

Mount Florida Community Council Minutes of AGM 22nd October 2024

Clincarthill Parish Church

Present: Community Councillors Graeme Boyle, Gordon Brady, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Judith Pollock (Chair), Robert Pollock, Natasha Visser (Secretary), Robbie Warringham (Treasurer)

Apologies: Paddy Smith, Monique Adami

Also attending: Sgt Keith McLay, Mandy Bruce

1. Welcome:

Judith welcomed those attending and opened the AGM.

2. Approval of Minutes of previous AGM:

The minutes of the AGM of 24th October 2023 were approved. (proposed Graeme Boyle, seconded Natasha Visser)

3. Chairperson's Report (Judith Pollock):

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Thanks to everyone who has been involved with the Community Council this year, and others in the community, and has put time and effort into making our community a great place to live.

Our main activity this year has been focussed on the development of a Local Place Plan for Mount Florida. This will allow the community to have a say on what is included in City Development Plan 2.

Local Place Plan

We submitted an application in February and secured £13,000 through a LPP fund from GCC. This allowed us to appoint the planning consultants Kevin Murray Associates to support us in this work in March 2024. An additional £6158 was secured from the Area Partnership which has allowed additional activity from KMA to be commissioned, as well as hold two Big Picnics. After a review of existing strategies and plans, a first round of community consultation started in June. So far, this has included a stakeholder workshop, consultation at our Big Picnics, one-to-one interviews and an online consultation. The results were analysed over the summer and the second stage consultation launched at the second Big Picnic in September. This is ongoing, after which we will move to preparing a draft and more consultation before the final plan is prepared and submitted in early 2025.

Membership

Over the year, Amber and Cassandra resigned, but Gordon Brady and Monique Adami both joined the community council – we are glad to have them on board. There is still one vacancy.

Licensing and Planning

In March, we were one of many objections to the erection of a fence by the Jimmy Johnstone Charitable Trust around the pitch at Cathkin Park. Despite this, the fence was approved. A subsequent judicial review found the council had acted in breach of the Land Reform Act, although in the meantime the council had approved another planning application to allow construction works to be undertaken – as this is permitted development there was no opportunity to object to this. At this point, a second judicial review has been initiated and we await the outcome of this.

Over the past year, there has been no progress on the application submitted by Noah Developments for housing on the bowling club site. Some information regarding drainage is awaited and now due in November with the application expected to go to committee in January.

In December, we objected to the outdoor license for QPFC – this was approved.

In March, we objected to the application from the Tartan Coo for extended hours and outdoor drinking – this has still to be heard. Also in March we objected to an application for a street trader licence outside the Three of Cups - licensing meeting is tomorrow.

Hampden

Things have remained much the same with Hampden over the past year. Parking enforcement is still poor, and the level of antisocial behaviour remains high. The SFA has reinstated its mailing list though nothing went out for last week's match. The SFA are engaging in the LPP which is encouraging.

In August, it was announced that Rangers would be playing their home games at Hampden. They returned to Ibrox in September which limited the level of disruption to a few weeks.

Community involvement

We finally managed to get the bollards designed by the school pupils installed at the north end of Clincart Road – they've really brightened up the corner. Thanks to Gill McNeill for helping us to get this finished. We still have funding for tree planting at the Hangingshaws and I'm waiting for confirmation of a date for the work from Urban Roots – it's prime tree planting season so hopefully it will be soon.

We held 2 Big Picnics this year, and used them to launch both phases of the LPP consultation – the LPP budget paid for them. Thanks especially to Natasha for her organisational skills, but also to everyone who helped out at the events – they couldn't happen otherwise and I think they were well received.

Towards the end of last year, Graeme organised a First Aid course through St Andrew's First Aid – they proved popular and enquiries were made about the possibility of running courses in the future.

Outside bodies

Paddy stood down from the Langside Area Partnership so I have attended meetings. Although some projects have been identified, none of the £1 million has been allocated although I have pushed for this – it takes so long to deliver projects the period for spend will be over if we don't allocate soon. Notionally, Mount Florida is in line for around £200k. Cassandra was the representative on the QP working group, though they didn't meet between December and September. Monique has said she is interested in representing us. There is another meeting this week but as she is on holiday, I'll attend. We've not had a representative on the QP Arena board.

Letherby Triangle

A report can't go by without mentioning Letherby. Although very little has happened since we handed the project to GCC to deliver. As far as I'm aware, tender documents have been prepared, but there is a shortfall in funding. I've not heard anything from officers since July. Finally, there has been a real increase in graffiti across the area and the city in general which is disappointing to see. We've been reporting it to the Police and will continue to do so. A few people shouldn't be allowed to ruin the environment for everyone.

4. Approval of Accounts and Independent Approval:

The accounts have been examined and approved by Mary McCallum. We currently have £6808.00 in ringfenced funds, and available funds of £1769.69. The accounts were accepted.

5. Demission of current Office Bearers:

The current office bearers demitted, and Robert Pollock 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 R. Pollock, seconded G. Boyle).

Secretary – Gordon Brady (nominated R. Pollock, seconded J. MacDonald)

Minute Secretary - Janet MacDonald (nominated G. Brady, seconded R. Warringham).

Treasurer – Robbie Warringham (nominated R. Pollock, seconded G. Brady)

7. Assignment of Other Responsibilities:

Area Partnership Lead – J. Pollock

Area Partnership Lead – R. Warringham

Planning & Licensing Contact – vacant

Hampden liaison – vacant

QP Arena - vacant

QP Working Group – M. Adami?

The GoMoFlo and Letherby Triangle sub-groups were stood down.

Judith returned to the chair.

8. Local Place Plan:

The responses gathered over the summer for the proposals have been analysed. Priorities are the local town centre, public realm, vacant and derelict land and buildings, traffic and access to green space. There is still time to add comments via bit.ly/3N85M0E

9. GOMoFlo steering group:

See above (7).

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. It was suggested that we offer it to the church for their use.

10. Date of next AGM:

The next MFCC AGM will be held on Tuesday 28 October 2025 at 7pm in Clincarthill Church Hall.

The AGM was closed and the normal business meeting resumed.