

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 25 October 2022
Clinicarhill Church Hall at 7.20pm.

Present: Community Councillors Chris Carus, Mark Charlwood, Cassandra McLuckie, (Minutes), Amber Mohammed, Judith Pollock (Chair), Natasha Visser (Secretary), Robbie Warringham

Apologies: Bernhard Hidding, Janet MacDonald, Robert Pollock, Paddy Smith

Also attending: Tracey Jolliffe, Councillor Stephen Docherty, Marco ?? and PC Sammy Garcia

1. Welcome

Following the AGM, Judith Pollock opened the monthly meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

As above

3. Minutes of August and September meetings:

Chris proposed approval of the August minutes. This was seconded by Mark. Approval of the September minutes was proposed by Natasha and seconded by Robbie.

4. Matters Arising:

We had been asked to vote for a community council representative on the Wellbeing and Empowerment Committee. We supported the nomination of Irene Loudon and she was successful.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

Natasha said that she had received notification that SE Police had been nominated for an Evening Times Community Champion Awards 2022 for their work Hampden Community Action Plan. It was agreed that our local police have shown initiative in dealing with the issues around Hampden. Natasha will circulate the details should people wish to vote for them.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Robbie presented the monthly accounts, but highlighted that there was a small mistake as income from GCC had been allocated to general funds instead of ringfenced for the bollard art project. This does not affect the balance, which remains very healthy.

7. Ward Councillors' Report (Stephen Docherty):

Councillor Docherty said he was keen to hear about special issues and to build a list of 'quick fix' issues he could help with.

- Amber highlighted that waste collection was not happening on the same days as advertised online. Previous complaints had not been responded to.
- Mount Florida does not have a dedicated litter picker as others do.
- Mark raised pavement issues – extreme slippiness from leaves falling on Stanmore Road for example. Stanmore Road also has a leak at nr 3 that has been getting worse over some months.
- Gutter cleaning is needed in the area generally. Judith stated that the junction of Kings Park Road and Carmunnock Road is flooded again despite the work done by Scottish Water.
- The quality of the reinstatement work at Third Avenue and Carmunnock Road is atrocious.
- Marco commented on the dog fouling on the street and provision of doggy bags beside bins.

8. Community Police Report:

PC Garcia reported that the police are trying to find a way to engage positively with the young people previously identified as causing problems in the area eg youth groups etc.

There was discussion on budgets for matches, given that recent matches at Ibrox had seen vans of Police deployed on the street - PC Garcia stated that clubs pay extra for policing support and different matches have different budgets though stadiums can fund extra resource - the budget

for the event influences police resources. Marco asked for option to erect fencing to funnel fans – PC Garcia will investigate if this is possible. Chris suggested licensing is the place to focus on in actioning change. Mark asked who approves the budget set for events and when Hampden applies for a temporary entertainment license, who approves the set budget, but this was not clarified.

9. Hampden:

Amber said that there had been high staff turnover in the community relations team at Hampden. Chris suggested making things as difficult as possible for the licensing team, and to attempt to have a full motion put before Council and cite the issues at Hampden equating to negligence. British Transport Police will become more involved and reach out to Scotrail to encourage provision of toilets. Police have asked (no powers) Tesco to stop selling alcohol if things get too rowdy during matches, which they have honoured. Amber opened up idea of a safer drinking space in area; space set up for this similarly to Glasgow Green. Stewards have much less power at Hampden than at club grounds because fans only go to one or two matches annually and so the option of barring of a season ticket holder doesn't apply. Fines also cannot be increased because it is not on statute.

10. Letherby update:

No significant update from last month, though we are still on target to submit the Sustrans application for funding for the build in November.

11. Langside Area Partnership:

Judith highlighted the £46k available through the Parks and Open Spaces Fund and asked for feedback/ideas on how/where to spend money.

- Judith suggested the underutilised space at Kinghorn Avenue
- Mark suggested the Queens Park Recreation Ground and the addition of a facility in the ground for people to use. Judith mentioned that Bernhard had made an application for adding seating and that this was moving forward slowly. In relation to the skate park, currently the Council are engaging with consultants who are working to understand how to use the space best.
- Amber suggested developing a BBQ area
- Amber also suggested utilising carbon sequestering through developing a wildflower area at the Hangingshaws.

Judith will highlight these opportunities to council officers.

12. Next meeting: Tuesday 22 November at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall