

# **Mount Florida Community Council Minutes of AGM 25 October 2022**

## **Clinicarhill Parish Church**

**Present:** Community Councillors Chris Carus, Mark Charlwood, Cassandra McLuckie, (Minutes), Amber Mohammed, Judith Pollock (Chair), Natasha Visser (Secretary), Robbie Warringham

**Apologies:** Bernhard Hidding, Janet MacDonald, Robert Pollock, Paddy Smith

**Also attending:** Tracey Jolliffe

### **1. Welcome:**

Judith thanked people for attending and opened the AGM.

### **2. Approval of Minutes of previous AGM:**

The minutes of the AGM of 26th October 2021 were approved. (proposed C. Carus, seconded M. Charlwood)

### **3. Annual report by the Chair:**

It has been a busy and successful year for the community council.

### **Hampden**

Football resumed at Hampden in November 2021 and there were some of the worst scenes I have known since moving here more than 20 years ago. Amber and I asked residents to share their experiences and we compiled a list of incidents and sent that with a letter outlining our concerns to GCC, the SFA and Police Scotland. Police Scotland created a group in response to this, which Amber or I attend. This meets before and after events to discuss plans and allows us to feed back.

The Police have changed the way they operate with local officers now patrolling the streets rather than being based in the stadium. Hampden has provided additional stewards to accompany the Police and additional toilets in the grounds of the stadium. However, incidents are still reported as there are insufficient officers on the streets. We encourage residents to report all incidents to the Police on 101 – this is the only way that they will be recorded officially and may help make a case for additional resources.

Glasgow City Council haven't made much of a change to the way they operated previously, though weekly cleaning has now been changed to happen the day following an event. Despite the huge economic benefit brought to the city by Hampden, we continue to make the case to GCC to provide toilet facilities outwith the Hampden grounds as people urinating in the street continues to be a main area of concern. There is also concern about the lack of traffic enforcement throughout the permit zone. We still don't have an action plan following the granting of the participation request in 2018, but GCC are apparently drafting this.

### **GOMoFlo**

This group has continued to operate and has delivered a number of successes, some of which have been funded through the National Lottery / IKEA grant we were awarded in October 2021. Some of projects the grant was to fund were superseded – a community consultation on traffic management in the area was overtaken by the GCC consultation on Liveable Neighbourhoods, though we are still to see any outputs from this process in Mount Florida; and GCC provided litter picking equipment throughout the city.

1. Bernhard obtained old planters from GCC which were placed at Clincart Corner. Funding was available to fill these, but donations of COP26 plants and from residents has meant very little was spent on this. The community was involved in providing images of their closes to decorate the space where GCC branding previously was. Bernhard also secured benches for the area through the Parks and Open Spaces budget and, with Natasha, commissioned mural artists to decorate the area. This has created an attractive meeting space for residents. GCC has additional planters available and Bernhard is working with them to identify possible locations.

2. Local artists were commissioned to work with the school on designs for bollard art at the Clincart / Cathcart Road junction, again with funding Bernhard secured through the Parks and Open Spaces budget. The designs are complete but problems with GCC and the grant has delayed implementation. We now hold the grant but it is unlikely the bollards will be finished before next year as the weather isn't suitable for installation.
3. Natasha and Robbie have secured additional recycling facilities, although more are still needed.
4. Alice, a local resident, was organising regular litter picks focussing a group of people in a specific area. These stopped when the refuse workers took industrial action and have yet to restart.

### **Big Picnic**

There was a street closure day in September and we applied to close Carmunnock Road at Letherby Triangle. Paddy and Natasha organised the Big Picnic which, despite the weather was well attended and enjoyed by everyone there. A raffle, with prizes from local businesses, raised £340 which was split between the SE Foodbank and the DEC Pakistan appeal.

### **Letherby Triangle**

The project continues to progress with the GCC Liveable Neighbourhoods team engaging with the project in early 2022 and agreeing in principle to match fund the Sustrans contribution to build costs. Stage 4 works which develops the final design are almost complete with the next stage being to prepare a tender and apply for funding. Amber joined the project team and Gavin continues to support us.

### **Langside Area Partnership**

Amber started the year as our representative on this, but recently resigned due to work commitments. She has been replaced by Paddy. In addition to the area grant fund and the Parks and Open Spaces fund, the Partnership has £1 million to be distributed over the period of this council. Proposals were submitted by officers at the June meeting but these were rejected. A plan to engage with the community on priorities for spending will be discussed at the November meeting.

There are also plans to create a Citizens Panel which will interact with the Area partnership. Pilots are underway in 2 areas but it is still unclear how this will proceed.

### **Bowling Club**

The saga of the bowling club continues. After rejection of the previous application, Noah Developments submitted a revised application in the summer. After hearing from the developer about the new plans at our March meeting and consulting the community, we submitted an objection to this development, largely on the basis that there is insufficient greenspace provided to meet the criteria of the Open Space Strategy, although the planners disagree with this point. The application will go to a hearing although no date has yet been set for this.

### **Newsletter**

Usually we would ask businesses to support the publication of a newsletter by placing adverts. After the pandemic we were reluctant to ask for support so used some of the NL/ IKEA grant to publish a newsletter. This was distributed to almost 3000 households and businesses in March.

### **Membership**

Sadly, after many years of great service to the community council, Claire Charlwood resigned her position. Claire has been a valued member of the community council for many years and we will miss her contribution and smile. I wish her all the best for the future. We held an election in March and were fortunate that Paddy and Cassandra joined us. We currently have 11 members, so have 1 vacancy.

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

The current funding position is very healthy. Majority of grant funding spent and the remaining Ikea funding can be carried forward for use in similar projects to those already undertaken. The accounts were approved and are attached.

Proposed: J. Pollock, seconded A. Mohammed.

#### **5. Nominations for the election of Office Bearers and representatives**

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

**Chair** – Judith Pollock (proposed C. Carus, seconded R. Warringham).

**Secretary** – Natasha Visser (proposed J. Pollock, seconded A. Mohammed)

**Minute Secretary** - Janet MacDonald (proposed J. Pollock, seconded N. Visser).

**Treasurer** – Robbie Warringham (proposed J. Pollock, seconded M. Charlwood)

**Area Partnership Lead** – Paddy Smith; **Substitute** – Judith Pollock

**Planning Contact** – Natasha Visser

**Licensing Contact** – Natasha Visser

Judith returned to the chair.

#### **6. Continuation of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils:**

This was agreed and noted.

#### **7. Appointment of Independent Examiner:**

It was agreed to re-appoint Mary McCallum as our independent examiner.

#### **8. Appointment of Associates:**

Gavin Thomson was re-appointed as an associate member.

#### **9. Review of Inventory and Resources:**

We purchased a gazebo in September. Current value is £200.

#### **10. Date of next AGM:**

The next MFCC AGM will be held on Tuesday 24 October 2023 at 7pm in Clincarthill Church Hall.

**The AGM was closed and the normal business meeting resumed.**

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