

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 24 January 2023
Clincarthill Church Hall. 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Judith Pollock (Chair), Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Cassandra McLuckie, Amber Mohammed, Robert Pollock, Paddy Smith, Natasha Visser (Secretary).

Also attending: Cllr Paul Leinster, PC Sammy Garcia, Penny Bond, Mandy Burke, Rachel Gillespie, Shane Goodbody, Bruce Strathearn.

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above; apologies were received from Chris Carus, Mark Charlwood, Bernhard Hidding, and Robbie Warringham.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

Approval of the minutes of the November 2022 meeting were approved (proposed Natasha Visser, seconded Amber Mohammed).

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising outwith the agenda.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

No correspondence.

6. Treasurer's Report:

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

(i) The SusTrans grant was received and ERZ has been paid.

(ii) We had received our annual allowance from GCC.

(iii) Part of the money for the bollard artwork has been paid out to the artist, the balance to be paid on completion.

(iv) Around £600 of the Place Called Home money is still in hand. Some of the GoMoFlo fund is remaining, to be spent on environmental projects.

(v) The next round of Area Partnership money will be disbursed soon.

7. Ward Councillors' Report (Paul Leinster):

(i) A walkabout had been held with Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability (NRS) officers who deal with the Parks and Open Spaces fund. Funding has been approved for Holmlea Park and Kinghorn Drive (bulbs, seating, grassy space and painting of railings). There will also be bulb plating at Hangingshaws. The provision of a path over the Queens Park Rec's will be discussed at the next Area Partnership meeting.

(ii) There is still no sign of the proposed bowling green development coming before the Planning Committee. Judith had emailed Planning Officer Neil Moran, who informed her that the Planning Committee's workload is full for February, so it is likely to be March at the earliest before we hear anything further.

(iii) A proposal has been put forward to demolish the Bon Secours building on Mansionhouse Road and build flats. This has been quite a controversial issue across the ward. A site visit and hearing are to take place.

(iv) **Liveable Neighbourhoods:** The next stage of the Langside Monument redevelopment project has been published. This will go to the Environment Committee on Tuesday – papers can be viewed on the City Council website. Currently it stands at RIBA Stage 2 – concept stage, and will be progressed further after the meeting.

(v) The latest stage of the **Communities Fund** was approved last week. The fund is being opened out and now even more organisations can apply. N.B. this fund is not to be used for core funding, only for specific projects.

(vi) **Parking fines** – The Scottish Government has been approached by GCC to ask if fines can be raised, as it is felt that current fines are too low to be a real deterrent to those travelling to events at Hampden and parking inappropriately. Cllr Leinster will be working with Angus Millar to make the case. Amber had raised the issue of parking at the last meeting with Hampden. It was suggested that fines might be levied on a sliding scale, with repeat offenders being charged

more. This would still need Scottish Government approval. **Action**➤ Cllr Leinster will look into the possibility of introducing a bye-law to this effect, but it is likely to be a long process.

(vii) Other Issues:

(a) A resident raised the issue of double yellow lines and zigzags being ignored.

(b) In a separate issue, the grassed area of Stanmore Road that is the responsibility of GCC to maintain is not being cared for and is too much for Stanmore Social to keep tidy. It may be possible to put forward a request to the Parks and Open Spaces Fund.

(c) There is still no movement on the Participation request which was put forward and had been agreed in principle. **Action**➤ Paul will speak to Karen about expediting the Participation Request.

(d) Lack of toilet facilities at Hampden: Despite the board report in November promising money, nothing has materialised. We only require a few strategically-placed Portaloos in high footfall areas.

(viii) State of roads: No repairs to potholes appear to be taking place. Residents are reminded that the MyGlasgow app can be used to report potholes and other environmental issues.

Action➤ Paul will speak to the Roads Department about this, and about loose chippings on roads.

(ix) Cllr Leinster chairs Digital Glasgow, and says that the GCC website is being updated and will link with the MyGlasgow app.

(x) We have not yet had any consultation about the £1 million fund. This process has not yet been finalised, but any ideas can be sent to Cllr Leinster.

8. Community Police Report:

PC Sammy Garcia attended. Response officers were working at the Semi-finals at Hampden.

There were few incidents at the recent match on Saturday, with only 1 phone call being received; however 6 or 7 incidents took place on Sunday.

The issue of buses parking and idling was raised. There seem to have been problems with buses parked at Cordiner Street, Ballogie Road and Stanmore Road. Police liaise with Traffic and can move on buses if they are causing an obstruction. The logistics of moving illegally parked cars is a problem as it can take about half an hour to move one car. Residents are as usual asked to report incidents by 'phoning 101 (or 999 in an emergency).

The issue of parking permits not being issued promptly by GCC was also a problem. Judith will speak further with Cllr Leinster about this.

9. Hampden (Amber):

There have been no major updates since the September meeting. An update is expected before the semi-final match.

10. Letherby update (Judith):

The application went to SusTrans at the end of November, and was submitted by GCC on our behalf. A decision will be made towards the end of February for building work to go ahead.

11. £1 million for Langside:

(i) The consultation process is being arranged. We have various ideas to put forward, including planters, street trees, parklets etc. on Cathcart Road. Planters might be placed at the roundabout at the entrance to the hospital car park.

(ii) We would also like to see the Prospecthill/Cathcart Road junction remodelled, or the traffic light sequence changed to allow more time for pedestrian crossing.

(iii) Cathkin Park: no update on current situation.

12. AOCB:

(i) The newsletter has not been issued as no-one has taken on responsibility for editing and publishing.

(ii) Network Rail has given permission for a mural on the bridge at Prospecthill Road. We will advertise for an artist to carry out this work, and then apply for an Area Partnership grant.

14. Close. Next meeting: Tuesday 28 February 2023 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall