

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 25 March 2025
Clinicarhill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Monique Adami, Gordon Brady (Secretary), Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Judith Pollock (Chair), Robert Pollock and Robbie Warringham (Treasurer)

Also attending: Cllr Susan Aitken, Mandy Burke, Chet Capkiner, Rachel Gillespie, Elodie Mignard, Bill Strain, Luke Stronach, Natasha Visser

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above. Apologies were received from Paddy Smith.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the February meeting were approved (prop. M Adami, sec. G Brady)

4. Minutes of the January meeting:

The minutes of the January meeting were approved (prop. R Pollock, sec. J Pollock).

5. Matters Arising:

- (i) Fish on Fire sign too low, and flue has holes and is leaking fumes; officers are investigating.
- (ii) Mount Florida Parent Partnership agreed to become an Associate of MFCC.

6. Summary of Correspondence (G Brady):

- (i) Planning training for community councillors is available this Saturday.
- (ii) The local licensing board is looking for a community resident to sit on the board. Nominations are open until 18th April. Robbie expressed an interest.
- (iii) Details of the Euro 2028 bill are available on the Scottish government website.
- (iv) As part of the Glasgow 850 event programme (and the 50th anniversary of the formation of community councils) a photography exhibition highlighting the work undertaken by them is being held. Photos of community council events are requested. Judith agreed to supply photos of street party etc.
- (v) A music event will take place at the Recreation ground on 3rd May, with DJ, music, dancing and cabaret.
- (vi) We have been notified about the Licensing Committee meeting regarding the Tartan Coo outdoor area taking place on 4th April at 9:30a.m. in John Street.
- (vii) Queens Park Neighbourhood Place Plan: they are looking for feedback by 20th April. Gordon will share details.

7. Treasurer's Report (R. Warringham):

- (i) Expenses for this month: website fee and plants for the school. £2048 remains available.
- (ii) Some time ago we got an Area Partnership environmental grant of £500. We had suggested that this might go to Urban Roots to plant trees at Hangingshaws, but they have not responded to emails, therefore the money has gone to Wojcek from the Community Garden has agreed to co-ordinate the planting of an orchard.

8. Ward Councillors' Report:

Cllr Aitken attended.

(i) GCC's budget was passed last month. Over 300 posts are being recruited, and investments are being made in the following areas:

- creation of a neighbourhood clean team in each ward who will liaise with Christine Martin (Neighbourhood Coordinator). These will consist of a driver plus two other operatives (in addition to the day-to-day services) who will be based in local venues, e.g. community centres.
- roles are being recruited across Neighbourhood and Regeneration Services (parks etc.) with 50 new parks operatives across the city, and £1.5m extra funding for parks;
- around 100 new parking attendants will be recruited;
- additional deep clean teams, taking care of foliage, gullies etc.

- additional street clean night shift staff;
- additional staff on pest control;
- roads, footways and cycle lane maintenance getting more funding.

(ii) GCC are buying over empty properties and passing these to Housing Associations. Cllr Aitken asked us to promote this to local residents, and ask them to report any empty buildings.

(iii) Hoardings will be going up around George Square next month, for an 18-month regeneration of the square. This will create more green space, a new surface, and more seating.

9. Community Police Report:

Once again, no officers attended. Gordon will get in touch.

10. Hampden:

The match on Sunday was fairly quiet and no complaints were received by the Community Council.

11. Local Place Plan:

The draft plan is in its final stages and will hopefully go to councillors and neighbouring community councils for one month's consultation this week before being lodged with GCC. It will then become a material interest in planning applications. Aspects of the plan include inclusivity, active travel, public realm improvements, EV charging, office hubs, revitalising green & community spaces. The Letherby Triangle plan should go out to contract soon.

Local economy – town centre first – pocket parks.

Unlocking priority sites (Hangingshaws, the Rec's, Cathkin Park)

Local businesses – around 10 local businesses expressed an interest in forming a local business group, and Hampden have offered to host business breakfasts.

12. Area Partnership:

Judith will attend next week's meeting, when the allocation of NIF funding will be discussed. The Mount Florida area should have access to around £200,000, some of which will be used for funding high priority projects from the place plan.

13. AOCB:

(i) Luke Stronach, assistant to our MP Gordon McKee, attended. A meeting had been organised last week by a local resident, where those attending resolved to have a round table discussion with local people and organisations to identify litter hot spots in our area. A further meeting is planned for Friday 11th April at 3p.m. in the large hall, at Clincarthill Church.

(ii) Local resident Bill Strain is concerned about the increased traffic in Mount Florida, in particular Mount Annan Drive. The Liveable Neighbourhood consultation had identified several measures where measures could be taken to cut out rat-runs.

(iii) Chet from Queens Park Arena attended with word of this summer's plans. From 3 July till 3 August there will be an extended programme of events, with 85 free events and workshops taking place. An application has been made to the Area Partnership to assist with costs.

14. Close. Next meeting Tuesday 22 April 2025 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall