

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 22 August 2023 Clincarthill Church Hall. 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Judith Pollock (Chair), Robert Pollock, Chris Carus, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Cassandra McLuckie, Graeme Boyle.
Also attending: Nicola Smith.

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above; apologies were received from Amber Mohammed, Paddy Smith, Natasha Visser (Secretary) and Robbie Warringham (Treasurer).

3. Minutes of last meeting:

Approval of the minutes of the June 2023 meeting were approved (proposed Chris Carus, seconded Judith Pollock).

4. Matters Arising:

- (i) We had submitted an objection to the proposed 3m high wall at the Clockwork; however the application has since been withdrawn.
- (ii) Judith had requested information from Cllr Leinster re funding for Connecting Battlefield. He replied that £2m is to come through Transport Scotland's Active Travel fund. When plans are further developed, we should be consulted under the TRO.
- (iii) Judith had made an enquiry about the Fanzone licence for Hampden, and whether the money raised from this could be used for toilet provision. There has been no response to date.
- (iv) Some repairs have been made to the Recs.
- (v) There has been no response regarding our participation in the multi-agency group.
- (vi) Bowling Club: the Flood Risk Management team have raised some questions, and the Planning Dept have gone back to the developers for clarification.
- (vii) Election of new members: Graeme Boyle has been elected to the Community Council; two vacancies remain.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

(i) Chris summarised the consultation on local heat and energy efficiency. (N.B. The consultation will close before our next meeting.) There are two agendas – fuel poverty and climate change – and four strategies for addressing these. They are (a) heat networks (primary, secondary etc.), insulation, individual purchase of heat pump, communal heat pumps. Mount Florida is included in the South 2 area, along with Gorbals, part of Govanhill and Battlefield. There are also planned secondary areas for heat networks, including Shawlands. Many questions arise, such as: when will this work take place, where, and who will pay? How will the schemes be regulated in terms of consumer protection? Will these planned strategies deter people from taking action meantime? What will costs be for individual households, and for the environment? How does the roll-out of infrastructure play out over time? Will this displace other agencies? Are there alternatives? Chris will advise of any other major points or questions.

(ii) Judith had met with a representative of the WISE group. They had offered skills and learning and one-to-one mentoring for people on issues such as financial advice, mental health etc. As they do not take self-referrals but require referrals through agencies, they had been in touch with MFCC. Judith has suggested they contact Stephen Kennedy at Clincarthill Church, and Finn's Place.

(iii) Natasha had circulated information about the Licensing Board drop-in sessions.

(iv) GCC have offered a grant of £500 to carry out planting (trees, bulbs and/or wild flowers) at Hangingshaws. As we do not have liability insurance, Judith will contact Urban Roots to see if they will take this on, and Mount Florida Primary Eco group may also wish to get involved.

(v) We were notified of an application for a short-term home-share let in Stanmore Road.

(vi) The invoice for the murals was higher than originally planned as we had asked for anti-graffiti paint to be used. We can transfer some money from the Places Called Home fund.

(vii) The bollard art, supposed to be completed in April, had not yet been carried out. The prices have apparently risen considerably, and the artists have turned down our request to carry out the work on a smaller number of bollards for the original cost quoted. An initial sum paid out was used to fund the design exercise involving local school children. Judith has asked the mural artists to tender for painting the bollards with the children's designs.

(viii) Consultation about the local development plan: we will request a local place plan for Mount Florida after consultation with the local community. This will allow us to make known the priorities we wish to see for our area, which might include more traffic calming, better use of Hangingshaws, safer spaces for women etc. Judith will reply, and will carry out a socio-economic analysis.

(ix) We have received complimentary conference places at various events being run by Mackay Hannah. Judith will attend the Placemaking event on 7th September.

6. Treasurer's Report (submitted in advance):

No change. We have £1500 in un-ringfenced funds. The hall hire invoice has still to be received.

7. Ward Councillors' Report:

No ward councillors attended.

(i) The brambles encroaching on the pavement at the Bowling Club have been removed.

(ii) Stephen Docherty had offered to do a ward walkabout. No date has yet been fixed.

8. Community Police Report:

No officers attended.

9. Hampden update:

No update.

10. Transport Strategy:

Previously circulated. Rail capacity constraints are forecast at Central Station. A workshop will take place on Saturday 16th September from 9:30–12:00.

11. AOCB

(i) Health and Wellbeing: Graeme asked about our engagement with local health care, GP practices, Heart Start courses. He will look into training provision; there may be LAP funding available for holding an event.

(ii) Nicola has posted information on Facebook about a Jumble Trail to be held on Sunday 10th September at 11 a.m. Those wishing to take part are asked to email Nicola.

(iv) Nicola is willing to co-ordinate Winter Wonderland again next year if there is enough interest, with a volunteer committee.

(v) It has been noted that cars are frequently parking on the pavement outside Best Chippy; another bollard is required. Judith will write to GCC.

(v) Queens Park Working Group: Cassandra hopes to attend future meetings.

(vi) Newsletter: Judith proposed that we put together a newsletter over the winter, for distribution in the spring. Articles to be submitted to Judith. She will contact Neil about delivery and will apply for funding.

14. Close. Next meeting: Tuesday 26 September 2023 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall