

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 22 November 2022
Clincarthill Church Hall. 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Chris Carus, Mark Charlwood, Bernhard Hidding, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Amber Mohammed, Judith Pollock, Paddy Smith, Natasha Visser (Secretary).

Also attending: Cllr Holly Bruce, Mandy Burke and Nicola Smith.

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

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

3. Minutes of last meeting:

Approval of the minutes of the October meeting were approved (proposed Judith Pollock, seconded Amber Mohammed).

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising outwith the agenda.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

(i) An email had been received from Steven Dowling about local police plans – a formal consultation has now opened and we are encouraged to promote the link to the local community and encourage them to complete the short questionnaire.

(ii) An email had been received from ERCS (Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland) who offer free legal advice and support on environmental law and related planning matters.

6. Treasurer's Report:

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Total ringfenced funds: £2674.04; available funds £843.35.

7. Ward Councillors' Report (Holly Bruce):

(i) Cllr Bruce had met with Colin Macdonald, Head of Safety and Ops at Hampden. Several matters were discussed. Rental for the car park at Aikenhead Road, which is council owned, has been substantially increased, so is not now so frequently used for rigging etc when concerts are staged at Hampden.

(ii) Transport: there are not enough trains serving Mount Florida station, especially at night, and staffing levels are felt to be inadequate – this impacts accessibility. Judith had previously written to make the case for staffing for this reason. Cllr Bruce had been told that the X75 bus is put on during events at Hampden, but it is not well-publicised and is under-used. A suggestion was made that buses might park on Battlefield Road. The ethos of the city going green should mean more public transport, not less.

(iii) Holly has been pushing about our participation request. There have been staffing problems, but we are told that Langside will be getting a new officer soon.

(iv) Bernhard had been in touch with Holly regarding the bollard artwork, which has now been partially paid. Planters are to be put on the carriageway at locations such as Clincart Rd. entrance at Nextbike corner, thus improving the public realm and assisting existing parking restrictions. A 20 mph ETRO has been suggested for Mount Florida, along with various other measures to improve the 'town centre'.

(v) Queens Park Rec's: benches and path had been agreed at the last Area Partnership meeting. The benches will be coming soon, but it now appears that there is not enough money to tarmac the path. Holly has been pressing the Area Partnership to look at alternative paving materials. The benches for Cathkin Park will also be coming soon.

(vi) Holly asked questions about Hampden at the last full Council meeting, and will share the response.

(vii) Area Partnership: funding was announced for Stanmore Road to get a bench. Bulbs, wild flowers and some trees will be planted at the open space between Hangingshaws Place and Prospecthill Place. At Kinghorn Drive, there will be soft planting and repairs to the fence.

(viii) Holly has been doing work on the School Streets programme, raising issues such as pollution levels around Mount Florida Primary etc. The winter maintenance plan is better, prioritising walking and cycling, and the path between Govanhill and Langside Avenue through the park has been designated a school route, which means it will be gritted in bad weather.

(ix) The Green Business Fund: £675000 has been ring-fenced for small to medium-sized businesses for greening building fabric, waste disposal etc. Local businesses are encouraged to apply.

(x) Bike storage: Mount Florida has only been allocated one bike storage area. The allocation is based on the number of applications, and suggestions of where to site the storage spaces.

(xi) Holly has had a motion passed which will result in structural change in planning decisions and data gathering, gender budgeting, and gender competence training for councillors. Any consultation with residents will now go through a gender analysis to ensure that there is a fair balance of views. It is hoped that this will materialise into safer streets, more affordable public transport etc.

(xii) Public toilets: This is still an ongoing issue. Public toilet provision throughout the city will be discussed at the ESCR (Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction committee) meeting in March.

(xiii) Holly is now holding a surgery at Mount Florida Primary on the third Tuesday of the month.

➤**Action:** Judith to put a notice in the newsletter about consultation on infrastructure ideas; we will make a list of suggestions) e.g. re-painting of advance stop lines and other basic maintenance of road safety features) and send to Holly for the next Area Partnership meeting in January.

8. Community Police Report:

No officers attended.

9. Hampden (Amber):

There are no updates. The next matches will be the BedFred Cup semi-finals in January, with both Rangers and Celtic competing. G4S guards will not now be policing, but will be placed at problem areas near the stadium, such as the lane near the nursery. As usual, residents are encouraged to report any incidents to the police on 101, which helps with future planning.

10. Letherby update (Judith):

Some plans are having to be rewritten. Judith is completing the application for SusTrans, but GCC will submit it after it is signed off by their legal officer. The TRO has been approved, and the application will be assessed in February.

11. Langside Area Partnership (Paddy):

(i) A breakdown of costs for the footpath through the park has been requested.

(ii) Problem of youths congregating at McDonalds: it was suggested that the wi-fi be turned off to deter loitering.

(iii) Parking tickets: Not many cars seem to be ticketed for parking offences during matches at Hampden due to a legal constraint; this is apparently because it takes 15 minutes to issue a ticket as drivers have to be allowed time to return and move their cars. The question was raised as to why wardens can't take time-stamped photographs of illegally parked vehicles and return to book any which remain after the time allowed.

(iv) The pump facility at Cathcart is to be developed into private accommodation.

12. Website:

Paddy has taken on the running of the website, with Natasha's help. We will add more of a personal touch with a mini bio and photograph of each of the community councillors. The contact page will be updated.

13. AOCB:

(i) Bowling Club (Nicola): the Mount Florida Community Trust calendars are now available. The planning application is still in limbo.

(ii) Window Wanderland: a grant for next year has been received and will be administered by the Trust.

(iii) Newsletter: Judith wishes to hand over the editing, and will email the community council with details of what is required. Copy has to be with the printer for early February, and with the distributor by March. Nicola offered to help with the newsletter.

14. Close. Next meeting: Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall