

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 28 November 2023 Clinicarhill Church Hall. 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Judith Pollock (Chair), Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Paddy Smith, Graeme Boyle and Robbie Warringham (Treasurer).

Also attending: Cllr Paul Leinster, Sgt Alan Walker, Shane Goodbody, Josee Meredith.

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above. Robert Pollock, Amber Mohammed, Cassandra McLuckie, Natasha Visser and Chris Carus sent apologies.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the October 2023 meeting were approved (proposed Robbie Warringham, seconded Graeme Boyle).

4. Matters Arising:

(i) Last month we had asked whether the money received by GCC for use of the Purple Car Park during events at Hampden could be used for toilet provision on match days – still awaiting a response.

(ii) There is still no action plan in place for Hampden, despite repeated promises.

(iii) Letherby Triangle: Judith met Cllr Bruce and some of the officers involved. SusTrans is now funded on an annual basis, but we had been given approval for the Triangle improvements before the way of working changed. GCC officers are working with Sustrans to find a way to allow the project to progress

(v) Cllr Leinster agreed to look into who should take responsibility for cleaning up pigeon mess under the railway bridges.

5. Summary of Correspondence (Robbie):

(i) The Early Engagement Notice for City Development Plan 2 has been circulated. A survey will be available from November until February.

(ii) GCC have removed two Victorian-style bins at either end of the pass at Cathkinview flats. Litter at the flats is now a problem, but this may be due to refuse collectors no longer carrying heavy bins, and there is no access for vehicles. Cllr Leinster confirmed that the Victorian-style bins were no longer being used,

(iii) QP football club has put in a licensing application for events at Lesser Hampden, to sell drinks till 11p.m. They also wish to have an outdoor drinking license. If the latter is to apply till 11p.m., we will object as the stadium is close to houses, and will suggest a 9p.m. finish for outdoor events.

6. Treasurer's Report (Robbie):

Our annual report has been signed off by GCC. We have a healthy balance at present. Last week we had arranged a First Aid course on CPR with St Andrews Ambulance; around 10 people attended, and we agreed to send £30 to St Andrews Ambulance for providing training.

7. Ward Councillors' Report (Paul Leinster):

(i) Winter Maintenance Plan: grit bins should be kept filled. They have QR codes to enable contact should they run out. Priorities for gritting can be found on the GCC website

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17051>

- (ii) Cllr Leinster has been speaking to organisations such as Network Rail to get them to clear leaves from pavements near their premises to free up Council time.
- (iii) GCC has launched a campaign to plant 18 million trees, and are asking residents to choose areas for planting.
- (iv) It is hoped that some progress will be made with the Area Partnership infrastructure fund, to make it as collaborative as possible. Some money (around £30,000) Has been spent on CCTV cameras in Toryglen, where there have been antisocial behaviour issues. A pilot for community-based approach to spending has taken place in Pollok and Calton, and it is hoped to have a definitive timeline by February. Costings will be worked up for proposals already received.
- (v) A planning application for the building of a 3-storey house on Kings Park Road has been refused.
- (vi) Judith asked about the bowling club, as a resident had made the point that it is now more than 18 months since the last application. Drainage tests last December had not come up to standard, and nothing further has been done about drainage strategy since March. If nothing further happens soon, this may lead to non-compliance with the planning rules. We will keep monitoring the situation. Cllr Leinster said that as long as the applicant was progressing the application, he thought that they would comply with the guidance.
- (vii) Trees: It was put to Cllr Leinster that brown bin charges may make people less willing to pay for extra bins to collect leaves that used to be picked up by GCC.
- (viii) It has been noted that PMK, who had recently dug up roads for ducting cables, are now digging up roads again for Scottish Power fibre cables. Pedestrians are being forced off pavements onto roads. Cllr Leinster will raise this issue, as this should not be happening – ducting cables should be shared.
- (ix) Scottish Water will be digging down into the sewer in Pollokshaws Road, so temporary traffic lights will be in place in Shawlands for three weeks.

8. Community Police Report:

Sgt Walker reported.

- (i) This has been a period of significant change for the police, as the local commander has changed. Gordon Sneddon will be the new Local Area Commander; he is very experienced. The Community Inspector will also be retiring shortly. The new inspector will be Christopher Thomson, who also has a wealth of community safety experience.
- (ii) The Festive Action Plan is about to be launched city wide. There will be a focus on licensed premises, people using ATMs etc, and an increased emphasis on domestic abuse. Trained members of staff will be in place in licensed premises. A drink-driving campaign will help to ensure safety on the roads.
- (iii) Hampden Action Plan is resourced by local police. A budget deficit means that the plan will be resourced 50-50 by Hampden and the police.
- (iv) The “Your Police” survey can be found on the Police Scotland website at <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2023-2024/>
- (v) Residents reported an increased incidence of graffiti. Sgt Walker will report this to the community police. Residents are asked to take photos of any new graffiti and send it to PC Garcia. Police try to find out who is responsible for football-related graffiti tags; stop-and-search powers can be used if necessary.

9. Hampden update:

Parking at Hampden events is still an issue. There are not enough wardens in attendance. Local residents can't park, yet the football coaches are allowed to park. We will ask again for warden enforcement. Additional street litter bins are also required.

Somerville Drive residents are also reporting incidents via the online form, and by phoning 101, but are not getting a response. We are also receiving complaints about noise levels from Hampden late at night. **Action** ➤ Judith will pass on details to police.

10. Local Place Plan:

Judith has spoken to Awards For All to see if we can get funding for the Local Place Plan. We will set up regular meetings after Christmas, and will try to start a consultation in the spring.

11. AOCB

CPR training: this had been a success, and we will set up another session next year (February).

12. Close. No December meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday 23 January 2024 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall