

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 28 October 2025
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

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

Also attending: Penny Bond, PC Burmi, Cllr Stephen Docherty

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the September meeting were approved (prop. M. Adami, sec. R. Pollock).

4. Matters Arising:

- (i) **Church of Pentecost:** New contractors have been on site assessing the scope of work required. They are in discussions with Planning officers regarding the required works.
- (ii) **Cathkin Park:** We await an update from Planning as to when the fence will be removed.
- (iii) **Business breakfast:** will now take place on 19th November.
- (iv) **Planning issues:** Cllr Leinster had agreed to take forward issues that we raised re the Section 75 agreement on the bowling club development. He said that there was little scope to change what was in the report. We felt that the developer was vague about the quality standards of any play equipment that would be provided; there also seemed to be no safeguard in place if the community group appointed to take ownership of the clubhouse was unable to maintain it. GCC appears to have ceded any influence over the development. Judith is awaiting feedback from the community trust, which will be passed to Cllr Leinster and shared with Sarah Shaw, Head of Planning/Chief Planning Officer, the chair of the Planning Committee and our other local councillors.
- (v) **Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF):** £150,000 - £200,000 is available to be spent on council land improvements in our area. Judith had conducted a survey to which 76 replies were received, and had then put together a summary of priorities for the community, based on the responses. The main points made were greening and providing seating on key routes; upgrading pavements; upgrading accessibility (dropped pavements etc.); and improving Cathkin Park. We identified our top three proposals – trees, seating (along Cathcart Road and at Clincart Rd corner) and play equipment at Cathkin Park for younger children. We will ask GCC to provide costings. Other funding may be available for other projects.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

- (i) **Tartan Coo:** Complaints had been received about noise, and exceeding numbers permitted by the licence at the outdoor seating area. The police will keep an eye on this.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Income and expenditure for month – none.
We end the month with a balance of £1,732.

7. Ward Councillor's Report (Stephen Docherty):

- (i) **Bowling Clubs:** Hampden Bowling Club in Southside Central ward is proposing to close next year, removing another local bowling club. Mount Florida Bowling Club – planners need to enforce conditions attached to the planning process.
- (ii) There have been issues with litter at Bolton Drive after events at Hampden.
- (iii) Tartan Coo – issues raised – see above (5).
- (iv) Concerns have been raised about the Church of Pentecost as this is a listed building and requires maintenance and repairs.

8. Community Police Report:

PC Burmi reported and took note of issues.

- (i) Flags: these have been appearing in local areas, and the issue needs to be dealt with as it is causing tensions. Cllr Docherty has raised the issue with Neighbourhood Regeneration Services.
- (ii) There has been an increase in shoplifting in the last 6 weeks. Extra officers are being deployed to tackle this, and 37 nominals are currently being investigated. Extra patrols are being funded by Retailers Against Crime.
- (iii) Graffiti: any new instances may be reported to PC Burmi.
- (iv) Bike sheds: these can be installed depending on the number of requests. See Cyclehoop website <https://cyclehoop.com/>

9. Hampden:

- (i) Matches are taking place this weekend. Saturday's match should be fairly quiet, with only 17,000 tickets sold. Sunday's Old Firm game is likely to be busier as it has sold out - 49,000 tickets. 2p.m. kick-off.
- (ii) The new stadium manager is keen to be involved with the local community and is interested in discussing tree-planting.

10. Queens Park Working Group:

Various community councils, ward councillors and other interested parties take part in meetings to be held online every month. Issues to be discussed include the glass houses, Balvicar play park, Covid memorial, skate park, benches at the Rec, and lighting. The glass houses are currently closed for maintenance and a feasibility study on their future is being undertaken. Work will start on Langside Halls next month.

11. Close. Next meeting Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall