

Mount Florida Community Council Minutes of AGM 24th October 2023

Clinicarhill Parish Church

Present: Community Councillors Graeme Boyle, Chris Carus, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Amber Mohammed, Judith Pollock (Chair), Paddy Smith, Natasha Visser (Secretary), Robbie Warringham (Treasurer)

Apologies: Cassandra McLuckie, Robert Pollock

Also attending: Cllr Susan Aitken

1. Welcome:

Judith welcomed those attending and opened the AGM.

2. Approval of Minutes of previous AGM:

The minutes of the AGM of 25th October 2022 were approved. (proposed R. Warringham, seconded A. Mohammed)

3. Chairperson's Report:

Membership

Over the year, Mark Charlwood and Bernhard Hidding left the community council – Mark after many years' service to the community and Bernhard as he has returned to Germany. In June, we held an interim election and were joined by Graeme Boyle. We currently have 10 members and 2 vacancies.

Planning applications

This year we responded to 2 planning applications: Cathkin Park in June and a proposal by the Clockwork to build a wall around the car park, which has now been withdrawn. We still await the outcome of 2 applications which we objected to previously – the bowling club and another drive-through at Asda. The Asda application is pending a decision, but the bowling club is still under consideration.

Hampden

It's been a quieter year at Hampden with fewer events and less trouble at matches, apart from one of the semi-finals in February. There are still issues around parking and the absence of toilet facilities outwith the ground. With Hampden being identified as one of the host stadia for 2028, this is something that will have to be addressed, perhaps through the capital funding being made available for the event.

We submitted an objection to the Red Hot Chilli Peppers concert.

Amber and I continue to meet with officers from GCC but with very few results - we still await the action plan related to the participation request granted in 2018, despite being promised it every time we meet. Due to the lack of response from the council, we requested to join the Multi-agency group which imposes conditions for events, but didn't even receive a response. At a meeting with Hampden in August, Hampden agreed to restart their residents email list, but nothing has happened on this front as yet. In general, communication with Hampden has been more difficult this year.

Letherby

The design stage and the application for funding to undertake the build was submitted by GCC to Sustrans in December 2022. This was approved in February, but there has been no progress since. I am unaware why this is, but have a meeting with relevant GCC officers on 3 November so will hopefully find out then.

Parks and Open Spaces Fund

We are still waiting for the implementation of a number of projects agreed through this fund. These include a new seat at Stanmore Road, the path to the Recreation Ground from Prospecthill Road, painting of railing and bulb planting at the small greenspace at Kinghorn Drive, a BBQ area at the Rec and tree and bulb planting at Hangingshaws, although we have received the grant for this last one. Work will be undertaken by Urban Roots with Mount Florida Primary School and we have secured an additional £500 from the Area Partnership to increase the scope of the work.

Artworks

Work with students at MFP was undertaken to develop designs for the bollard art at McLellan Street / Clincart Road, although not in time to be installed before winter. In spring there were further delays and eventually the artists commissioned withdrew from the work. We contacted other artists we have worked with on other projects, so hopefully these will be installed next spring.

Murals were commissioned for the railway bridge at Prospecthill Road. These have really brightened up the area and have been welcomed by the vast majority of those who have provided feedback.

Consultations

We responded to a number of consultations this year. These included ones by Network Rail, QPFC re Holyrood.

4. Approval of Accounts and Independent Approval:

The accounts have been examined and approved by Mary McCallum. We currently have £2498.64 in ringfenced funds, and available funds of £1315.40.

The accounts were accepted (proposed: J. Pollock, seconded N. Visser).

5. Demission of Office Bearers:

The current office bearers demitted, and Chris Carus took the Chair.

6. Election of Office Bearers:

The following Office Bearers were nominated, and as there were no other nominees, were then elected:

Chair – Judith Pollock (nominated N. Visser).

Secretary – Natasha Visser (nominated C. Carus)

Minute Secretary - Janet MacDonald (nominated A. Mohammed).

Treasurer – Robbie Warringham (nominated J. Pollock)

7. Assignment of Other Responsibilities:

Area Partnership Lead – Paddy Smith

Planning & Licensing Contact – Natasha Visser

QP Working Group – Cassandra McLuckie

Judith returned to the chair.

8. Local Place Plan:

Robert Pollock, Judith Pollock, Amber Mohammed, Natasha Visser and Graeme Boyle will form the steering group.

9. GOMoFlo steering group:

Amber Mohammed, Judith Pollock, Robbie Warringham and Natasha Visser form the steering group.

10. Appointment of Associates:

There are no associate members at present, and none proposed.

11. Review of Inventory and Resources:

The gazebo, purchased in 2022, has not seen much use and is stored at the Pollock's.

10. Date of next AGM:

The next MFCC AGM will be held on Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 7pm in Clincarthill Church Hall.

The AGM was closed and the normal business meeting resumed.