

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 22 April 2025
Clincarthill 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 Holly Bruce, Luke Stronach, PCs Robertson and Nick

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above. Apologies were received from Chris Carus, Paddy Smith, Robert Pollock, Robbie Warringham, Natasha Visser and Elodie Mignard.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the March meeting were approved (prop. M Adami, sec. J Pollock)

4. Matters Arising:

- (i) The Fish on Fire sign has been removed.
- (ii) Gordon had circulated details about the planned training session for Community Councils.
- (iii) Robbie has decided against being our rep on the licensing committee.
- (iv) The Glasgow 850 group is looking for photographs of local initiatives by community councils. Judith had suggested the bollards, the murals and the plans for the Triangle. The group are now planning to send out a professional photographer to take one photograph. It was suggested that local school children might be included in the photo.
- (v) Urban Roots had not been back in touch, so the money from the Parks and Open Spaces fund had been given to the community gardeners, who got some professional help and have planted an orchard of 15 trees.
- (vi) Monique had attended the meeting about littering held by MP Gordon McKee.

6. Summary of Correspondence (G Brady):

- (i) An email had been received from Luke Stronach about Network Rail.
- (ii) Information received about tree planting (above).
- (vii) Emails received complaining about street cleaning around Hampden Drive.
- (viii) Paul from Mac Systems had complained about contractors leaving a mess around the lane by the COP church. Parking is also a problem because of scaffolding. Work around the church was supposed to be completed by August, but nothing seems to be happening. Cllr Docherty had met with Paul. Cllr Bruce said that a TTRO should be in place. If needed, a complaint could be put in to Building Standards. Cllr Bruce will put in an enquiry if there has been no further discussion with small businesses.
- (ix) Traffic lights at Cathcart Road/Kings Park Road junction: the detector was found to be misaligned, and has now been fixed. We will monitor this. The sequence of the lights at Hampden Terrace/Prospecthill Road has changed; a SCOOT ((Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique) is now in place.
- (x) Licensing: QPFC are expanding their numbers – we will keep an eye on this.
- (xi) Penguin Books are looking for spaces to put in place Nooks for Books – we will express an interest.
- (xii) SEPA are conducting a consultation on how Scottish Water speaks to communities about environmental protections.

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

- (i) Kevin Murray Associates: money received from the Area Partnership. Form to be filled in.
- (ii) Parks and Open Spaces grant spent on Hangingshaws.
- (ii) We have a healthy remaining balance of £1,527.97.
- (iii) The Community Garden had made a request for funds from the new Council fund for a new bench, but didn't get the grant. We agreed to pay the £250 needed from our surplus.

8. Ward Councillors' Report:

Cllr Bruce attended.

- (i) Holly is now the Chair of the Area Partnership. The Connecting Battlefield project is now

encompassing the Triangle project. The Connecting Battlefield project will start construction in June.

(ii) Mount Florida Bowling Club: Committee papers will be published on 1st May, with the committee meeting on 6th May. The Chair of the Planning Committee is aware that we wish a hearing, and desire that the community wish to retain the whole site.

(iii) It is unclear whether we can adopt the Local Place Plan before the new City Development Plan goes ahead.

(iv) Cathkin Park: Holly will attend a meeting on 2nd May. The Jimmy Johnstone Trust had proposed a lockable fence, but the Council do not agree, as the area has to be accessible. Holly has sent information to the Friends of Cathkin Park. There still has to be a meeting with the Jimmy Johnstone Trust, who did not engage with the Local Place Plan.

(v) Liveable Neighbourhoods: GCC's toilet strategy was published in April. There is some money available for changing place toilets. Residents are asked to let Holly know where we would like a public toilet to be situated. If there is a desire to have one, a local business could be open to provide facilities.

(vi) GCC budget: There are some good green initiatives, including the following -

- £8m for climate infrastructure.
- The Climate Action fund will reopen.
- Solar panels to be put on public buildings.
- Community energy funding through city council.

There has also been a mass recruitment drive for parking attendants, cleansing etc. There are still ongoing concerns about employer National Insurance contributions, and cuts to the budget of the IJB (Integration Joint Board, which covers the health board, social work, community care schemes). GCC is trying to pressure the Scottish and UK governments to give more support.

(vi) Holly is happy to be contacted if any support is required in advance of Hampden events.

(vii) EV Tariff charging: since the introduction of the tariff there has been under-utilisation. See more on the GCC website's utilisation page <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/2394/EV-Charging-Frequently-Asked-Questions> Electric vehicle charging is being funded through the City Region Deal. Holly was asked if electric vehicle charging points could be sited in the Hampden car park, which is underused.

9. Community Police Report:

(i) There were two games on at Hampden over the weekend, neither of which had a big attendance. The streets were fairly clean afterwards.

(ii) There is an action plan in place for e-bikes. Some are now becoming more compliant.

(iii) The one-way system at Clincart Road does not seem to be so much of a problem now.

10. Local Place Plan:

(i) The draft plan is going to neighbouring community councils for signing off.

(ii) Some shops had asked about having a business association. We have compiled a mailing list of those interested (about 40 businesses). Hampden has offered to host business breakfasts. We will kick off the first meeting, and then the businesses can organise themselves and how they wish to meet.

12. Area Partnership:

We are still awaiting the division of monies. The next meeting will be held in June.

Judith is the lead, and Robbie the alternate lead on the Partnership.

13. AOCB:

(i) Elodie from MFPPP sent word that they had applied for Area Partnership funding and had received £5000 for improvements to the playground etc.

14. Close. Next meeting Tuesday 27 May 2025 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall