

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 25 February 2025
Clincarthill Church Hall, 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors Monique Adami, Gordon Brady (Secretary), Janet MacDonald (Minutes), Judith Pollock (Chair), Paddy Smith

Also attending: Cllr Paul Leinster, Grainne Hayes, Rachel Gillespie, Elodie Mignard

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 Robbie Warringham (Treasurer).

3. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the January meeting were held over till next month for approval.

4. Matters Arising:

Several issues are still to be dealt with:

- (a) Fish on Fire sign too low, and flue has holes and is leaking fumes;
- (b) Tartan Coo – still not clear whether a temporary licence has been issued;

5. Summary of Correspondence (G Brady):

(i) Nothing to note re licences.

(ii) An invitation to attend the royal Garden Party has been received. Please let Gordon know if interested in attending.

6. Treasurer's Report (R. Warringham sent in advance):

(i) ERZ Ltd had phoned to say they had overcharged us, as some work had been carried out by GCC. The monies will be repaid.

(ii) Monique has made a list of plants to be purchased for the planters in the school playground. If more funding was available, we could also get the planters repaired. The Parent Partnership are also helping to fundraise to do more work at the school. Judith offered to help with their fundraising application. The Area Partnership deadline is 4 March for 1st April meeting.

7. Ward Councillors' Report:

Cllr Leinster attended in lieu of Cllr Bruce.

(i) GCC's budget was passed on Thursday. The cleansing workforce is up by over 500; extra money has been made available for roads and pavements, free school meals will be available for all primary pupils; £9.5m is set aside to deal with the housing crisis; £4.6m will go to parks and open spaces. There is also money for the holiday food programme, an extra £4m for social work, and another extra £4 for climate capital projects.

(ii) Another 100 new traffic wardens will be recruited. The shift pattern for wardens has changed and this helps with retention. If successful, this could lead to more hires next year.

(iii) A driver and two staff will be posted to the ward to deal with cleansing issues, e.g. fly tipping, which will be more thoroughly enforced.

(iv) Connecting Battlefield Phase 2: this will cover the area from the hospital to Battlefield Road, and up to and including Letherby Triangle. There will be a segregated cycle lane on the college side of Battlefield Road, with parking outside the shops maintained. The area between the new flats and the Battlefield Rest will be pedestrianised. The plans may be viewed online.

8. Community Police Report:

No officers attended.

9. Hampden:

(i) The newsletter has been restarted.

(ii) There needs to be clarification on parking restrictions. Residents have had difficulty applying for permits through RingGo.

10. Local Place Plan:

Residents are encouraged to comment on the draft plan for Mount Florida if they have not already done so.

11. Area Partnership:

(i) The Triangle plans are underway. Drawings are being converted to GCC format, and tender documents will then go out, for a start date in September-October.

(ii) Infrastructure and Investment Fund: The breakdown for Mount Florida should be clarified at the next meeting.

12. Spring Clean:

Clincarthill Church has suggested doing a Spring Clean; we will offer to help. Christine Martin can help with information and equipment.

13. AOCB:

(i) There have been several instances of cars being bumped and damaged in the local area.

(ii) The traffic light sequence at Hampden Terrace has been changed and is causing problems. Better signage is needed as many pedestrians use the Terrace.

(iii) New street lights at Hampden Terrace are very bright and obtrusive. It was noted that Hampden Terrace is listed.

(iv) Window Wanderland takes place this weekend.

(v) Some interest has been shown in starting a business association in the area. Please let MoFloCoCo know if interested.

(vi) The RAG assessment for MoFloCoCo is to be completed by Friday.

14. Close. Next meeting Tuesday 25 March 2025 at 7pm, Clincarthill Church Hall