

## Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 23 September 2025  
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

**Present:** Community Councillors Monique Adami, Chris Carus, Janet MacDonald, Judith Pollock (Chair), Robert Pollock.

**Also attending:** Penny Bond, Mandy Burke, Daisy Dunne, Cllr Paul Leinster, Christine Martin, Helen McIlhenny, Zara McLaskie, Emma Scott, PC Gerry Stephen, Luke Stronach.

### 1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

### 2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above. Apologies were received from Gordon Brady (Secretary), Paddy Smith, Robbie Warringham (Treasurer).

### 3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the August meeting were approved (prop. C. Carus, sec. J. Pollock).

### 4. Matters Arising:

- (i) **Church of Pentecost:** The issue of lack of repairs has been raised with planning but no response has been received to date.
- (ii) **Letherby Triangle:** Judith had spoken with council officers, who said to expect a start date for the works in January.
- (iii) **Cathkin Park access:** Notification was received that the planning application has been withdrawn.
- (iv) The planned business breakfast was cancelled due to lack of response. Three businesses met today and will take things forward.
- (v) **Area Partnership:** £1m of neighbourhood infrastructure funding (NIF) will be split across the ward. Mount Florida is to receive approx. £158,000. It appears that the decision was made on an area basis rather than on population density, so we have come out less well than anticipated. **ACTION ➤** Cllr Leinster does not think this is the basis for the decision, and will look into this.
- (vi) **Parking at Best Chippy:** this issue has not yet been resolved.  
**ACTION ➤** Christine Martin will investigate further.
- (vii) **Bowling Club:** The hearing was held last Tuesday. Judith and Chris, along with 2 members of the community trust, spoke against the development, but the committee decided that the application was in line with planning policy and approved the development. Community Councillors feel that the development plan does not align with the city's Open Space strategy, which discourages building on green space. The plan designates the site as brown space, which it clearly is not. The area that the developer proposes to leave for the local community, 0.3 hectares, includes the clubhouse, which should not fall under green space. With only this small area of land, and no sports areas, it will be very difficult for any community group to be able to generate enough income to maintain the plot and clubhouse.  
The Community Council had been encouraged to create a Local Place Plan, which involved hours of work and lots of public consultation, but this has been ignored and swept aside, dealing a severe blow to local democracy.  
The developer has neglected the site badly; overgrown hedges and brambles are a public hazard. Strong leadership is needed to take things forward. Our elected representatives need to clearly articulate what the community wants, including immediate tidying-up of the site, and to look at its future viability.  
**ACTION ➤** Councillor Leinster agreed to take leadership on this matter going forward. In this regard, he will contact the developer about the hedges and will oversee the wording of the Section 75 agreement to ensure it meets the promises outlined by the developer.

### 5. Summary of Correspondence:

- (i) **Policing around Hampden events:** at some recent events, some streets had been closed off to residents for the entire event and till long afterwards, which meant people having to park some distance away. It appears that counter-terrorism is one reason for this decision, but it is a great inconvenience to residents. Information was not given in advance to some

residents, or to the Community Council. A common-sense approach, that is consistently applied, needs to be taken.

- (ii) Londis have applied to increase their off-licence area, and for permission to play recorded music. They also plan to have home deliveries. Parking could potentially be an issue for delivery drivers, but no immediate objections were raised.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report (sent in advance):**

- (i) Some cheques had gone astray and had to be re-sent.
- (ii) Robbie will be moving out of Mount Florida at the end of the month. We will need to elect a new Treasurer at our AGM in October, but meanwhile we need an acting treasurer. Chris Carus agreed to step in for this month only.
- (iii) We end the month with a balance of around £1,700.

#### **7. Ward Councillor's Report (Paul Leinster):**

- (i) **Refugees and Asylum Seekers:** Their arriving in Glasgow is becoming an increasing issue for the City Council. Not that the refugees themselves are a problem, but issues around housing, etc. can potentially be problematic for community cohesion. There are currently no asylum seeker hotels in Glasgow. Those who arrive as asylum seekers have to wait for their cases to be decided, during which time they are housed by Mears, a Home Office contractor. Those who are successful in being granted refugee status then have 96 days to leave the provided accommodation, after which time if they have not secured alternative housing, they become homeless. Glasgow City then has a duty to accommodate them. People previously entered the system over a period of time, but applications are now dealt with in batches, which can result in many people becoming homeless at the same time. There is a serious budget issue for the council as a result of the increasing costs of housing refugees. There is a lot of misinformation on social media, and there are no easy solutions. Scottish and UK governments have been approached for more funding. The homeless hostel in Glassford Street was operating without permission; permission had been refused, but the application is due to come before the planners again. Flags hung on lamp posts has been an issue for some time at certain times of year, and these have generally been removed as a matter of course during area clean-ups, but recently teams have been threatened, and ethnic groups are feeling intimidated. Anyone seeing racially aggravated behaviour is advised to report to the police.
- (ii) The Neighbourhood Clean Teams went live on 15th September. There are 23 teams across the city, one in each ward. They will be concentrating on issues such as fly tipping. Additional gully cleaning will take place over two weekends in October. Any issues should be reported through the usual channels. **ACTION** Christine Martin will inform us when they will be in Mount Florida and we will help identify priority areas, both for repair and cleaning
- (iii) Letherby Triangle and Connecting Battlefield: Pavements on Battlefield Road will be resurfaced before any work begins.

#### **8. Community Police Report:**

PC Stephen reported and took note of issues.

- (i) Any problems with people drinking in streets etc. during football matches should be reported to the police.
- (ii) Tartan Coo: resident complaints were received about noise levels from the beer garden and karaoke. The license only allows up to 16 people in the beer garden, but this has been exceeded. Police will do random premises checks.

#### **9. Hampden:**

See above in police report.

#### **10. AOCB**

- (i) Neighbourhood Improvement Fund: We have been told that we cannot have street trees because of underground services. We also cannot have Asphalt Art outside the school – Judith will appeal this. Planters would need to be maintained by the community. We will put out a newsletter with proposals, and invite other suggestions, then ask for the most favoured options to be costed. We will also give an update on current projects.
- (ii) Next month is our AGM, when current community councillors can seek re-election. We have 12 places available, so anyone interested is encouraged to apply.

#### **11. Close. Next meeting (AGM) Tuesday 28th October 2025 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall**