

# **Mount Florida Community Council**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of 25 April 2023 Clinicarhill Church Hall. 7p.m.**

**Present:** Community Councillors Judith Pollock (Chair), Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Cassandra McLuckie, Amber Mohammed, Paddy Smith, Natasha Visser (Secretary) and Robbie Warringham (Treasurer).

Also attending: PC Sammy Garcia, Charlie Bennett, Joanne Breckenridge, Stephen Kenny, Marine Lannic, Calum Mackinnon, Cara Viola, Chet (Inhouse).

### **1. Welcome**

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

### **2. Attendance and Apologies:**

Attendance as above; apologies were received from Chris Carus, Robert Pollock, and Councillor Bruce.

### **3. Minutes of last meeting:**

Approval of the minutes of the March 2023 meeting were approved (proposed Paddy Smith, seconded Judith Pollock).

### **4. Matters Arising:**

(i) **Item 4(iii):** A grant has been received for the mural on the railway bridge.

### **5. Summary of Correspondence:**

There had been no correspondence.

### **6. Treasurer's Report:**

The mural grant has been awarded but not yet received.

### **7. Ward Councillors' Report:**

No councillor attended; Cllr Bruce sent apologies.

### **8. QPFC: Charlie Bennett**

Charlie Bennett of Queens Park FC Foundation, the charitable arm of the club, attended. The foundation was set up a year ago, and is doing work across the area, especially in primary schools. Outreach officers go to schools for a full day doing activities such as football coaching, developing the young workforce etc. They also worked with Clinicarhill Church on the warm bank, and have a summer holiday programme of activities. Learning Contents Officers have been appointed and will work on social media. They have developed numeracy lessons around football, and a literacy programme, engaging children in writing match reports. These will especially benefit children who are challenged.

A Football Development Manager has been appointed, and greater involvement with the community is planned.

The Foundation is working with GCC and intends to re-open Holyrood Sports Centre to meet local needs. The centre will be a community hub, managed by the Foundation. There is a flexible

vision for use of the centre, which will open at weekends, evenings and holidays, while the school will have use during weekdays. An online survey has been running for nearly a month and the plans have received positive feedback. Around 95% of respondents see the plans as being good for physical welfare and the local economy. Activities relating to young people and families are welcome following the Covid restrictions; physical and social activity are seen as being especially needed, as people in the Govanhill area don't have many opportunities for holiday activities.

Timescale: mid-August, following community engagement and the creation of a business plan. This may be brought forward as things are progressing well. Local recruitment is planned, and funding will be derived from letting the premises to cover costs; any additional money will be used for local community programmes, e.g. holiday programmes, or alleviating food poverty. Prices will be on a sliding scale, using GCC venues as a bench mark, with higher costs for corporate lets, lower for community organisations. This is felt to be appropriate for the area and for local people. The Foundation is funded by the community football programme, with additional grant funding, fundraising and some money from QPFC. They are looking for a first-year turnover of £250,000.

The Foundation wishes to develop partnerships with local organisations, and will not just be football-focussed, but will put on fitness classes, and provide equipment for badminton, basketball etc to allow more people to participate in sport.

A girls' football section (ages 10–14) has been in place since January; they currently train at Nethercraigs, but will move to Holyrood when the centre opens.

The new facility next to QPFC has better corporate facilities and will be available for hire for weddings, parties etc.

#### **9. Community Police Report (PC Garcia):**

(i) The youths involved in recent incidents have been identified as coming from different areas round about.

(ii) The community action plan is in place for the forthcoming semi-finals this weekend. Twelve officers and two sergeants will be in place on Saturday; Sunday's match will be bigger. Bus companies will be contacted to let customers know where portaloos will be located.

(iii) It is hoped to have a meeting before the concert season starts. Clincarthill Church will be open for hospitality and toilets before the Red Hot Chilli Peppers concert, and may stay open after the concert.

PC Garcia was thanked for his report.

#### **10. Hampden update (Amber Mohammed):**

(i) Amber and Judith had met Christina and Karen two weeks ago and raised the issue of toilet provision. GCC will not take responsibility for toilets outside the ground. Nothing has been heard more recently from Hampden; the promised action plan has still not been received, despite the participation agreement.

(ii) GCC were supposed to have a deep cleaning team in the area for 6 weeks; we forwarded local residents' concerns about hot spots but received an unsatisfactory response. As usual, residents are asked to report any incidents to 101 or submit the online form.

#### **11. Area Partnership (Paddy Smith):**

(i) There was a meeting last week. Susan Aitken had asked for additional stewards at Hampden.

(ii) Glasgow Bus Partnership update: currently looking at 5 corridors that are underused and seeking to identify what measures could be put in place.

- (iii) An update was received from Karen Venables re the structural improvement fund for physical improvements within the community. This is now available, awaiting the results of the consultation.
- (iv) South Seeds on behalf of the Queens Park working group are looking for joint funding from 3 wards for improvements to Queens Park.
- (v) £1000 was awarded for the railway bridge mural.

## **12. QP Recreation Ground organisers – Event Solutions CIC**

Chet (Inhouse) reported. They had embarked on a clean-up of the amphitheatre in the last few weeks. A working relationship has been established with the community police. Anti-vandalism measures are being put in place over the summer. A programme of 24 days of activities is planned. There will be 19 days of free events, with some commercial events, several events taking place each day. The launch will take place on 29 June and the programme will run till 23 July. The number of outdoor cinema events will be increased, including matinee cinema, international films, and vocal performances; there will also be atmospheric events, fitness classes, soft play, Book Bug, and a licensed café. The Wimbledon finals will be shown on a big screen. The programme will be released next week, and seasonal reports will be published on the QP website. Tickets will be free, but online booking will be required. We will share information when received.

➤**Action** Judith to pass Chet's contact details to Stephen.

## **13. AOCB**

- (i) There will be a review of the hall let charges at Clincarthill Church. At present, the halls are under-used: community groups are encouraged to apply for lets.
- (ii) Letherby: GCC have agreed to fund their portion; SusTrans has approved the application in principle but don't currently have a budget for this due to other projects over-running. We will be in the running for funding if we can retain the GCC funding.
- (iv) Bike Bus: Joanne reported that St Fillans parents want to start a bike bus. At present there is not the critical mass to keep going. They have been given bike lights et by the Neighbourhood Support scheme, but need to spread awareness of the benefits. The Active Schools Co-ordinator may be able to help. If the Letherby project happens, this will also assist the scheme as it will break up traffic. It was suggested that the possibility of Hampden car park being made available for cycle training might be explored.
- (v) Licensing for commercial premises on events days at Hampden: some venues have applied for seasonal extended opening hours, which may cause problems for local residents. Ventilation systems are a nuisance if left on all day. There are also concerns about extended opening hours being unspecified, and potentially being regularly extended.

## **14. Close. Next meeting: Tuesday 23 May 2023 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall**