

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 26.5 May 26 at Clincarthill Parish Church , 7pm

Present

Community Councillors Monique Adami (minutes), Judith Pollock (chair), Robert Pollock, Gordon Brady. Helen McElhinny. Zara McCaskie

Also attending: Cllr Susan Aitken. Nicola Smith, PC Burmi

Apologies : Janet MacDonald, Chris Carus

1. Welcome

Judith Pollock chaired the meeting and welcomed those attending. She thanked Helen for chairing the previous meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the April meeting were approved (prop. HM sec . ZM)

3. Matters arising

(i) Mount Annan speed data

We haven't heard back from Paul Leinster who has asked for more details on the methodology used. In the past wires were placed across the road but now GPS is used. Cllr Aitken will look into the matter.

(ii) Letherby project

We have received an update from David Clark engineer GCC. By our next meeting we should know the name of the contractor. Work should start at end of July.

(iii) Hampden Lane fly tipping.

Cllr Leinster was previously asked to find out why we can't use the NIFF fund money for fly tipping. Toryglen has CCTV through NIFF funding. Susan Aitken explained that the CCTV at Toryglen is not on private property. Putting CCTV at Hampden Lane might be problematic as the residents may be responsible for maintenance. Is there a way to place CCTV on a public road facing Hampden Lane? Perhaps explore private gates through private lanes toolkit? It was agreed that the community council could manage money for any group that was set up by the residents there.

(iv) Update from Stephen Leith Hampden SFA

2000 letters are going out to residents this week about concerts, road closures and timings. Emails are also going out. Scotrail will position portaloos at both entrances to Mount Florida at future events. It was suggested that providing portaloos can also cause problems such as vandalism. At events there will be improved signage for pedestrians and traffic. Parking attendants are focusing on illegally parked vehicles. It was noted that there will be more restrictions such as at Polmadie Road and Cathcart Road.

4. Correspondence

(i) Licensing

Robert Pollock will attend the hearing for the licensing application made by Saponi d'Italia. This will be held on 12.6.26 at 10 am

(ii) Research project

We have received a request from a student at Queens University Belfast to share information about their research on greenhouse gases. This was agreed.

5. Treasurer's report

Funds available are £2508.37. Payment was made to Judith Pollock for newsletter printing.

6. Ward councillor's report (Cllr Aitken)

(i) **Pride in Place.**

Funding is available if we wish to apply for money to spend on small infrastructure projects. Areas with TRAs will get priority but it is open to all.

(ii) **Street cleaning.**

Christine Martin is coordinating this and has noted that not many CCs have been approaching her cleaning teams. Street teams are now active. They are there to deal with fly tipping on public land. Deep clean teams will be cleaning every street in the city this year. (gully cleaning is a separate programme). Judith Pollock will highlight this information in a social media post.

(iii) **Roads.**

The budget for roads has been doubled. Contracts have been awarded for 412 to be resurfaced. This project will also assess and repair street furniture, pavements and lighting columns. All lampposts in the city are being assessed. This would be a good time to report relevant problems to the council.

(iv) **Parking.**

Parking attendant numbers have been increased but there are still vacancies. It is generally agreed that current levels of fines are too low but change needs authority from the Scottish Government. National legislation does not allow increased fines for specific events. The council would like to be able set their own fines but cannot do so at the moment. Cosla could push for this but Cosla's influence is often from rural communities. In such issues people should refer their complaints to MSPs. Residents have also raised concerns about the RIngo app. Cllr Aitken agreed but they are in a contract that is difficult to get out of. A new system will be considered in the future but that could be five years hence.

(v) **New City Development plan.**

This is an overarching document for the next decade. Place funding confirms Letherby Triangle. There are no other particular planning priorities in Mount Florida as there aren't appropriate pieces of land.

(vi) **Bowling Green**

Cllr Aitken was asked to respond to the situation whereby the Bowling Green is included in our local place plan but this wasn't taken into account in the planning decision. Cllr Aitken referred to the ombudsman who can deal with complaints about process but cannot overturn planning decisions.

(vii) **City Centre**

Cllr Aitken was asked about the increased visibility of drug dealing in the city centre particularly at St Enoch's. She responded that a multi level partnership approach involves increased information gathering, eg through CCTV and intelligence. The dispersal zone has resulted in more arrests. The next phase of the Avenues programme is Argyle Street East which will have an impact on this type of illegal activity.

7. Police report

- (i) This has been a quiet month with only a small number of shoplifting and vandalism incidents . A cannabis production facility was discovered locally.
- (ii) There will be two more officers in the team during the school holidays as youth disorder often increase at that time.
- (iii) PC Burmi confirmed that E scooters are illegal in public spaces but they cannot pursue them in case of accidents. Many E bikes are being illegally modified often reaching speeds exceeding 25 mph
- (iv) PC Burmi plans to organise a patrol to investigate speeding in Hampden Terrace. A coping stone has been stolen. Any such incidents should be reported to 101.

8. GCC community council federation

In April Robert and Judith Pollock attended a meeting concerning the establishment of the above. Twenty community councils were represented. Five CCs have since produced a briefing paper. The federation would provide a strong voice when communicating with GCC and provide support on shared areas of concern. It has been suggested it could focus on three issues at a time e.g. insurance; fly tipping and communications with GCC. There was agreement in principle but would need to establish how decision making would happen and how success will be measured. The federation is likely to meet quarterly. Need to establish how decision making will happen, e.g. will the federation make statements on behalf of all its member CCs or does each CC need to make decisions. Agreement in principle
Robert Pollock, Zara MacCaskie and Gordon Brady expressed an interest in representing our Community Council

9. Local Place Plan

It was suggested that we lobby about bus routes, getting more buses to and from MF. Judith Pollock will approach Get Glasgow Moving and with Zara will discuss how to take things forward.

10. Pride in Place impact fund 26/27

The fund is for environmental projects. We are not TRA but can apply. If we get a letter from Housing Association that they support us we could apply for public art in the area. Helen would take this forward and apply for £25k for a public arts programme celebrating the community and its heritage.

11. Annual self assessment

The assessment was completed using Red Amber Green. We agreed we were Amber as the assessment was late. Judith will submit.

12. AOB

Bowling Green

Nicola Smith reported that the Community Trust is going ahead with the Judicial Review. They need to seek permission to take it to a Judicial Review. £10000 was raised in a week. Another £5000 is needed.

Social Media

Zara mentioned that she could help with social media- to be discussed at a future meeting

Next meeting: Tuesday 23 June 2026 at Clincarthill Parish Church 7pm