

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 24 March 2026
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Gordon Brady (Treasurer), Zara McCaskie, Helen McElhinney, Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Judith Pollock, Robert Pollock (Chair and Secretary).

Also attending: Cllr Holly Bruce, Andrea Gillespie, Ashleigh Jackson, P.C. C. McArthur, P.C. N. Gavirlous, Luke Stronach, Pav Vraitch.

1. Welcome

Robert Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above. Apologies were received from Monique Adami and Chris Carus.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the February meeting were approved (prop. G. Brady, sec. J. Pollock).

4. Matters Arising:

- (i) **Mural:** The mural that we were looking to have painted on the gable end near the school has been painted on another gable end at Lesser Hampden. There is still interest in using the school gable wall for a mural. A meeting is to be held this week between Hampden and the local business group.
- (ii) **Mount Annan speed data:** NRS have still not provided the speed data that we requested.
- (iii) **Vape shops:** Cllr Bruce said that Environmental Health have powers to seize single use vapes that are now illegal, but otherwise their powers are limited. She has asked if any measures have been taken in our ward. There are renewed concerns following the city centre fire. It may be possible to refuse any future planning applications for vape shops in residential buildings.
- (iv) **Garden Party:** No-one was available to attend.
- (v) **Battlefield Parking:** Cllr Bruce has received drawings from Kevin about the Active Battlefield project. This has also been delayed till the summer.
- (vi) **Letherby Triangle:** Cllr Docherty had been asked last month about a start date for the project. It seems that construction is not now likely to start before the summer.
- (vii) **Queens Park Working Group:** The scheduled meeting has been cancelled due to the upcoming elections. The Agricultural College is not renewing their lease of the glasshouses.
- (viii) **Hampden:** Plans have been proposed to organise free bus travel to events. There is interest in seeing how Lothian buses organise buses to Murrayfield. Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs) will be investigated as these should improve bus flow. A group has been set up comprising all stakeholders, and there are attempts to get the former bus service (X31) reinstated. A public meeting is to be held in the summer. In Liverpool, temporary bus lanes are created on match days. This option could be explored for Hampden, but how this would look in practice is still to be worked out. Stephen Leith of Hampden had been invited to this evening's meeting but did not attend.
➤ **Action** We will write to invite him to next month's meeting.
- (ix) **Business group:** next meeting 30th April.

5. Community Police Report:

- (i) A Road Traffic Action Plan is in place for the forthcoming match.
- (ii) We asked whether speed testing could be done on Mt Annan Drive, as speeding is being reported here and on Carmunnock Road.
- (iii) Cars are still parking on the pavement at Best Chippy, and on the corners at Cathkinview Road. Parking on double yellow lines is posing a danger to pedestrians crossing at Bolton Drive and Cathcart Road. There are also problems at Day Today and at Evolve Plumbing next to the Clockwork. The officers agreed to monitor things. Parking attendants have been out this week ticketing cars. The Scottish Government is running a consultation on parking issues. Glasgow City Council feels that councils should be able to increase fines to make these more of a deterrent. If residents have any issues,

please contact the police website (with photos if possible). It is a lengthy process for police to deal with parking issues, so it may be more productive to report to traffic wardens. The officers were thanked for their report.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

- (i) Bike hire:** Voi Technology want to put hire bikes at the Clincart Road/Bolton Drive junction. As this is the only area of seating, although we are broadly in favour of bikes, it was felt that this would take up too much room, and the hire bikes would be better placed at the Triangle, as this would be more suitable for Hampden. Alternatively, they might be sited on the left-hand side of Clincart Road down nearer Cathkinview Road, or at Best Chippy, where there is more space available. The current bike hire space at Londis could also be extended.
- (ii) Licenses:**
 - (a) an application had been received from Three Stroke Two Ltd. for Queens Park Rec, for 3 days of events (2-4 May). These are well-attended events, and there were no grounds for objection.
 - (b) An application had been received from Sappori d'Italia for sale of alcohol, extending their hours from 11p.m. till 1a.m. Monday-Sunday, and with permission for outdoor drinking for 16 people. They also wish to open at 10a.m. for coffee and soft drinks. We would prefer a license till 12 midnight latest, and no outdoor music. Otherwise no objections.

6. Treasurer's Report (Gordon Brady):

Income of £200 had been received for adverts in our newsletter. Two adverts have still to be paid for. Printing and delivery costs for the newsletter have still to be deducted.

7. Ward Councillor's Report (Cllr Bruce):

- (i)** GCC has protected free childcare provision. Free school meals are also to be universal across the city.
- (ii)** City Plan: Cllr Bruce is trying to get a ban on vape shops in protected areas. Under the plan, they will also look at using money from building development for child play provision.
- (iii)** NIF: There has not been much movement. Judith has been in touch to arrange a date for a meeting.
- (iv)** GCC budget: Gaps remain in homelessness provision. GCC has been loaned money from the Scottish Government to help address this.
- (v)** Public Toilets: A strategy has been created and there is money in the budget for an officer to deal with the issue of public toilet provision across the city. Re toilets around Hampden, there is a stalemate between Hampden and GCC as to who should provide these.
- (vi)** Cllr Bruce had met with various groups, including Southside Litter Action, Southside Peer Support Group, Glasgow Institute for Architects and LGBT Youth Scotland.
- (vii)** Any problems with litter etc should be reported to Christine Martin, the liaison officer, and she can arrange a clean-up team. Cllr Bruce was informed of the hot spot at Bolton Drive.
- (viii)** The skate park is to be moved to the exercise area of Queens Park, and there is a proposal for a wildlife park to be created at the current skate park site.
- (ix)** Hampden Bowling Club: A meeting is due to take place to decide on the future of the ground.
- (x)** Connecting Battlefield: Cllr Bruce will try to get an answer on the start of construction, and also for the Letherby work.
- (xi)** EV charging for tenements: Cllr Bruce is looking into this.
- (xii)** Langside Halls: £0.5m funding has been set aside for the phased reopening of the halls.
- (xiii)** Solar lighting at Queens Park: This has now gone to Procurement, and it is hoped that work will start next year.
- (xiv)** Parking controls: It is agreed that a fair scheme for parking control zones is needed.

9. Fireworks Control Zone:

A resident had been in contact requesting this. The Community Council had put out a survey which received 43 responses, with 32 respondents in favour of a control zone. Only 4 people had reported incidents to the police. It does not feel that there is sufficient appetite for this to be carried forward at the present time.

10. AOB:

- (i) Local Place Plan: this was adopted about a year ago. A strategic framework was agreed. Judith asked Community Councillors to review this to identify any projects they are keen to take forward.
- (ii) Website: The old straightforward site has been updated, but has become more complicated to work with as a result.
- (iii) Area Partnership: distribution of funds. The response received from Derek Spiers was deemed unsatisfactory. Judith has written to the Scottish Government to ask for the best way for this to be decided.
- (iv) Gordon agreed to chair the next meeting, as Judith and Robert will be away.

14. Close. Next meeting Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall