

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 27 August 2024 Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Judith Pollock (Chair), Robert Pollock, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Paddy Smith, Robbie Warringham (Treasurer), Natasha Visser (Secretary).
Also attending: Cllr Susan Aitken, Monica Adami, Gordon Brady, Rachel Gillespie, Lucia Jones, M. Jones, Tracy Lategan, Anne McGrory, Nicola Smith.

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above. Apologies were received from Graeme Boyle and Chris Carus. It was noted that Cassandra McLuckie has resigned from the Community Council.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the June meeting were approved (proposed NV, seconded RP).

4. Matters Arising:

(i) **Cathkin Park:** planning permission had been given for a fence to be erected, but a local resident raised a legal challenge as it was felt to be in breach of the Land Reform Act. See further below (item 8iii).

(ii) The **Bowling Club redevelopment** planning application was to have been held in the August planning meeting, but no new information has appeared on the portal.

(iii) The police were to check on several issues including parking and traffic, but have not yet got back to us.

(iv) There is no further update on the application by the Tartan Co for an outside licence.

5. New Community Councillors:

We have several vacancies on the community council. Gordon Brady had submitted his application form, but it has gone astray. Several others had also expressed interest in becoming community councillors. We asked Cllr Aitken for a grace period to allow applications to go in. Elections will be postponed until next month.

6. Summary of Correspondence (Natasha):

(i) Several complaints about parking etc at recent football matches had been received.

7. Treasurer's Report:

(i) There had not been many outgoings since June except for our hall hire.

(ii) This month sees the financial year end, and a report will be submitted to the auditor.

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

(i) **Hampden:** The SFA have been asked to provide confirmation whether Rangers will be extending their lease of Hampden. Rangers have provided additional resources to mitigate issues such as parking, and there is slightly more parking enforcement in place, but this means wardens are drafted in from other areas of the city. Additional resources need to be deployed where needed. **Action ➤** Cllr Aitken will keep pursuing this and will let us know the outcome. It was noted that the online newsletter from Hampden has been resurrected. **Action ➤** Judith will post sign-up details on our social media.

Hampden and the SFA should engage with local residents of the situation continues. We might ask the SFA to make some reparation to the local community for the inconvenience, and to local retailers for their losses.

(ii) There have been comments left on our Facebook page by local residents who have applied for parking passes on the RingGo app, but have still received parking tickets. The issuing of paper permits has been discontinued (though existing permits are still valid), so the failure of the app (or failure to notify parking attendants) is concerning. **Action ➤** Cllr Aitken will email the community council with information for residents on how to resolve parking permit issues.

(iii) **Cathkin Park:** GCC lawyers are tackling the issue, and the council is looking to fix the technical issue which led to the court finding. The application for the higher fence will have to go back to the planning committee. There is a need to find a middle ground where sports facilities can be used safely, but when not in use for sport, can be used by the local community.

9. Community Police Report:

No police attended. It was noted that PC Garcia has moved to another district.

10. Hampden:

(i) The crowds attending Rangers matches at Hampden have been lower than expected. Traffic wardens were in attendance.

(ii) There will be a Scotland match next week.

(iii) The next Rangers home game will take place on the weekend of 28th/29th September. We do not yet have word of how long they will continue to play at Hampden.

11. Local Place Plan:

(i) A spatial plan is being developed for Mount Florida, as part of the new city development plan. We are preparing an Action Plan, and will highlight areas for improvement. Public transport is one of several issues that we will ask about. Residents are encouraged to fill in the online survey on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Results will be fed into the next stage of the Place Plan and another workshop will take place at a date to be decided.

(ii) The Street Play Day took place in June and was well attended. We hope to hold another at the end of September (date to be finalised when we know the date of the football match), where the consultants will again be present to gather information from local residents.

12. Area Partnership:

(i) Judith is to attend a meeting next week, and will put forward our view that the partnership money should be used for local projects, and not for ongoing road maintenance.

13. AOCB

(i) **Action** ➤ Ask police to let us know if they will be unable to attend our meeting.

(ii) Winter Wonderland: The WW Facebook page has been taken down as FB technology sees it as impersonating another site. We will notify residents of the details of the event on our social media pages.

14. Meeting closed. Next meeting Tuesday 24 September 2024 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall