



-USB stick (£11)

-printer (£209.99)

Two cheques previously raised and totalling £87.20 have not yet been presented to the bank.

A cheque has been raised for the purchase of a replacement USB stick (£8).

A deposit of £791 was made into the Community Council by North Lanarkshire Council for the administration grant.

## **5.0 Community Police - Police Scotland**

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Below are the crime numbers from the period 18/05/2024 to 18/06/2024.

In total, there were 37 calls in total made to Police, 8 of which resulted in crime.

The only incident of note to make you aware of is:

Theft by housebreaking – McGoldrick Place, Cardowan (enquiries remain ongoing)

The remainder refer to various crimes which do not present a wider risk or threat to the community.

## **6.0 Environmental Report**

- Playpark at Kilpatrick Drive – Question from local resident on Factoring and Maintenance. S&DCC received enquiry about ownership, grass cutting and maintenance at play park in Kilpatrick Drive. Chair Ken Maxwell asked Cardowan Community Meadow attendees about this. They said they have ownership of the park, but were unsure re factoring and maintenance, however this was being looked at just now. Chair will reply to resident to advise making contact directly with Cardowan Community Meadow.  
Community Councillor Campbell Provan commented that the resident appeared to be under the impression that the play park was owned by S&DCC. This is not the case and this should be made clear to the resident.
- Tree removed in Church Avenue.
- New replacement bus shelter now erected on Cumbernauld Road.
- Lights required at Dewar Road (unadopted by NLC) if school pupils have to walk to school.
- Grass Cutting Update for A80 Cumbernauld Road, Steps and Muirhead/Chryston  
The relevant department now has permission to proceed with the grass cutting as follows:  
Wednesday 26th June: Lane 1 and Thursday and 27th June: Lane 2  
Future Planned Closures: 7th & 8th August and 18<sup>th</sup> & 19th September.
- Road Signage response from Paul Mahoney | Team Leader (Roads Maintenance) – *No Loading at Any Time* pole outside shops will be replaced.

With regards to the other signs work instructions have been issued to remove old signs that are not required, clean some of the signs and replace signs that are worn and damaged. Hopefully the signs that are cleaned will be satisfactory. If this does not work these will also be replaced.

- Flower Beds at War Memorial and area facing the old bank– a tidy up request emailed to John Whittaker, NLC.
- Dunalastair Play Park now open to residents. Official opening pending.
- Progress on Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Frankfield Road. Expected completion date is end of June 2024.
- Cllr McLaren liaising with NLC cemeteries regarding maintenance work at Stepps War Memorial.
- D-Day 80 - Tribute to the Fallen. Two Stepps boys are buried in the Bayeux War Cemetery, Normandy. JOHN GILMOUR died 6 June 1944, age 22, Stepphill and JAMES HASTIE MAXWELL died 30 July 1944, age 18, Whitehill Avenue.
- Cllr McLaren had requested cleaning of bus shelters on Dewar Road.
- Parking Enforcement Team/ North Lanarkshire Council. Some of the double yellow lines and blip markings are faded in parts of the Cumbernauld Road which means they cannot be enforced as they are not clearly visible. Elizabeth Campbell, Parking Supervisor, NLC has submitted a request to have them relined so they are visible for the motorist to see and not park there.
- CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) was raised by Stewart Donald. Stewart was advised that training in CPR had been organised by S&DCC and delivered by St John Scotland in Stepps Cultural Centre as part of the S&DCC defibrillator project. This was advertised and members of the community participated in the training. Contact should be made with St John Scotland if further training for the community is deemed necessary.
- Availability of Nursery places was raised by Stewart Donald. This was in connection with nursery establishment capacity/accommodation (unclear if this was private or NLC nurseries). Stewart was advised that this enquiry was beyond the scope of S&DCC. To progress this matter the establishments involved could, in the first instance, contact NLC Education/Early Years.
- NLC provision of free food waste kitchen caddy liners to householders is stopping. NLC refuse collection crews will continue to issue these until the current stock runs out. From mid-April 2024, biodegradable food waste liners can be purchased from local shops and supermarkets.
- New S&DCC banner now on display at the Co-op, Cumbernauld Road.
- Evidence of Japanese Knotweed was raised by Campbell Provan who will report the matter to the appropriate contact.
- Ken Maxwell mentioned that giant hogweed was prevalent along roads and paths at the moment. If you come into contact with this plant, it can cause severe skin rashes, burning blisters and long-lasting scars.
- Stewart Donald raised the matter of an accident/near accident on Lenzie Road near The Golden Pheasant where new houses are being built at Auchinloch. He reported a digger was out on the road and it is supposed to stay inside the field. He added that any new entry/exit at the existing gate to the field could cause problems as drivers do not adhere to speed limits on this country road.

