

**Stepps & District Community Council
Minute of Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday 17 June 2025 at 7.30
in
Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrew's Way, Stepps**

Present - Community Councillors - Ken Maxwell (Chair), Campbell Provan (Vice Chair), Alice Morton (Treasurer), Muriel McDade (Secretary), Stewart Donald, Tracy Kennedy, Craig Cowan and Jacqueline Wilson

Elected Members - Councillor John McLaren

Apologies - Police Scotland, Andrew McPherson (NLC), Paul Noble and Joanne Davidson

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1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions

Ken Maxwell (Chair) opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance

2.0 Apologies

Apologies received as noted above.

3.0 Minute of previous Meeting 10 April 2025

Proposed by - Tracy Kennedy Seconded by - Campbell Provan

4.0 Office Bearers Reports

As per preceding AGM.

5.0 Notice of Resignation

Ken Maxwell gave notice of the resignation of Community Councillors Gerard Campbell and Craig Cowan. Ken thanked both sincerely for their long standing-contribution to and support for the Community Council

Action 1: Secretary to inform Catherine Johnstone NLC regarding resignations.

6.0 Community Police

OFFICIAL CRIME STATISTICS

During the months of May and June there were a total of 72 incidents reported to Police in the Stepps areas.

The following table shows a breakdown of the 11 crimes recorded as a result of these reported incidents;

Category	May/June
Assault	0
Bogus Caller	0
Vandalism	0
Housebreaking	0
Theft	2
Drugs	1
Road Traffic related	3
Threatening Behaviour	2
Other Crime	3
Grand Total	11

IDENTIFIED LOCAL ISSUES

A report was received regarding cars regularly racing along the A806 and Dewar Road. Along with road policing resources there will be an increased police presence in the area with speed and document checks being carried out.

The use of off-road bikes continues to be an issue which is causing concern. Along with officers from Glasgow there will be regular patrols including the use of quad bikes around the area.

CURRENT CRIME TRENDS

There have been no crime trends identified with the Stepps area.

During May a fire raising was carried out at the taxi office on Cumbernauld Road, Chryston. Following extensive enquiries from local and national policing resources a male has been identified and charged in relation to that incident. Following on from this a number of dedicated patrols are being carried out within the Stepps area to provide reassurance and deter any criminality.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Police Officers were delighted to be invited to both the Stepps Fire Station 50th anniversary open day as well as the Stepps Primary summer fun day.

At the fire station officers brought along a public order van with all the protective equipment and shields. And at the primary school the children had the chance to sit in a police car and turn on the lights and siren.

SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

Community police officers visited the Stepps Primary School & Nursery providing an input regarding emergency services and 'people who help us'.

DRUGS

Specialist officers have been carrying out dedicated plain clothes patrols in the Stepps area in relation to information received regarding drug dealing. Residents are encouraged to continue to report any concerns either via the community council or online via the Police Scotland website and Crimestoppers.

7.0 Environmental Report

- **Hornshill Farm access track** was raised and discussed with no information available regarding these works
Action 2: Secretary to forward details to Cllr McLaren to progress
- **Off Sales - Day to Day shop** Cumbernauld Road. The non-minor application was granted at the Licensing Board on 30 May 2025.
- **Moodiesburn Heritage Park** - Thirty-nine information boards have been erected in Moodiesburn Heritage Park at the corner of Glenmanor Avenue and Gartferry Road, beside Glenmanor Primary School. The boards cover the social and industrial heritage of the Northern Corridor. About 12 of the boards will have special interest for the residents Stepps, Millerston and Cardowan.
- **Welcome to 'Your Heritage in Focus'** - This was an item at the recent NCCB meeting which may be of interest to communities wishing to develop a heritage project and having a say in North Lanarkshire's legacies, cultures and histories. *Your Heritage in Focus* can support projects to connect people to your heritage. Cllr McLaren spoke in favour of such a project and suggested linking it to mining communities across NL. It was also suggested that the local heritage of our area could be a priority in the Local Place Plan.
Action 3: Secretary to invite to John-Paul Sumner, NLC to the September meeting
heritageinfo@northlan.gov.uk
- **Loch Road** – installation of HERPETOSURE ECOLOGICAL FENCING Water vole / small mammal mitigation - preventing movement across Loch Road
- **Mount Harriet Drive** - road works now complete
- **Flower beds at War Memorial** - The beds have been treated with weed killer and are aesthetically poor for this special space. Secretary reported that she had been in contact with Cllr Williams who was involved in requesting that the beds be grassed and daffodil bulbs planted. Cllr Williams had not replied.
Action 4: Secretary to forward details to Cllr McLaren to progress
- **Road Signage** - Removal of rusted street signs at West Avenue and advertising signs on Cumbernauld Road was arranged by Paul Mahoney NLC.

- **Railings** at play park/Cumbernauld Road which require repainting was raised. It was agreed to contact NLC about this.

Action 5: Secretary to forward details to Cllr McLaren to progress

- **Dog Fouling Notices** - These were made available at the meeting for residents to take away with them for local use. Thanks to T. Forrester.
- **Welcome signage** on NLC Grounds Maintenance cleaning schedule, • **Update on double yellow lines on Cumbernauld Road** - Paul Mahoney reports that he has raised this again and will report back in due course.
- **Pavement Parking** **Action 6: Secretary to contact Sandy Carle re parking issues raised**
- **A80 Grass Cutting raised by a resident at meeting– Cllr McLaren will progress this matter**

8.0 Local Place Plan

- J. Wilson provided a very detailed report on the progress of the recent community LPP consultation undertaken with Stepps Food Market, Stepps PTA Fun Day, Chestnut Café, St Joseph's Wednesday Club, pupils at Stepps and St Joseph's PS, Stepps SFRS, Community Police and the Boys Brigade.
- '3 Wishes for my Community' cards and boxes are available at Stepps Co-op, Colliery Café, Delricos Café, Stepps Library, Stepps Parish Church, St Joseph's Old School Centre, Behind the Scenes Hairdressers, Cardowan Community Meadow Hub with responses being collated.
- On-line surveys remain open for comments.
- A community 'In-Person Consultation Event' is organised for Tuesday 15th July at 7.30 in Stepps Cultural Centre. All present at the meeting were encouraged to attend. **Action 7: Secretary to email all on the CC distribution list with details of the in-person event.**

9.0 Stepps Community Facilities – Daytime Access

9.1 Community spaces now open for daytime bookings.

9.2 There is no key for the S&DCC lockable cupboard in Stepps Cultural Centre.

Cllr McLaren will progress this matter

9.3 NLC reports there has been some progress to install the community kitchen at Stepps Primary. NLC has agreed a feasibility and plans for the community kitchen facilities install and awaits a programme of works from TSNL for the works to commence. NLC anticipates there will be limited access to the kitchen area when the works start. NLC will communicate the programme as soon as possible to allow temporary removal of materials/equipment for groups to operate during the install. NLC will be in touch as soon as further information is available.

10.0 Planning Matters

10.01 Approved

25/00511/CLP- 134 solar panels, 2-7 Buchanan Gate, Scottish Water Offices, Stepps

25/00464/PRN- Installation of upgraded radio equipment, and telecoms base station, Lenzie Rd, Stepps.

25/00291/ FUL- single storey extension, 97 Clayhouse Rd.

25/0006/FUL- alterations to garage and roof extension.

Validated

25/00526/FUL- 1.5 storey rear extension, and detached garage.

SD&CC Objection: 25/00219/542- Section 42 Application to vary the timing of the landscaping proposals, Condition 11 of consent, 21/01275/FUL, Roadside services, 2 Hornshill Court, Stepps.

There was a full discussion around the Section 42 and its implications.

10.02 A Morton reported on North Lanarkshire Council's decision to refuse an application for nearly 1000 houses, business premises and associated infrastructure in the Greenbelt between Calderbank and Coatbridge. This follows a recent report which gave a resounding recommendation to refuse the application.

10.03 A Morton went on to revisit the five speculative development applications experienced in previous years and the Save Stepps Greenbelt campaign undertaken by the community to protect Stepps greenbelt.

11.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing Report

Cllr McLaren reported that:

- Council is in talks with local group about long-term lease agreement for football lets and Pavilion use.
- Council looking at potential use from a play group for pre-school in the mornings and after school.
- Hopefully install astro Turf pitch within 2 years

12.01 Northern Corridor Community Board: Wednesday 20 August at 7pm. Venue: Chryston Parish Church, 107 Main Street, Chryston, G69 9LA.

12.02 Northern Corridor Community Board: Local Outcome Improvement Plan Annual Progress Report for the period April 2024 – March 2025 (available from secretary).

12.03 Northern Corridor Community Forum – next meeting TBC

13.0 AOCB

- SFRS Stepps Community Fire Station – 50th Anniversary Celebration •
- Intergenerational Project with digital leaders (P6 pupils) at Stepps Primary Schools •
- Hire charges for room in Stepps Library
- Friends of Les Marches Visit
- Tour de 4
- LOIP Success Story – Auchinloch Right of Way

14.0 Date and time of next meeting:

- Thursday 18 September 2025 at 7.30 in Stepps Cultural Centre.
- Summer recess July and August.
- The Chair thanked everyone for their ongoing support and wished them a pleasant summer break.
- Vote of thanks to the Chair

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