

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 26 September 2023 Clinicarhill Church Hall. 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Judith Pollock (Chair), Robert Pollock, Amber Mohammed, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Cassandra McLuckie, Paddy Smith, Natasha Visser (Secretary) and Robbie Warringham (Treasurer).

Also attending: Shane Goodbody, Nicola Smith, Cllr Holly Bruce, Matthew Jones.

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

Approval of the minutes of the August 2023 meeting were approved (proposed Robert Pollock, seconded Judith Pollock).

4. Matters Arising:

(i) At the June meeting, we asked Councillor Leinster about the money raised by GCC from letting out the Fan Zone, and whether this might be used to mitigate the effect of Hampden events on the local community. We have not yet received a response. There is still no progress on the action plan for events at Hampden. Cllr Bruce will follow this up.

(ii) Re the bollard art, GCC had agreed that the bollards could be painted rather than decorated with mosaics as originally planned. We have asked that this be held over till Spring.

(iii) Urban Roots had agreed to use their public liability insurance for the planting at Hangingshaws. Judith will confirm that they will cover the 5-year maintenance before accepting the offer of grant. An application for an additional £500 from the Area Partnership will be submitted.

(v) No-one from the community council was able to attend the Placemaking event.

(vi) Parking on the pavement at the Best Chippy: The response received from GCC was that parking on the pavement is not considered an offence and no bollards would be provided. Judith had got back to Cllr Leinster about this response, as it is felt to be a hazard, being so close to the primary school. Cllr Bruce said that this is a problem all over the ward, but that police will have the prerogative to enforce parking tickets in the new year. Photographs of inappropriate parking can be sent to Judith, who will pass them on to the police.

5. Summary of Correspondence (Natasha):

(i) South Seeds will apply to convert the QP recs pavilion into community facilities (see (iv) above.

(ii) The TRO is out for cycle lanes (details at www.glasgow.gov.uk/proposedtro). The application now seems to be for one bi-directional cycle lane. The left turn (at the bottom of the hill at Battlefield on to Grange Road) will go, and this area will become public realm space. Comments on the TRO are to be in by 14th October (email sustainabletransport@glasgow.gov.uk).

6. Treasurer's Report (Robbie):

The funds available are as last month. The balance of some of the ring-fenced funds has changed; the extra costs for mural art will be paid for from the Places Called Home fund.

7. Ward Councillors' Report (Holly Bruce):

(i) Roads: the Head of Roads left in June; there is now a new Head in Place.

(ii) Cllr Bruce reminded those attending that she holds a surgery on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5p.m. at Mount Florida Primary.

(iii) Queens Park Consultation: The Friends of Queens Park AGM will be held on 21st November, 19:00–21:00 at Queens Park Govanhill Church.

(iv) Local Place Plan: Holly can help set up an interactive walkabout session.

(v) Cycle hoop storage: a new contract will be coming up soon. Those wishing to have a cycle hoop locally are encouraged to go to the Cyclehoop website and enter their postcode (<https://cyclehoop.com/>).

(vi) Cancellation of night bus services: Nine of the eleven services have now been reinstated, but the No. 6 service is not yet back in place. Cllr Bruce will continue to push for this.

(vii) Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund: Judith had circulated a paper before the meeting. Officers have been working closely with Torglen but we have had no assistance. Cllr Bruce will get the full list of submissions from Karen.

(viii) A paper is coming to the Environment Committee about Street Play. There is a new drive to increase this to 4 weekends per year. Residents are asked to let Cllr Bruce or Christine know of any other areas in Mt Florida where this might take place (e.g. at Mount Annan, Stanmore Road, the Triangle).

(ix) Public toilets: Cllr Bruce has been trying to push for a strategy for toilet provision. We are asked to let her know of a suitable place for these to be situated.

(x) Safer Streets: there is a need for cyclist data on near misses to be collected. Cllr Bruce has been working with GCC and the police on this.

(xi) Gender inclusivity: Cllr Bruce is pushing the Council to hold a gender audit on their committee structure.

(xii) Holly is the Chair of the Violence Against Women partnership. A consultation will be out in October.

(xiii) Cllr Bruce then took questions:

- Letherby: Holly will contact Alex to discuss progress.
- Hampden: no complaints were received about the Red Hot Chilli Peppers concert. The Fanzone is working well at containing crowds.
- The process of getting parking permits is cumbersome at present.
- Brown bin permits need to be applied for soon. We asked for a moratorium on this.
- Area Partnership: the last few meetings have lacked local input. Send any suggestions to Paul Leinster.
- Contact Cllr Bruce in advance of meetings if wishing any information on specific issues.
- We have a sense that Mount Florida is marginalised in terms of transport strategy, considering that we have one of the major sporting venues here. There is a need for bus corridors and a mobility hub.
- Langside Area: lack of updates on projects, e.g. the pathway. Judith was at the last partnership meeting and had sent a link to the police survey.
- Second round of the Wise Women survey on safety for women on the streets. Holly asked for this to go on the Lighting/Maintenance programme. The survey will run again, with a focus on young women. There is a need to know where young women feel safe around the city.

- Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (£1m fund): Judith had looked through the consultation to identify the main issues. We would like to take forward Bernhard's plan for benches, planters etc.
- Stanmore Road, Cumming Drive etc might be made into no-through roads, but further consultation is needed.
- Mount Florida Station/Streets for People: Greening of streets. The TRO has been undertaken (Bolton Drive, Clincart Road, Florida Drive, Maclellan Street). Parking problem at station steps; also parking on double yellow lines. The space by the steps at Maclellan Street could be used as public green space.
- Local development plan: Glasgow as UK's first Feminist City – Etive Curry, the Senior Planner, is working on this, as a motion proposed by Cllr Bruce has been passed.

8. Community Police Report:

PC Garcia briefly popped in and said that he was attending the football match, but that any issues could be raised with him.

9. Hampden update:

The action plan, promised in April, has not yet been delivered. Cllr Bruce will push on this.

10. Local Place Plan:

This has to be prepared by December 2025. We would like to develop from the ground up; however there is currently no support available from GCC to assist with this. GCC has an online guide (pdf link <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=30274>) – key sites in the area need to be identified. Judith had produced a paper – we could look for Area Partnership money to help with this. We would need to develop an online engagement plan, map community activities etc. The Centre for Civic Innovation might help support us as a pilot. Planning Aid Scotland has an online pack; they can also provide training. Judith, Natasha, Amber, Paddy and Robert volunteered to go on the steering group.

11. Transport Strategy: Spatial Delivery Framework

Robert had attended a workshop on 16th September. The online consultation has been extended till 26th October. (<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/GlasgowTransportSurvey/>) Integrated mobility hubs (e.g. at Hampden), electric charging points were discussed at the workshop, as were Park and Ride, strategic parking, etc. Feedback included questions about how it fits in with the wider region; concerns about the city centre, disabled access, and a need for integrated ticketing. Concerns were raised about staffing at railway stations, and how this would impact on disabled access.

11. AOCB

- (i) Bowling Club: flooding issues had been raised several months ago. Borehole testing was done, and the developer was told to revise their plans, but a revised plan has still to be submitted.
- (ii) Friends of Cathkin Park will meet on the 6th November.

12. Close. Next meeting: AGM, Tuesday 24 October 2023 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall