

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 28 April 2026
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Zara McCaskie, Helen McElhinney, Janet MacDonald (Minutes).

Also attending: Cllr Paul Leinster, Nedka Angelova, Chet Capkiner, Ashleigh Jackson, P.C. Kielbau, Steven Leith, Nicola Smith, Luke Stronach, Paviter Vraitich.

1. Welcome

Helen chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Attendance as above. Apologies were received from Monique Adami, Gordon Brady, Chris Carus, Judith Pollock and Robert Pollock.

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the March meeting were approved (prop. H. McElhinney, sec. Z. McCaskie).

4. Matters Arising:

- (i) **Traffic:** A traffic day of action was held recently on the initiative of David Dinnen. This proved successful and should be held every couple of months. A good number of offences were detected including instances of double parking.
- (ii) **Mount Annan speed data:** The methodology used on how speeds are calculated has changed; GPS data is used rather than wires across the road which will likely give average speed from one end of the street to the other, rather than at individual spots. Cllr Leinster has asked for more information and will pass on details when received.
- (iii) **Battlefield Parking:** There had been no proper response to Judith's email. The consultation responses have been looked at and are being collated; this information will then go out to statutory consultation to ensure that the scheme complies with the legal process.
- (iv) **NIIF:** The funding available for Mount Florida is less than we would like. Our priorities from the Local Place Plan were not all approved. 'Green' items such as planters cannot go ahead, as they would have to be maintained, and funding for this would not be ongoing. The area at the bottom of Maclellan Street cannot be included in the Letherby project, but test pits may be dug to locate services in order to see whether tree planting is possible. An answer is still awaited on play equipment at Cathkin Park, as it has now been listed which makes it more difficult to install equipment on the remaining structure of the stadium. The multi-use games area (MUGA) is still there and may be improved. Approval has been given for benches, but overall, the offer is a downgrade from what we had asked. Nicola Smith suggested asking if bollards featuring artwork could be placed at the Mt Annan/Carmunnock Road junction.
- (v) **Letherby project:** at the meeting with officers at the end of March, there were strong indications that the project will start in the summer.
- (vi) **Skate park:** This is to be moved to the exercise area of Queens Park Recreation Ground.

5. Summary of Correspondence:

- (i) **Licensing:** GCC Licensing Board received our objection to the application by Sapori d'Italia for extended opening hours and outdoor music. The Licensing Section also received applications for temporary public entertainment licenses for concerts at Hampden over the summer. We will not object to these, but they strengthen a case for more toilet requirements. Cllr Leinster was asked to find out whether portaloos could be sited around the area, e.g. at Letherby, but there may be problems around public liability insurance. Steven Leith said he would pick up the conversation with ScotRail, and look at good practice at Murrayfield.
- (ii) **Hampden Lane fly-tipping** – Resident, Ellen, approached us and asked if there was funding available for tidying up Hampden Lane and removing rubbish or installing a camera. For info: it is a private lane, and GCC will therefore not uplift, but could supply skips for community clean-up days. We suggested Ellen approach our four Councillors on this matter. A Private Lane toolkit used to be available, and people could apply for small

grants, for e.g. gates to be fitted to lanes. Cllr Leinster will look into whether this is still available.

- (iii) **Sustainable Transport and Active Travel:** Additional space for Voi hire bikes will be made available at the current site at Londis, and old infrastructure will be removed. As Voi bikes are hybrid, they do not need charging points. Another suggested location beside Clincart Corner is problematic due to disputed ownership. Once the works are completed at Letherby Triangle, it's expected the layout will accommodate a bike-hire station there. Officers will continue to liaise with the design team to ensure adequate space is incorporated within the final design. The redesign of Letherby will also include measures to prevent pavement parking.
- (iv) **Hampden Parking permits:** We heard that a number of residents had been given parking tickets at the Scottish Cup semi-final weekend. Judith sent out an email and posted on Facebook. People were supposed to get reminders to renew permits but only some did. A number of people responded to the email, including one who said that she had been told by a warden that Stanmore Road was a clearway – this isn't the case but new wardens may have started and are unfamiliar with the restrictions. Judith has raised it with ward councillors, and Paul Leinster's support officer is looking into it. Consistency and accuracy in messaging is needed. GCC's digital inclusion strategy should ensure that those not using digital communications are kept up-to-date. It was asked whether ANPR cameras could be used rather than RingGo, which is felt not to be very user-friendly.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Payment is still owed to Judith for newsletter printing. We have available funds of £2383.37.

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

- (i) **Changing Rooms at Queens Park Rec:** renovation and refurbishment has been taking place. The changing rooms will reopen on 31st May. As well as changing rooms there will be community space for meetings, and toilets for those using the facilities. No booking system is in place yet – please contact South Seeds for more information.
- (ii) **Update on Union Street:** Work is taking place to stabilise the gable wall adjoining Central Station; only a limited amount of clearance is possible until the gable is stabilised. More of the station has been reopened, and the cordon on the opposite pavement may be relaxed around the end of June.

8. Police Report:

- (i) **Issues around urinating outside the stadium:** any information will be taken to the police inspector, and restrictions will be in place.
- (ii) A parking Day of Action was recently held in Govanhill, and something similar could be held in Mount Florida.

9. Hampden Community Engagement Plan (Steven Leith, Operations Manager, SFA):

- (i) Residents had complained about the pothole in Norfield Drive; this has now been repaired.
- (ii) **Litter and waste:** this is actively cleaned up within the footprint of Hampden. Their graphics department is creating content to encourage attendees to dispose of litter responsibly within the stadium. Fly tipping in the Purple Car Park has been removed. Flooding in the entrance is being dealt with by GCC.
- (iii) **Traffic and car park management:** A company has been appointed to take care of this. Digital parking passes will be available, and data will be analysed. Multiple requests have been received for accessible parking. Car parking volume increased for the cup final.
- (iv) **Concert planning:** There will be an email drop on the resident email chain, and 2000 letters sent to residents around the stadium. Closing of streets will be pushed back to around 5p.m. Road closure implementation will not be undertaken by Police Scotland, but by Hampden traffic management. Police will only be involved where there is risk. A hotline number is available for residents on Hampden's website. Residents are asked to notify Hampden when issues are taking place.
- (v) **Business Engagement Group:** The next meeting will take place this Thursday at Hampden. Meetings are organised by Declan at Howden's.
- (vi) **Concert information:** Tech company Halo are creating a one-stop shop for information, designed specifically for concert-goers.
- (vii) **Mural:** Adidas funded the mural at a cost of £80,000. Hampden are engaging with Adidas to see if they are interested in engaging with the community on potential further murals.

- (viii) **Tannoy:** A resident had complained about Tannoy use in the early hours. This had happened during an attempted break-in at the stadium; a security guard had used the Tannoy to try to deter the intruder. The Tannoy system is normally tested on Tuesday mornings at 10a.m.
- (ix) **Euro 2028:** The footfall at these events doesn't always benefit the local area, but there may be an opportunity for legacy pieces. The issue has been baled with UEFA. They are looking to put on a consultation with the local community nearer the time. Sensory rooms may be put into the stadium. There will be fan zones, and meeting points will be put in place.
- (x) **Trains:** ScotRail have been working to accommodate attendees at events and have put on extra late-night trains. These are not generally widely advertised – there are pros and cons to advertising; if advertised, they might encourage fans to wait on until the last minute to go for trains.
- (xi) **Buses:** Bus Friendly Scotland scheme: Steven will chase up this request.
- (xii) **Residents' drop-in evening:** Steven is looking to arrange this.

10. Queens Park Arena Programme:

The summer programme of events will take place from 2nd July to 2nd August. There will be 93 bookable events, 83 of which will be free or by donation, and the other ten commercial. There will be 56 soft play sessions, 33 Cults and Classics cinema screenings, and around 50,000 tickets, many free or by donation. Sports events will include a screening of the World Cup final. There will be 14 free fitness classes, 'Big Fun' family events, and two kids' discos. Open stage events will include a choir festival, hip-hop jam, and live art. The Recovery Connections festival will also be held. The closing weekend will be run by Sub Club.

11. Joint Glasgow Community Councils' meeting (20th April):

Robert had circulated an email inviting Glasgow community councils to come along to a meeting to discuss setting up a forum / association. Robert and Judith attended and there was a lively discussion about the practicalities of this and whether it duplicated other roles. It was agreed it might be a useful mechanism for lobbying GCC on shared issues and for sharing best practice. Someone felt we had to get minuted approval to attend, but since the real purpose is not yet clear, it was felt that this meeting is too early for that. Robert has agreed to help develop a Terms of Reference for the group. Once we have the ToR we can decide whether to attend.

12. AOB:

No other business.

13. Close. Next meeting Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall