

# **Mount Florida Community Council**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of 23 April 2024 Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.**

**Present:** Community Councillors Robbie Warringham (Treasurer), Natasha Visser (Secretary), Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Chris Carus.

Also attending: Cllr Paul Leinster, Mandy Burke, Kenny Harvey, Brioni Dunstan.

### **1. Welcome**

Robbie Warringham chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

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

Attendance as above. Graeme Boyle, Judith Pollock, Robert Pollock, Paddy Smith and Cassandra McLuckie sent apologies.

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

The minutes of the March 2024 meeting still to be approved.

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

- (i) Hangingshaws: Urban Roots have still not been in touch.
- (ii) Paper on the budget for Letherby Triangle is awaited shortly.
- (iii) Susan Aitken has a copy of the lease for Cathkin Park, but is awaiting more information.
- (iv) Council officers have confirmed that the Jimmy Johnstone Trust are in breach of planning conditions but have yet to take any enforcement action.
- (v) Parking permits: see below under Hampden.
- (vi) The artist was supposed to begin work on the bollards this week but has been delayed on another job – work should start in the next week or two.

### **5. Summary of Correspondence (Natasha):**

- (i) An email had been received from Cllr Bruce re the Hampden Park lease.
- (ii) Application for street trader's license for food trucks on Cumming Drive – since residents are not allowed to park there, and there are other places for food vans, we may wish to oppose the license.

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

No significant changes. There was one omission from last month's report – we are making additional funds available for the bollard art.

### **7. Ward Councillors' Report (Cllr Paul; Leinster):**

- (i) The winter maintenance plan has now ceased, but the weather will be monitored till the end of the month.
- (ii) There were two big events at Hampden at the weekend. Reports were received of some rubbish that had not been picked up; this should be dealt with this week.
- (iii) Glasgow City Council's Empty Homes strategy, to compulsorily purchase homes that have been left empty for a considerable time in order to bring them into use for social housing is ahead of target. Residents are asked to inform the Council of any empty homes nearby.

(iv) Judith had emailed members of the planning committee about the Cathjin Park planning application. Cllr Leinster had met with representatives of the Jimmy Johnstone Academy, who say they don't want to have a bad reputation with the local community, and that they do a lot of good work. The point was made that there is no issue with the work they do, but with their failure to engage with the local community, or to facilitate ways to contact them in order to arrange access to the pitch. It was also pointed out that the Community Asset Transfer process was not followed when the lease was granted. The space around the outside of the fence is very narrow and does not allow easy access. We asked if the Council would take enforcement action. Cllr Leinster said he will encourage the Jimmy Johnstone Academy to make themselves more available to be contacted.

#### **8. Community Police Report:**

No police attended.

#### **9. Hampden:**

(i) Parking permits: A resident had reported that physical parking permits are no longer being issued, but the electronic system is not working. Despite having registered her vehicle, she was given a ticket, which she is contesting. Cllr Leinster will try to expedite this. It seems that the system has changed, but existing permit holders have not been notified of the change. We will remind residents via our social media channels to check if their permits are valid.

(ii) Litter is not being cleared away promptly, as should be done.

(iii) We will try to appoint another rep for Hampden issues. Contact person for Hampden is Anton Fagan.

#### **10. Local Place Plan:**

(i) Our offer letter has been signed. Kevin Murray Associates have been appointed as consultants; they have a lot of community engagement experience. A meeting has been arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> May, and we are asked to think of issues we would like to prioritise. We have had a disappointingly low number of responses from local businesses about how they wish to be involved in the LPP>

Nicola Smith has joined the steering group, and Cathcart and District HA are keen to be involved, as is Clincarthill Church. Hampden will also have some involvement.

(ii) We would like to have a community event in June. The community garden has been offered as a venue, and Kings Park Brass Band are interested in being involved if they can. We will discuss this further with the consultants, but meanwhile, any additional help with organising will be welcome.

#### **11. Area Partnership:**

(i) A meeting was held last week. Cllr Aitken is keen that we start to spend money from the Partnership fund, and projects could be identified through the Local Place Plan. Much of the budget has already been allocated, but there is still some money for allocation at the September meeting.

(ii) We need to find a replacement rep for the AP meetings. Judith is happy to provide more information.

(iii) Steven Dowling is leaving as part of a restructuring of the team. It looks as though there will be more community engagement staff.

## **12. AOCB**

(i) Commonwealth Games: It seems unlikely that Glasgow will host the Games. There is very little funding available, and little interest has been shown by the UK government.

(ii) It was noted that Cathkin Park belongs to GCC; the Jimmy Johnstone Academy has the lease of the pitch and changing rooms only.

**12. Meeting closed. Next meeting Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall**