

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 26 March 2024 Clinicarhill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Judith Pollock (Chair), Robert Pollock, Natasha Visser (Secretary), Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Graeme Boyle, Paddy Smith
Also attending: Cllr Susan Aitken, Andrea Gillespie, Chet Capkiner.

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above. Robbie Warringham, Chris Carus and Cassandra McLuckie sent apologies.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the February 2024 meeting were approved (proposed G Boyle, seconded N Visser).

4. Matters Arising:

- (i) One-way system on Clincart Road – Holly Bruce had looked into this, and the officers will look at whether new road markings are required.
- (ii) Parking outside Best Chippy – car parking now seems to have moved to the opposite pavement at the school.
- (iii) Hangingshaws – Urban Roots have not yet been in touch.
- (iv) Letherby – it looks hopeful that the budget will be forthcoming; we await confirmation at the council meeting in April.
- (v) Cathkin Park – an event was held at the weekend, which was attended by around 150 people. It is not clear who organised this. A judicial review has been submitted and pro bono lawyers secured. The Planning Department are looking at the temporary fencing; they have apparently said that it does not breach the access regulations, but we feel that it goes against the City Development Plan's aims of providing increased access to open spaces and the green network, and encouraging the provision of accessible community facilities. It also does not comply with Section 14 of the Land Reform Act re public access.

The Jimmy Johnstone Trust have not attempted much engagement with the local community, and residents find it impossible to get any response from them as to how to book access to the football pitch for games. Cllr Aitken will try to facilitate some engagement. She also informed the meeting that funding will be made available for improvements to Cathkin Park.

At a recent meeting, the Friends of Cathkin Park asked for a copy of the lease of the pitch under the Freedom of Information Act, but were asked for £102 to supply a copy. Cllr Aitken will try to obtain a copy, failing which the Community Council will pay from our funds.

5. Summary of Correspondence (Natasha):

- (i) A license application had been received for a 4-day festival in June at Queens Park Recs.
- (ii) Parking permits are to be replaced eventually by online applications, but meantime paper permits are still valid.

6. Treasurer's Report:

- (i) Planning Aid Scotland money should be in the general funds.
- (ii) The bollard art money has been ring-fenced. Gill, the artist who worked on the murals on the bridge, will paint the bollards, but we will need to allocate additional funding from our budget to allow the work to be completed.

7. Ward Councillors' Report (Cllr Susan Aitken):

Cllr Aitken took questions and will address issues raised by those attending.

- (i) The issue of the new traffic lights cutting out the pedestrian signal, and not sounding when it was safe to cross, was raised at a previous meeting. Cllr Aitken had raised this with the roads dept, and they had suggested that the signals were the same as any others, however it has been noted that other pedestrian crossings (such as that on Holmlea Road near the park) also cut out on occasion.
- (ii) There is still a pile of wet leaves on the pavement at Cathcart Road/Cordiner Street corner, a potential slip hazard, despite its having been reported some weeks ago.
- (iii) Street litter bins were full to overflowing today, before the start of the match at Hampden.
- (iv) The one-way system on Bolton Drive means that cars are now regularly doing U-turns at the top of the drive. Road markings are confusing, as it appears that only part of the drive is one-way.

8. Community Police Report:

No police attended as they were busy at the football match.

9. Hampden:

No report; Amber stood down as our representative due to other commitments.

10. Local Place Plan:

The offer letter is not yet through, but a consultant (Kevin Murray Associates) has been selected from three bids received. An application for £6000 from the Local Area Partnership fund has been made.

11. Area Partnership:

Paddy Smith has resigned from the Partnership, and Cassandra had expressed an interest in being involved. Judith will attend the April meeting, and we will hold over a decision on a replacement till next month.

12. Queens Park Arena Summer Events:

A 24-day event programme is scheduled for June/July. This will consist of family events, cinema, health & wellbeing events, performing arts etc. Most events will be free.

Awards for All, Creative Scotland and Area Partnership money has been applied for.

13. AOCB

- (i) It was noted that scaffolding has been erected around the COP church, and vans have been parking on the pavement. It is unclear how long works will be ongoing.
- (ii) Street play dates: we will look into applying for a date in early May. We could start the Local Place Plan consultation if ready in time. We may also look at holding a picnic.

12. Meeting closed. Next meeting Tuesday 23 April 2024 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall