

Minute of Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council
Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrew's Way
7.30-9.00pm, Thursday 4th November 2021

Present: Councillors Alice Morton (Chair), Sameeha Rehman (Secretary), Campbell Provan (Treasurer), Eddie Ceresa, Craig Cowan, Tom Forrester and Iain MacGregor

Elected Members: Cllr McLaren

Apologies: Councillors Ken Maxwell, Paul Noble and Sheila Stuart

Public: 22 persons

1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions

1.1 Chair Alice Morton welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

2.0 Apologies

2.1 Apologies were received as noted above.

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

3.1 Proposed by Tom Forrester. Seconded by Campbell Provan.

4.0 Executive Report

4.1 No questions raised.

4.2 Treasurer's Report

The last bank statement, dated 30 September 2021, was in the amount of £2862.17 of which £988 was Mining Memorial money.

Since then, two cheques have been written, one for a wreath to be laid at the war memorial in the amount of £36.20 and one for £374 for a year's advertising in Stepps on the Level.

5.0 Community Police

5.1 PC Findlay remains on COP26 duties.

6.0 Actions/Matters arising from previous minutes

6.1 Environmental Issues - Cllr Tom Forrester

1. Hanging baskets at war memorial

The hanging basket stands (2) at the War memorial have been removed completely.

2. Flower beds at war memorial

The flower beds at the War memorial have been tidied up.

3. Double yellow lines at telephone exchange

No further information or action so far.

4. Parking on double yellow lines

Have requested assistance from Traffic Warden but have seen no results to date.

5. Self-seeding trees at Whitehill farm road

Have contacted Caledonian Estates regarding the reappearance of self-seeding trees in the field at Whitehill farm Road (cleared by them last year) They have promised to investigate.

6. Fire alarm leaflets

These are in short supply at present but I have managed to obtain a small number for the meeting.

As part of the Recover NL Programme, community groups and individuals are entitled to borrow litter pickers, hi-viz vests, gloves, litter picking hoops and bin bags from the community council. If anyone is interested, please contact the Secretary.

6.2 Dunalastair Play Area Upgrade

The post providing information of this survey on the SDCC Facebook reached over 4,500 people. The consultation closed on the 27th October 2021.

6.3 Steps PS and Community Campus Report

The October update informed us that the final phase of the remediation works should be concluded in the early new year. An onsite meeting has been requested to discuss the removal of contractor's compound on area of Hockey Pitch.

There is no update following the meeting with Andrew McPherson on the 29th September 2021.

The mobile library has returned, following a number of issues. The timetable is available to view on the North Lanarkshire Council website and community council Facebook page. Comments were raised about the lack of consultation on the timing of the mobile library, leaving school children unable to attend after school hours. Anyone with feedback on this is encouraged to email the Secretary to be taken forward to NLC.

7.0 Planning Matters

- 7.1 The application for a residential development on Dorlin Road has been dismissed and consent has been refused. The Reporter's decision is final. Individuals dissatisfied may make a right of appeal at the Court of Session within 6 weeks of the decision.

- 7.2 The earliest planning committee date for presentation of the Roadside Services Area at the Hornhill Interchange application is the 16th December 2021, although this has not been confirmed.
- 7.3 An achievement of the community council is the creation of a step-by-step guide on how to comment on and search for planning applications on the North Lanarkshire Council Planning Portal. This has now been converted into a set of videos with subtitles and published onto the NLC website.

8.0 Northern Corridor Community Board

- 8.1 The next meeting is Wednesday 24th November at 6.30pm. It is also available to view on the NLC YouTube Channel.
- 8.2 The Local Outcome Improvement Plan has been published. The plan for the Northern Corridor has been coproduced with input from local community representatives, organisations and local public sector agencies.

The priorities for the Northern Corridor are:

- Health Inequalities
- Children and Young People
- Social Integration and Inclusion
- Community Transport
- Moodiesburn West
- Building local relationships, trust and communication

There will be sub groups set up around each of these priorities to support the planning and delivery of this work. Anyone interested should contact the Secretary for more information.

9.0 Northern Corridor Community Forum

- 9.1 The next meeting is on Thursday 11th November at 7pm in Chryston Cultural Centre, Lindsaybeg Road, Chryston.

The Forum have been working on various pieces of work, including the community hubs, delivery of health services at the new Muirhead Clinic, the difficulties obtaining GP appointments, the housing over-development across the Northern Corridor and looking into a local publication for the area.

There is a My Northern Corridor Facebook page that will inform you of community grants in the Northern Corridor, the NLC Budget Consultation and general issues in the area.

10.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing – Cllr McLaren

- 10.1 Cllr McLaren has sent an email to Des Murray and Gerard McLaughlin about the planning application for modular classrooms. This is necessary to overcome the overcrowding issues and lack of placement places in the area.

He reported there is an application for 1500 houses in Mount Ellen, in blocks of 250. This has been allowed as it has been identified as a community growth area.

Telecom masts have been rolled out as part of an increase in digital connectivity. Due to changes to permitted development rights by the Scottish Government, there is no need for planning applications for these telecom poles.

11.0 AOCB

11.1 Remembrance Sunday on 14th November 2021 at War Memorial at 10.55. The Community Council has ordered a wreath and will be in attendance.

12.0 Steps/Les Marches Pizza and Prosecco Night

12.1 This is on Friday 26th November at 7.30pm in Stepps Parish Church, with a cost of £5.

13.0 'Wrap Up Lanarkshire'

13.1 Availability of jackets in a variety of sizes at 29 Graham Street, Airdrie.

14.0 Boundary Commission Consultation

14.1 Sameeha reported that changes were being proposed that would affect the elected representation at Westminster for the area. More details will be released via the SDCC FB page and website.

15.0 Dates of Future Meetings

15.1 Future SDCC meetings have been booked in Stepps Cultural Centre and are as follows :

2 December 2021

6 January 2022

3 February 2022

3 March 2022

7 April 2022

Due to local elections, the date and venue for the May meeting to follow.

2 June 2022 (AGM)

16.0 Date and Time of the next meeting

16.1 Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 7.30pm in Stepps Cultural Centre.