

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 27 September 2022
Clincarthill Church Hall. 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Mark Charlwood, Bernhard Hidding, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Judith Pollock, Robert Pollock, Paddy Smith, Natasha Visser (Secretary), Robbie Warringham (Treasurer).

Also attending: Cllr Paul Leinster, Karen Stewart, Rachel Gillespie, Nicola Smith, PC Keith McLay, PC Sammy Garcia.

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above; apologies were received from Amber Mohammed, Chris Carus and Cassandra McLuckie.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

Approval of the minutes of the August meeting will be deferred until next month.

4. Matters Arising:

(i) **Item 12:** Bowling Club site planning application: the planning portal indicated that the target date for a decision was 28 September – this is probably an administrative issue as the decision is likely to go to a hearing. Councillor Leinster was unaware of a date being set for this.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

(i) Sgt McLay had forwarded information about the Go Cycle Glasgow Fund to support new cycling projects.

➤ **Action:** Natasha will investigate further and forward information to Bernhard.

(ii) An email had been received about climate change interventions; match funding is available.

6. Treasurer's Report:

(i) The audit of the accounts is being completed.

(ii) Some expenses have come through for the Big Picnic.

(iii) The Places Called Home grant is due to be spent by the end of September. There will be about £600 left in the account after settling the above expenses. It was decided to spend the remaining money this week by purchasing various items for the Triangle such as bulbs and plants, and a bench with attached seating. Items will need to be invoiced by the end of the week; Nicola will check out prices of seating etc.

7. Ward Councillors' Report (Paul Leinster):

(i) Cllr Leinster had only received one email of complaint about the recent matches at Hampden. Unfortunately since responsibility for Hampden was turned over to the SFA, they do not invite councillors to their board meetings.

(ii) An enquiry had been made last month about the double yellow lines on Somerville Drive. Cllr Leinster said that GCC will ballot residents at that end of Somerville Drive, and if there is no objection will remove a small section of the double yellow lines at the last house.

(iii) There had been issues around the non-collection of recycling bins. These were not prioritised for emptying following the recent strike; they do appear to be being emptied now, but there is still a slight backlog.

(iv) Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund: The first options presented to the Area Partnership were not what was required. A new consultative process is now in place, and although in its early stages is progressing.

(v) Welcoming Places: GCC has started to develop this as a result of the cost of living crisis. Community facilities which will be warm and comfortable, with welfare advice etc on hand, will be available for community use. Several local venues have already volunteered to be part of the scheme, including Clincarthill and Langside churches.

(vii) Area Partnership project status: a contractor is being engaged to come up with designs for the skate park. There is no further word on the benches, and the footpath was not mentioned at the last meeting either. Karen Venables and Tracy Boyle were suggested as the main points of contact for outstanding projects.

8. Community Police Report:

(i) There were not many problems with the recent Ukraine - Scotland match. The local plan is now in place. There was some minor trouble at the car park on Somerville Drive, but police had insufficient manpower to cover all areas. The high flats at Cathkinview were highlighted as another hot spot, with alcohol being consumed around the area. Tesco was asked to stop selling alcohol before the game, which they agreed to do. Litter was cleared up promptly after the match.

(ii) Crime trends for the last month show nothing serious occurring.

(iii) There have been recent incidents of boys throwing stones and breaking windows, kicking cars, and a woman was assaulted in Hampden Terrace. Some offenders have been identified, and reported to the children's hearing. A restorative justice programme is in place. Residents are advised to report all incidents ASAP.

9. Hampden:

There will be a meeting at Hampden on Tuesday 4th October to discuss upcoming events. Little trouble is expected at the women's football matches. The music events for next year have still to be announced.

10. Letherby update:

The final plans have been received from ERZ. There will be a meeting on Thursday with SusTrans, and we hope to have the SusTrans funding application submitted by December.

11. Langside Area Partnership:

(i) Glasgow Helps is the co-ordinating group that can provide fuel top-ups. We will advertise this on our Facebook page.

(ii) The South Central Local Development Framework (LDF) identifies key issues and opportunities in the area and sets the vision and framework for future development. Their consultation is open until 31st October.

(iii) Citizens' Panels: no further news.

(iv) Amber has stood down from the Area Partnership due to work commitments. Paddy Smith indicated his willingness to take over this role.

12. AOCB:

(i) There will be no Christmas lights at the Triangle this year, as they were dangerous and have been removed.

(ii) Another volunteer is required to take over the running of our website: Paddy and Natasha agreed to take this on.

(iii) A community council representative is required on the Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community & Citizen Engagement and General Purposes (WECCE GP) Committee. Murray Glen of North Kelvin Community Council and Irene Loudon of Blythswood & Broomielaw Community Council have been nominated. We agreed to support Ms Loudon's nomination.

(iv) Thanks and congratulations were expressed to Paddy and Natasha, and Mandy Evans-Ewing, for organising the Big Picnic. £340 was raised for the SE Glasgow foodbank and the Pakistan Floods appeal.

(v) Plastic planters at Clincart corner have been well received and we would be happy to put similar planters in other locations around Mount Florida. We will look for funding for seater/planters and a water fountain from the Area Partnership and elsewhere, and will seek permission from the Parks and Open Spaces fund as we do not have public liability insurance.

➤**Action:** Cllr Leinster will contact Scottish Water about the water fountain.

15. Close. Next meeting: Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall