

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 24 September 2024
Clinkarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Judith Pollock (Chair), Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Robbie Warringham (Treasurer), Natasha Visser (Secretary), Monique Adami, Gordon Brady.
Also attending: Cllr Paul Leinster, Sgt Keith McLay, Mandy Burke, 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, Robert Pollock, Chris Carus and Paddy Smith.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the August meeting were approved (proposed RW, seconded NV).

4. Matters Arising:

(i) Cathkin Park: Despite objections, the second application for erection of a fence was approved. Historic Environment Scotland are considering listing the park; it was agreed to support the listing.

(ii) Some matters arising from the June meeting have not yet been resolved.

5. New Community Councillors:

An application had been lost in the post, but has now been found, and a late application had been accepted. We are happy to welcome Gordon and Monique aboard.

6. Summary of Correspondence (Natasha):

An email had been received from Kelvindale Community Council about putting HMO and short term lets applications online, but this may be a GDPR issue and would have to be looked into further. **Action** ➤ Natasha will contact the Community Council team to enquire whether we may put details online.

7. Treasurer's Report:

(i) Last year's accounts are awaiting inspection.

(ii) Several cheques require to be written for outstanding expenses.

(iii) Monique agreed to be the new signatory to the account to replace Cassandra.

8. Ward Councillors' Report (Cllr Paul Leinster):

(i) 2026 Commonwealth Games: these are now likely to go ahead in Glasgow, but there is no intent at this stage to use Hampden. The UK government is to underwrite insurance costs.

(ii) A new website has been launched for Glasgow 850 (Glasgow850.com). The opportunity to sign up to the mailing list is available on the website. There will be a focus on community events, with a two-day concert and food and culture trail planned.

(iii) Plans for a city-wide fireworks control zone are up for consultation. The initial control zone will cover Pollokshields, which has seen problems in the past.

(iv) Area Partnership: presentations have taken place on the proposals for Langside Library, which is to close at the end of the year for up to two years to allow major refurbishment to take place.

(v) The City Development Plan is being updated, and ideas are sought on development sites. This will determine land use throughout the city to 2037.

9. Community Police Report (Sgt McLay):

(i) Issues had been reported around the Rangers games at Hampden. This should not be a further problem.

(ii) There are ongoing issues around Langside Halls, and in Govanhill and Castlemilk, but there have not been many issues in Mount Florida. There had been some minor issues of anti-social behaviour at Langside College, and problem parking at the school and on Cathcart Road, some minor assault cases, and sniffing of nitrous oxide – these issues have been added to controls. Most calls about these issues are made after the event.

- (iii) Bicycle theft is still an ongoing issue. The bike marking scheme that had taken place was expensive to run. There are some bike locks available. There is also a problem of e-bike riders not obeying the rules of the road; these bikes can be modified to go faster than the legal limit, but the perpetrators need to be caught in the act before action can be taken.
- (iv) Football coaches parking on double yellow lines, and idling – police have spoken to them. It is felt that there are not enough deterrents for illegal parking. Parking ticket fines have just been raised, which may help.
- (v) Alcohol at matches – Tesco Express have been good at stopping selling alcohol when asked; other shops are not always so willing as they can make big profits at these times.
- (vi) Sgt Walker had talked about a graffiti database. Sunshine No. 1 had been targeted recently; the offence was reported and the tag identified.
- (vii) Traffic on Clincart Road – the one-way system is not being observed. Road markings are not very good at the junction with Cathkinview Road. Cllr Leinster will check whether the scheme has been monitored for effectiveness.
- (viii) There are still issues with pavement parking outside Best Chippy and at the primary school. Drivers obey the rules when officers are present in hi-vis vests, but then problems return when they are not in sight.

10. Hampden:

- (i) There will be a Scotland v. Portugal match in October, Croatia match in November, the semi-finals on 2-3 November and the cup final on 15 December. Hampden's mailing list has been re-opened.
- (ii) We need a replacement to liaise with Hampden.

11. Local Place Plan:

This will feed into the new city development plan. A team of local organisations including community councils, MF Community Trust, housing associations, the church, community garden etc. are working on this. The first stage of the consultation has taken place; the second phase will be launched on Saturday, with the consultants in place at our family day. Another workshop will take place on 8 October. The draft vision plan will be in place by the end of the year and will go out again for consultation. Other local community councils (Langside & Battlefield and Shawlands and Strathbungo) are developing a similar plan for the borders of Queens Park. Robbie had attended their meeting last Monday. They had a big response to their survey, and have developed bold visions. They will focus on local assets and bringing these back into public involvement. Our vision statement was circulated, and anyone with any further thoughts for our group vision is asked to respond to Judith.

12. Area Partnership:

Our projects had not been included in the papers at the last meeting. This has been minuted, and they will be included in the next meeting.

13. Big Picnic Street Play:

This will take place from 12 noon – 3p.m. on Saturday. Those helping with tables are asked to attend at 10a.m. Lots of events will take place, with participants including Tappy Toes, Women on Wheels, the police, fire brigade and Dr Bike. The consultants on the Local Place Plan will attend, and there will be live music, face painting, a raffle, badge making, a craft table and food table.

14. AOCB

- (i) Volunteers are needed for Saturday. We will borrow an additional gazebo from Urban Roots. **Action ➤** make a list of resources to be shared with other community groups.
- (ii) Our next meeting will be our AGM (22 October). Representatives are needed for the Queens Park Working Group, Queens Park Arena, Hampden liaison, and a cover person for Area Partnership meetings.
- (iii) **Action ➤** Cllr Leinster will check whether the application has gone in for outside seating at the Tartan Co.
- (iv) Pavement parking on Mount Annan Drive – if this is stopped, it will mean that two cars cannot pass safely. A change is needed in how the road is used, or an exemption made to allow pavement parking.

14. Close. Next meeting (AGM) Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall