

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 28 February 2023 Clinicarhill Church Hall. 7p.m.

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

Also attending: Cllr Susan Aitken, PC Sammy Garcia, PS Keith McLay, Claire Charlwood, Mandy Evans Ewing, Rachel Gillespie, Shane Goodbody, Nicola Smith.

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above; apologies were received from Chris Carus, Cassandra McLuckie, and Bernhard Hidding.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

Approval of the minutes of the January 2023 meeting were approved (proposed Amber Mohammed, seconded Paddy Smith).

4. Matters Arising:

(i) **Item 6(v):** Area Partnership disbursement of grants – £10,000 was put towards the Balvicar Street play area, and the remainder to the pathway into the Rec's, which should allow this plan to go forward. Re the £1 million for Langside, Bernhard had sent our proposals to the ward councillors, and Cllr Leinster had forwarded to Karen Gorman.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

- (i) The Community Council development session will take place on 4th March (email circulated|).
- (ii) A licensing application notification (PEL01095) QP Rec's.
- (iii) Mural artists (see further below).

6. Treasurer's Report:

Previously circulated. The running costs indicated are the funds allocated to the GoMoFlo project. Robbie will change this for the next report

7. Ward Councillors' Report (Susan Aitken):

- (i) The new police Divisional Commander, Pauline Thomson, has been in touch and is keen to engage with the local community.
- (ii) The city council budget: this has been very challenging to set, and difficult decisions have had to be made. There will be neither an increase nor a decrease in support for community councils and Area Partnerships. Support for community organisations will continue. Some money will be borrowed for road improvements.
- (iii) Cllr Aitken was asked if a joint statement could go out to football clubs from local councillors, community councillors and the police, following the trouble before the recent match. She was also asked about the possibility of any review of licensing conditions for events

at Hampden. GCC is about to draft their new licensing policy following a consultation. Cllr Aitken will ask officers to look into this.

(iv) The issue of delays in the issuing of parking permits was raised. Cllr Aitken will follow this up. Parking fines are to rise to £100 from April.

8. Community Police Report:

Sergeant McLay reported. There had been some antisocial behaviour and youth disorder around Holmlea Road/Holmlea Court, and some instances of vandalism; otherwise crime in our area was relatively low.

Football: an 18-month local reassurance plan has been put in place. The mass brawl that took place at the weekend at 9a.m. before the start of the Rangers–Celtic match was dispersed by police. Some fans had been admitted to the stadium in advance, to put up a ‘tifo’ display, and were confronted by rival fans. Police have now requested that Hampden does not allow access to the ground before matches. There had also been some issues with parking, alcohol consumption, and rowdy disruptive behaviour. There were in addition some instances of disorder in Victoria Road. A large number of officers were in place, but there were not many calls to the police number. Traffic officers were pleased to see that buses are no longer parking inappropriately. There will be two more semi-finals in April, and the final in June. Other Scotland matches, concerts and women’s football matches are still to come also, but there is no trouble expected at the women’s matches.

If local residents see any offences on the day, they are urged to phone in and resources will be redeployed if possible. The police are looking to increase their numbers at football matches. They have identified the possibility of variation in licensing for local off-sales; Tesco have been good at shutting down alcohol sales immediately before matches, but other outlets have not been so responsive. GCC would have to give the go-ahead for any amendments, as only they have the power to vary licenses. We will seek more information on this from GCC.

Public urination: residents are asked to call this in at the time, or if unable to do this, report afterwards using the online form, and hot spots can be identified in future planning.

The officers acknowledge that they cannot entirely prevent the consumption of alcohol in the streets, but were thanked for their efforts.

9. Hampden (Amber):

Email correspondence had been circulated earlier regarding the licensing application (PEL01103) for the Red Hot Chilli Peppers concert, to be held on Sunday 23rd July. We agreed to object to the license due to problems in the past with concerts having insufficient toilet provision, noise and other disturbance etc.

10. AOCB:

(i) Stanmore Community Garden: the housing association maintenance team had cut down some of the bushes rather drastically. The Neighbourhood Improvement Fund could be applied to for funds to replace these. A new community organisation is to be set up to apply for funding for community projects. The new website will be linked to the community council website. Other improvements needed include painting of the railings, repairs to the steps and attention to the trees. In the first instance, an application could be made via Cathcart Housing Association. Penny Bond was suggested as another possible contact, as she has been doing some training in green issues. Judith suggested that the group come up with a development plan, in conjunction with Penny.

Action➤ Judith will pass on Penny’s contact details to Mandy.

Some of the community garden is on GCC land, and some on Cathcart Housing Association land. Maintenance responsibilities are an ongoing issue, as it is not always clear which body is responsible for different aspects of maintenance/repair.

(ii) Winter Wonderland: 51 windows have been signed up to date – a map is to be printed on Friday, so anyone wishing to participate is asked to get signed up ASAP.

(iii) A call was put out via our Facebook page for a mural artist to bring forward ideas for the bridge at Prospecthill Road. Judith, Amber and Natasha will discuss this further, and put in an application to the Area Partnership in March.

(iv) GCC is cutting recycling services to flats, and is charging to remove garden waste. Glass collections are also to be cut.

Action➤ MoFlo will draft an objection to these plans.

(v) Mark Charwood and Bernhard Hidding are resigning from the community council. They were thanked for their valuable contributions over their respective terms of office, and will be much missed.

(vi) The Red Hot Chilli Peppers will be putting on a concert at Hampden in the summer. Last year's concerts were problematic, with anti-social behaviour, parking and lack of toilets being particular issues.

Action➤ MoFlo will raise an objection.

(vii) Dog mess: this has become more of a problem recently. We have stencils and chalk paint, and will highlight problem areas. It was suggested that we might put free 'doggy' bags on lamp posts for use of dog owners.

(viii) Robbie will contact Alice re litter picks.

(ix) Match-funding from GCC has been allocated for the Letherby project. We are awaiting word from SusTrans re their share of funding.

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