday 20th August.

6. Treasurer's Report:

There had been no change since our last meeting.

7. Ward Councillors' Report (Holly Bruce):

(i) Cllr Bruce attended the first meeting of the Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction Committee, which was held today. She is also involved in a number of other areas including the Citizens' Engagement Committee, and Glasgow Life (sport etc).

(ii) Cllr Bruce had submitted a lengthy objection to the Noah planning application to build flats on the former bowling club site.

(iii) There had been lots of correspondence from residents about anti-social behaviour at Hampden events.

(iv) The next Langside Area Partnership meeting will take place in September.

(v) It was noted that bins are not being emptied on the correct days. Cllr Bruce explained that this is due to staff absences, and the whole issue of cleansing will be a major issue to fix.

(vii) Cllr Bruce was asked if permission is required to put benches, planters etc, in front of residents' houses. There are some liability issues with this; Cllr Bruce will check.

8. Community Police Report:

No report due to officers engaged in policing at Hampden this evening.

9. Hampden (Amber Mohammed):

(i) Last year after the semi-final matches we put in a request for more involvement, and Amber and Judith have been attending meetings of the working group. There are now more community police officers on the streets during matches. We have identified 6 hotspot areas. This will shortly be reviewed to look at how things have gone and what can be improved. There are continued complaints about anti-social behaviour, littering etc. The police are strapped for time and resources. Officers are only on duty from 2 hours before matches, so there is less likelihood of action being taken on anything happening before this time. Police get extra resources for football matches, yet there are often more problems with anti-social behaviour at concerts. We could ask Hampden to increase ticket prices to cover the cost of providing extra portaloos, clean-up etc. and/or compensation for the disruption to the local community.

(iii) Drinking on streets – officers can only confiscate open containers. They can also, if necessary, close down off-licences. If drinking in the area is to be banned, this would need a full Licensing Board meeting, and would have a knock-on effect on local businesses.

(iv) The new season will start on 21st September with a 7:45 kick-off time for the Scotland v. Ukraine match, followed by the Scotland v. Republic of Ireland match on Saturday 24th September.

(v) The participation request is still ongoing, and should be put in place soon, but Hampden, Police Scotland, the SFA, GCC also need to have input and arranging meetings is difficult.

(vi) Recent issues of anti-social behaviour include the access road at the nursery being used as a public toilet. We have noted with dismay the demolition of the toilet block in the Hampden car park – Amber has contacted Karen about this but has yet to receive a response. The next level of action is to object to public licences – one response might include our mobilising a mass objection unless security companies put measures in place to deter anti-social behaviour.

(vii) Parking issues are also ongoing – the Scottish government has consulted on raising parking charges. We could ask that this be part of the licensing requirements. Somerville Drive is a through route for emergency vehicles, and residents are being refused entry to driveways. We will investigate the possibility of clamping cars that don't have permits. We will also ask that the drive way be bottomed out.

➤**Action:** Amber to contact Karen.

(viii) The burger van parking on Somerville Drive is an issue. We can object when the licence comes up for renewal.

(ix) The planning committee for temporary entertainment licences has a sub-committee that decides what will happen. We are not allowed to attend the committee meetings, but had asked Cllr Bruce if we could see the committee documents.

➤**Action:** we will make a FOI request to see the minutes of the licensing committee meeting that gave the go-ahead for the Gerry Cinnamon concert, to see if procedures were followed.

10. Letherby update:

(i) The GCC technical team and ERZ are leading on this. There has been a consultation on a TRO to shut off Carmunnock Road at the shops. We still need information on cable and TV companies for the TRO and need to do some more research on this. There is a November deadline for the TRO in order to meet the funding deadline. There might be a slight delay as some work needs to take place in winter.

(ii) There has been an issue with the type of stone that will be used. Derek Dunsire has suggested a slightly cheaper locally-sourced stone.

(iii) There will be no lights on the trees at the Triangle this Christmas as the lighting cables are dangerous.

11. Langside Area Partnership:

(i) The partnership meeting will take place next month. Amber is looking to come off the committee and we need someone to take her place. If no-one is able to attend the September meeting, Cllr Bruce has said that we can email her with any issues we would like raised.

(ii) Money will be found by GCC for the path to the Queens Park recs.

(iii) The invoice for the bollard art has still to be paid – Cllr Bruce will prioritise this.

12. Bowling Club:

The deadline for comments on the planning application has passed. Judith put in an objection from MFCC, and two councillors also objected. The planning officer will not submit the papers for at least another three weeks. If the committee cannot make a decision, it will have to go to a hearing. There have been 280 objections to the application, and 140 letters of support.

13: Street Play Day Sunday 25 September:

An application has been submitted to close Carmunnock Road between Cathcart Road and Letherby Drive on the above date. Activities for kids are planned and will take place between 12 noon and 4p.m. Stewards are needed to volunteer for 1 hour each.

14: AOCB:

(i) Double yellow lines have appeared on Somerville Drive between Brownlie Street and Bolivar Terrace. This is apparently to allow trucks to turn, but it prevents residents from parking outside their homes. Residents were not made aware that this would be done, and are also not aware of any trucks that use this space for turning. The yellow lines appear to be extending beyond what was indicated on the TRO map, and don't serve any purpose.

(ii) Langside, Toryglen and Mount Florida have applied for the Liveable Neighbourhoods Scheme. A TRO is needed to install zebra crossings, and belisha beacons would also be needed.

It is unclear whether or not a TRO is needed for raised crossings which would help calm traffic. At the moment, priorities are being decided – see further on the GCC website <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=27062>

(iii) Communication – it was felt that a physical message board would help, as not everyone has access to social media.

(iv) Toryglen is trying to set up a Community Council; this is being driven by the Malls Myre community club, with input from the Transformation Regeneration task force. We could invite them along to one of our meetings and offer help.

15. Close. Next meeting: Tuesday 27 September 2022 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall