

# **Mount Florida Community Council**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of 23 January 2024 Clinicarhill Church Hall, 7p.m.**

**Present:** Community Councillors Judith Pollock (Chair), Robbie Warringham (Treasurer), Natasha Visser (Secretary), Cassandra McLuckie, Paddy Smith, Robert Pollock  
Also attending: Cllr Stephen Docherty, Sgt Alan Walker, PC Mandeep Burmi, Josee Meredith Keevil, Gordon Brady, Nicola Smith, Rachel Gillespie.

### **1. Welcome**

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

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

Attendance as above. Amber Mohammed, Chris Carus, Janet MacDonald, Graeme Boyle sent apologies.

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

Approval of the minutes of the 28 November 2023 meeting was given with a minor correction relating to the payment to St Andrew's First Aid to cover training, and not a donation as stated (Minutes proposed by Robbie Warringham, seconded by Paddy Smith).

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

- (i) No update on Letherby Triangle.
- (ii) Car parking on the pavement outside Best Chippy, Police to keep an eye on the situation.

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

- (i) Email from local resident raising concerns about use of Clincart Road thereby breaching the one-way system.

### **6. Treasurer's Report (Robbie):**

We retain a healthy balance at present. It is anticipated that circa £300 pounds will be required of the Community Council resources regarding the publication of the new newsletter.

### **7. Ward Councillors' Report (Cllr Stephen Docherty):**

- (i) Higher level of local complaints about disruption to the cleansing service caused by significant personnel absences and bad weather conditions.
- (ii) Cllr Docherty objected to the 25-year lease being agreed with the Jimmy Johnstone Academy and the height of the fence in relation to Cathkin Park.
- (iii) There will be significant cuts to the GCC budget for 2024/25 (circa £40 million).

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

Sgt Walker reported no major incidents since the last meeting.

- (i) Car parking on the pavement outside Best Chippy is a road traffic offence. A Police car will monitor the situation for an hour in the coming weeks. It was suggested that the Police car should arrive in the early evening. Engine idling and unsafe parking near the school was also raised as a concern.

(ii) Local incidents of graffiti were raised e.g., the Yoga Practice, Carmunnock Road. Such incidents should be raised with the Police to ensure that they are listed in their city-wide graffiti database. The database assists building cases for prosecution.

**9. Hampden update:**

Nothing to report this month (Amber had given apologies).

**10. Local Place Plan:**

Judith has submitted an application to the Local Place Fund for £15,000 to commission support / expertise for the development of the Local Place Plan (LPP). Judith will also aim to submit a grant request to the Area Partnership. The outcome of the Local Place Fund application should be known in end February / March. It is anticipated that regular meetings will be convened in the coming weeks to commence work on the LPP. A list of stakeholders and key consultees (including Hampden Park) will be drawn up. Nicola Smith indicated that Mount Florida Trust is interested in being involved. Community / stakeholder consultation could commence in the spring.

**11. AOCB**

Nicola Smith indicated that Window Wanderland is taking place again between 2 – 4 March and the theme will be Film & TV.

Josee Meredith Keevil noted that The Wee Retreat is starting local health walks and has a weekly drama class for young persons between the ages of 11 – 18 years (every Tuesday). Judith will put this on Community Council Facebook page and X (Twitter) account and on the Mount Florida Community Group Facebook page.

**12. Meeting closed.**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 27 February 2024 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall**