

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 28 June 2022
Clincarthill Church Hall. 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Chris Carus, Claire Charlwood, Mark Charlwood, Bernhard Hidding, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Amber Mohammed, Judith Pollock (Chair), Robert Pollock and Natasha Visser (Secretary)
Also attending: Cllr Susan Aitken, PC Mohammad Akram, PC Campbell, Bill Anderson, Shane Goodbody, Grainne Hayes, Allan Munro, Margaret Munro, Nicola Smith, Elaine Young.

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above; apologies were received from Cassandra McLuckie, Paddy Smith and Robbie Warringham (Treasurer).

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the May meeting were approved with the following amendments:

Item 6.2 should read "deadline for *spending*"

Item 9.1 should read *Norfield Drive*

(proposed A. Mohammed, seconded C. Charlwood).

4. Matters Arising:

(i) Item 9(i): Judith had contacted the Mt Annan WhatsApp group about Hampden tree and bush removal. She was informed that there had been no discussion about this for around 2 years.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

A petition regarding a community buy-out of the bowling club by the MFC Trust had been received.

6. Treasurer's Report:

The report had been circulated to community councillors in advance of the meeting.

(i) The hall rental has still to be paid.

(ii) The mural has been paid for from the Places Called Home budget.

(iii) Everything is ready for the audit in August.

7. Ward Councillors' Report (Susan Aitken):

(i) Liveable Neighbourhoods: Langside is one of two pilot wards in the city, the other being Canal Ward. A long line of projects came out of the public engagement exercise. The Transforming Battlefield project has funding from SusTrans. The remodelling of the roundabout at the monument is planned and will be prioritised.

(ii) Living Streets: various projects are underway, including improved pedestrian and cycle safety, and connectivity improvement. It is too early as yet to give timescales for completion of the projects.

(iii) A number of things are coming out of the budget process. Around £10 million is available to help build back after Covid, to provide local economic stimulus. Some is targeted at lower income families by giving a £105 gift card to be used in local outlets – this will go to around 85,000 households.

(iv) Business Improvement District: This is a national scheme (one operates in Shawlands) and it was suggested that this might be suitable for Mount Florida. Concerns were raised that our local businesses may not wish to pay the additional costs associated with this, although Susan pointed out that the numbers involved in the second round for Shawlands are higher than the initial bid.

(v) Children's Holiday Food Programme: This has started for the duration of the school holidays – venues online <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/24610/The-Childrens-Holiday-Food-Programme>

(vi) Toryglen: activity programmes and food provided. Children in Mount Florida can attend. Mental health support for families is also provided at the Toryglen community base at Prospecthill Circus.

(vii) There has been a big investment in recovery of services, especially environmental services, following lockdown. A recruitment exercise is taking place, especially for neighbourhood-focussed teams. Christine Martin will engage with community councils to get intelligence on particular problems.

(viii) Funding for back lanes: Langside Ward has lots of back lanes in comparison to many other parts of the city. Most are not owned by the Council, so governance is needed on how the money will be spent. See GCC website – local residents’ groups etc can apply. Other options to facilitate the set-up of small groups to handle funding need to be explored, e.g. a governance model that gives clarity but is less cumbersome – perhaps a joint management model.

(ix) Area Partnership: Parks & Open Spaces fund – ideas are sought for open spaces that are not necessarily parks, e.g. wildflower seeding.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement fund - £1million available for our ward. Community councils and others are encouraged to feed ideas through their local councillors to the Area Partnership for both the above funds. Community councils will have a role in determining how money will be used. A public document is available which gives an idea of costs. See more at <https://glasgow.gov.uk/29388>

(x) Concerts at Hampden this weekend: police will be on hand for parking enforcement and looking out for antisocial behaviour. MoFloCoCo will feed back on what works and what doesn't.

(xi) 20mph zones in residential areas will go ahead city-wide. Roads and connections will be redesigned. There will be fewer but clearer routes for cars. SusTrans work closely with GCC and have a lot of experience in remodelling traffic flow and road configuration.

(xii) Spaces for People work during lockdown: an independent review was done Most changes worked well and will be made permanent.

(xiii) Questions/issues raised:

(a) We asked Cllr Aitken about setting up an ETRO for Letherby Triangle. She will get someone to contact Judith about this.

(b) Lanes are regularly being blocked by barriers put up by the nursery. This will be looked into.

(c) Holyrood School gym is no longer open to the public. Chris asked if it would re-open. The problem seems to be due to staff shortages, but it is hoped that it will reopen in due course.

(d) Liveable Neighbourhoods: is there a dedicated budget? Funding has to be aligned to ensure there is no duplication, and also to ensure that good ideas get funding. GCC is actively seeking funding for more projects. A ranking exercise is carried out to determine what is most urgent, where is greatest need, and what area in the ward has had least investment. Deliverability is also an issue. Levelling up funding from the UK government has a very tight timeline for application. Improvements will be delivered piecemeal initially.

(e) Cllr Aitken was asked whether kerb extensions, raised crossings and wider pavements require a TRO. Usually this is the case, but exceptions were made during lockdown to enable improvements to be made more quickly.

8. Community Police Report (PC Akram):

(i) Issues include youths congregating and drinking; youths buying vapes; pyrotechnics at Hampden events. There was some drunk and disorderly conduct at the Ed Sheeran concerts in June. There is an action plan for events in July.

(ii) A bike marking event took place at the college, and another will be planned at Hampden.

(iii) Three youths were recently filmed causing havoc around the area; they have been identified and are getting home visits.

(iv) Youth Justice programme – attendees are engaged and helped to understand the consequences of their actions.

(v) G4S stewards are at Hampden events helping to ID offenders.

9. Hampden (Amber Mohammed):

(i) The community reassurance plan is in place. Police work with G4S stewards, and MoFloCoCo feeds into the plan, identifying trouble hotspots.

(ii) Hampden has still not put extra portaloos in place outwith its boundaries.

(iii) Parking is another issue – some events have had extra wardens out. We will raise the issue with Karen to speed up the issuing of parking permits.

(iv) There is a lack of traffic management both before and after events. The labelling of streets is also an ongoing issue.

10. Letherby update (Judith Pollock):

MoFloCoCo and ERZ are working with council officers. We are working towards the funding submission for build work in November. We need the council to push through the TRO in order to meet the deadline and council officers have started work in this.

11. GoMoFlo (Bernhard Hidding):

Ideas are welcome – we will feed these back to the Area Partnership. Work must be on council-owned land. The IKEA lottery grant is more flexible than council funding and could also be used. Ideas received included a waterproof container for a book drop, and a replacement bench for the hill section of Stanmore Road.

12. Langside Area Partnership:

(i) Reports have been put forward for roads improvement, but officers were asked to consult the community and produce a revised list. The £1 million promised is new money in addition to what is already available. Road repair priorities are driven by various sources of data, including the number of complaints raised.

(ii) The Area Partnership grant fund is open again. Area Partnerships are having new terms of reference drawn up – a local plan will be devised for each area. Each AP will decide its own model.

13. Social media:

We need someone to do the admin on the website. Judith and Chris will discuss further.

14: Bowling Club:

The bowling club questionnaire was sent out. We received around 200 responses to the mailing and posts on the Twitter and Facebook accounts. Of these, 72% wanted to object to the development, 15% supported the plan including the clubhouse, with reservations, and 13% supported the plan without the clubhouse, with reservations. Noah has asked for a meeting; Judith will meet them tomorrow and give the response.

The Open Space strategy is being ignored by the planners. Councillors on the planning committee will make the decisions. Those who objected to the previous plans will have to send another objection to the new plans.

MoFloCoCo will object to the development. Chris encouraged Nicola to work with bodies such as Glasgow Heritage Trust and Planning Democracy.

Chris and Nicola will talk further.

15: AOCB:

Claire Charwood tendered her resignation from the Community Council, and was thanked for all her work over the years.

16. Close. Next meeting: Tuesday 23rd August 2022 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall