

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 25 November 2025
Clinicarhill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Monique Adami, Gordon Brady, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Zara McCaskie, Helen McElhinney, Judith Pollock (Chair)

Also attending: Donald Erskine, Karen Gall, PC Lee, PC Taylor, Nicola Smith + 1 other

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above. Apologies were received from Chris Carus, Robert Pollock and Cllr Holly Bruce.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the October meeting were approved (prop. G. Brady, sec. M. Adami).

4. Matters Arising:

- (i) **Church of Pentecost:** No update.
- (ii) **Cathkin Park:** Cllr Leinster was asked to give an update but has not yet responded.
- (iii) **Business breakfast:** This took place on 19th November, with around 20 people attending.
- (iv) **Bowling Club:** Both the Community Council and Mount Florida Community Trust had been unhappy with the response from GCC. Judith had written to Cllr Leinster, but he has not yet responded. The Community Trust has been in touch with the Environmental Rights Centre Scotland for a few months, and the ERCS has reached the conclusion that GCC may have acted illegally by not taking into account everything necessary before reaching their decision, e.g. they failed to regard the local space strategy under Sections 25 and 27 of the relevant Act. They also failed to regard the DPEA, and there was a misapplication of the development plan as they appear to be treating the clubhouse as part of the open space, but buildings should not be included under this category.
Action > Nicola will write a letter to the City Council on behalf of the Trust, asking them to reconsider their decision; this will be passed to the Community Council for our consideration, and we will co-sign it if all are in agreement.
- (v) **Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF):** Discussion will be delayed till the next meeting. Judith asked that provision of play equipment at Cathkin Park, dropped pavements etc. to improve accessibility, and seating and planting at the Clincart / Cathcart Road junction be costed.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

- (i) A resident on Third Avenue had complained about bus idling and parking on event days at Hampden. She has contacted the City Council. Both the Council and the Police can enforce fines for idling; residents may wish to ask bus drivers not to keep engines running for environmental reasons.
- (ii) An email had been received from a former member of another Community Council asking us to consider asking the Scottish Government to increase the powers (and budgets) of Community Councils to a similar level of Parish Councils in England. Although councils are increasingly trying to get more community involvement, this would likely entail many more responsibilities, and as we are all volunteers we would perhaps not have sufficient time for this level of commitment.
- (iii) **Parking Proposals for Battlefield:** There are plans afoot that every car owner will need to have a parking permit, purportedly as a way to ensure that all residents are able to get parking spaces ahead of visitors to the area; however, the number of parking spaces is to be reduced, as the current transport strategy aims to lower the number of vehicles on roads. This will have a knock-on effect on Mount Florida as Battlefield residents will have to look further afield for spaces. There is currently little to no enforcement on illegal parking. A resident suggested having free permits for residents, and charging visitors to park, with exceptions for carers etc.

Action > Judith will contact Battlefield and Shawlands Community Councils to see what their response is, and she or Robert will draft a response.

- (iv) Local resident Karen Gall had proposed putting a football-related mural on the gable wall of the tenement beside the school playground, and this had generated quite a bit of local interest. Residents' permission is being sought, along with an idea of costing, and Karen is liaising with the school on access. We will ask Cllr Bruce if she has contact details for some of those who created high-quality murals in the city centre. A small group will be formed to take things forward, comprising Karen, Gordon, Helen, Zara and any others. Area Partnership money might be available in April, and other bodies such as the SFA might also be approached.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Income and expenditure for month – none.

7. Ward Councillor's Report:

Cllr Bruce was unable to attend but is happy to be contacted about any local concerns.

8. Letherby Update:

Judith had some annotated images of what the completed project will look like. Most of the trees will remain, the canopies will be lifted and underplanting will take place. There will be a rain garden, plus some granite hard standing. There will also be bike stands, and hopefully a nextbike pick-up point.

9. Community Police Report:

- (i) Retail crimes – hi-vis and plain clothes patrols have been operating to address this.
- (ii) Tartan Coo – the beer garden is constantly overcrowded, with many more people than allowed for in the license. The new officers will take note of this and investigate.

10. AOCB:

- (i) Dog fouling: this is an ongoing problem. Judith will contact Christine Martin, and we will look out our stencil and chalk paint.

11. Close. Next meeting Tuesday 27th January 2025 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall