

Minute of Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council
7.30-9.30pm, Thursday 3rd March 2022
Stepps Cultural Centre, St. Andrew's Way

- Present:** Councillors Alice Morton (Chair), Sameeha Rehman (Secretary), Campbell Provan (Treasurer), Eddie Ceresa, Tom Forrester, Paul Noble
- PC John Fleming, Police Scotland
- Lorraine Kerr, Stepps Parent Council
- Apologies:** Cllr McLaren
- Gerry Campbell
- Craig Cowan
- Diane Delaney
- Ken Maxwell
- Marvyn Mackay
- Sheila Stuart
- Public:** 13 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 Eddie Ceresa

4.0 Executive Report

4.1 No questions were raised

4.2 Treasurer's Report

Since the last report the two cheques written for Stepps on the Level in the amount of £374.00 and for the memorial wreath in the amount of £36.20 have

been cleared by the bank. Two cheques have been written in the last few days which will not have been cleared by the bank. One to renew the Zoom account in the amount of £143.88 and one for the required Community Council insurance to Keegan & Pennykid, Insurance Brokers, in the amount of £114.64. I have not had a bank statement for February but the account at the end of January amounted to £4624.53. Taking these four cheques into consideration the account should now read £3955.81 of which £998 is mining memorial money leaving £2957.81 as Community Council money.

5.0 Community Police

5.1 PC John Fleming was present to give his report. He thanked the Community Council for the invitation to the meeting.

The following report was given for the period of 1/2/22 to 1/3/22:

- 61 calls in total were made from the Stepps area
- Of the 61 calls, 15 have been reported as criminal enquiries
- Of these, 4 crimes have been detected with persons charged for the same.

The breakdown of the crimes are as follows:

1 Road Traffic Offence

4 Crimes of disorder

1 Fraud: An unknown number on Whatsapp requested money by pretending to be a family member. The amount was between £1000-4000. Police Scotland are investigating.

1 Crime under the Misuse of Drugs Act for possession

1 Crime over communication network

6 Crimes of Theft/Attempted Theft that all regarded motor vehicles and one moped.

PC Fleming noted that officers now cover both Wards 5 and 6, whereas previously there was a single representative for Ward 5.

PC Fleming noted that the CC was assisting in finding out the best timeslot for a surgery to be held at the Garfield over the coming months. The survey can be completed in the Co-op and via the CC Facebook.

A resident enquired the best way to contact the community police and PC Fleming noted that all incidents unless they are urgent, should be reported to 101.

6.0 Actions/Matters arising from previous minutes

6.1 Environmental Issues/Report

1. **BLOCKED SURFACE DRAINS** Drain cleaner seen working on Mount Harriet Drive on 13th February although no further notice regarding the planned cyclical exercise has been received.
2. **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES** Nothing further to report.

A resident raised the issue of parking on double yellow lines, particularly on Cumbernauld Road. PC Fleming said that if there are any really bad areas, he can visit, monitor and issue a warning to drivers. Drivers can only be criminalized for causing an obstruction but parking on double yellow lines has been decriminalized by NLC.

3. **TRAFFIC WARDENS** Have no record of any activity so far.
4. **SELF SEEDING TREES IN FIELD AT WHITEHILL FARM ROAD** No activity so far. The hedgerow along the track and the verges have been cut.
5. **FLOODING IN CARDOWAN ROAD** Reported flooding in Cardowan Road foot of hill approaching the railway bridge. This has now been passed from NLC to Scottish Water for further investigation.
6. **FOOTPATH ON A80** Job raised N22335413
7. **SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL BLENHEIM AVENUE** The school crossing patroller ("lollipop man") has now been reinstated by transferring the patroller from St Josephs to Stepps Primary. The school janitor at St Josephs is covering the school there. The Stepps patroller is still indisposed.
8. **LOCH ROAD TEMPORARY DIVERSION SIGNS (A FRAMES)** These were blown over in the recent gales but have now been replaced.
- 9 **DOG WASTE** The dog waste bin situated in the public path up the side of Stepps Parish Church was removed some time ago when the new larger capacity bins were being installed.

A resident has reported that, as a result, dog walkers are dropping their dog waste on the ground in the vicinity of where the bin had been. I have requested that a replacement bin be installed there.

PC Fleming noted that in terms of dog fouling, the best course of action is to pass details of the owner to the dog warden at NLC and they can visit and warn them. Alice and Tom are to address this further.

6.2 Gateside Site

Runoff from the Cala and Barratt Gateside site contaminating the Bluebell Dell and the Garnkirk Burn. This is protected as a Site of Interest for Nature

Conservation (SINC). Designating a SINC raises awareness of its importance for wildlife, particularly with regard to planning and land management decision making.

The Community Council reported this matter immediately to SEPA (Scottish Environment Protection Agency). Community Council has submitted a Freedom of Information request for

- Copy of the site licence
- Copy of the site investigation report

Also reported to Barratt and Cala, Steven Bonnar MP, Fulton MacGregor MSP, Ward 5 Councillors, NLC Planning and NLC Biodiversity Officer.

A meeting took place on 25th February 2022 with Barratt and Cala. There are five groups of trees that are to be retained and there is no plan for their protection. It was requested that no heavy vehicles travel through the streets of Stepps. The CC have requested to see a traffic management plan.

6.3 Hockey Pitch

Community Councillor Paul Noble provided an update:

- The hard standing and compound area will be removed and the hockey field will be returned to grass.
- The hard-core stone forming the car park within the compound area will be reused to extend the existing car park area, adjacent to the pavilion, to the boundary fence located on the west side of the pavilion.
- The existing school boundary fence and mature beech hedging will be reinstated.
- The access road, from Mount Harriet Drive, will be surfaced with macadam.
- Councillor McLaren noted that he would progress arrangements for installing a full gate, with a side space for pedestrians, at the entrance to the access road on Mount Harriet Drive.

6.4 Stepps PS and Stepps Community Campus Report

Lorraine Kerr reported that contact was made with Mark McBride and Andrew McPherson. The Parent Council asked when the modular unit consultation would take place and if the playground will be extended. They responded to say these questions were out with their remit and said go to education, and education said to go to them. Andrew McPherson has told the Parent Council that the consultation is planned for early March.

Campbell noted that the mobile library is never turning up as two are offroad.

6.5 Millennium Beacon Project

No update.

A minute of the meeting with Rosalyn Griffith and Colin Bruce was sent through but Alice sent this back with comments re inaccuracies of the conversations on the day.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 The Roadside Services Application was considered at the Planning Committee on Thursday 24th February 2022. The applicant asked for continuation of the application to allow for a revised layout.

8.0 Northern Corridor Community Board

8.1 Next meeting TBC

9.0 Northern Corridor Community Forum

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10.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing

10.1 No Councillor in attendance.

11.0 AOCB

11.1 Lorraine Kerr noted that NLC are permanently introducing a shared-headship model at Chryston. The school community are unhappy about it and contacting NLC officers to raise numerous complaints. The FB page for the campaign has template letters to send to Cllrs and MSPs.

Lorraine noted that this is a cost-saving exercise and it is possible that this may roll out to 23 other schools across NLC.

Alice raised this issue at the recent Northern Corridor Community Board and said the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS) has expressed its concerns regarding this Multi Establishment Leadership Model (MELM).

12.0 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7.30pm