## 7.0 Planning Matters

June 2024 Report from Community Councillor Paul Noble

- *Determined applications:*

24/00356/FUL- 8 No. solar car ports, 1809 solar P.V. panels, 340 roof mounted P.V panels, and kiosk. The Bridge, 6 Buchanan Gate. Approved.

24/00577/CLP- Platform and window replaced with door. Permitted development.

Validated

24/00585/FUL- 11 McBride path, Cardowan. Side and rear extension.

24/00578/FUL- 75 Jackson Dr, Cardowan, front extension to double garage.

- *Local Development Plan (NLLDP2)- LDP2*

Final development plan scheme and participation statement presented to the planning committee on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 23. This was subsequent to a 6-week public consultation, in Sept/Oct 23, 163 comments received. Significantly, comments received on housing land calculations and consultees.

Timescale, consultation on the LDP 2, first quarter of 26, adoption 28.

Register of interest required for NLLDP2, for the preparation of a Local Place Plan, which allows local organisations the opportunity to help influence development where they live.

- *A.S car wash site, Cumbernauld Rd*

Enquiry submitted to Planning regarding change of use to R.V sales site to Christina at Planning Enquiries on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. No response. Sent another enquiry to [planningenquiry@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:planningenquiry@northlan.gov.uk) on 18<sup>th</sup> March. Response on the 21<sup>st</sup> March from Planning Officer Graeme Lee, noting that he is trying to 'regularise the position with the owner'. I requested further update on the 14<sup>th</sup> May. Response received on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May noting that the owner has been advised to submit a planning application to regularise part of the site as a motor home sales area. Site has planning consent for car wash, hot food outlet and tyre fitting garage. Planner considers motorhome sales to be an acceptable use. No application submitted thus far.

- *Christmas Lights*

John Ashcroft, Roads Services Manager has e-mailed on the 11<sup>th</sup> March, noting that a quotation will be provided after conclusion of Roads Services tenders, in August 24.

First group meeting took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, discussed fund raising, and contacting local businesses.

Second meeting took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, discussed option of lights and Christmas tree, funding sources, delegation of actions.

S&DCC Christmas lights letter delivered to businesses within the village on the 6th of June.

Additional comments – Emails sent to local businesses and also hand-delivered where necessary. No replies had been received as yet by the Secretary. Advertisement published In Steps on the Level.

**Community Councillor Ken Maxwell spoke to APRS Green Belts Alliance** concerning the Mossend Appeal Decision by the Court of Session.

*It reports that... The Mossend Court decision is not going to be appealed further. The original Mossend planning appeal for a housing development on an unallocated site was refused by Scottish Ministers after the adoption of NPF4 last year. This was a good indicator of how the Scottish Government expected NPF4 Policy 16 to be interpreted but the situation became uncertain when Miller Homes chose to challenge the decision at the Court of Session.*

*In May the court dismissed the appeal and the period within which Miller Homes could appeal that decision to the Supreme Court has now passed. This means that a number of other planning appeals - many over Green Belt locations - that have been on hold until this case was decided can be expected to restart soon. This seems a step in the right direction, clarifying how policy 16 is to be interpreted and means it supports, rather than undermines the Green Belt policy in NPF4. It should help protect Green Belts from many speculative developments. However, it also means that campaigners will need to stay vigilant over new land allocations as the next round of LDPs are developed.*

## **8.0 Steps Community Facilities – Daytime Access, NLC Update**

*Following on the last update on 6th May, library services are working to complete the internal layout within the new library space. In May, a meeting was held with Russel Brown North Lanarkshire Council's Community Libraries Manager and representatives from Steps Community Council. Representatives from Steps Parent Council are also expected to meet with the Community Libraries Manager.*

*The status of the repurposing works to reinstate daytime access to the community spaces within Steps Primary School is consistent with the May update.*

*NLC continue to work with TSNL and Building Standards over a design and solution to facilitate daytime community access to these spaces. Unfortunately, NLC cannot control the timescales of these works as they are subject to statutory consents through Building Standards. The community spaces will continue to be operational for evening lets only, until further works are approved and concluded. A further update on progress will be communicated next month.*

S&DCC has requested a lockable cupboard in the community facilities to store its resources.

Point of Clarification: Campbell Provan reported that pupils at Stepps Primary School had sectioned off an area in the school and had been calling it 'the library'. He confirmed pupils had no access to the Community Library.

### **Update from Russell Brown, Community Libraries Manager**

*There's still no firm date for reopening as yet but we are hopefully for mid-July. There has been a delay in getting the IT sorted. We can't open without network connectivity unfortunately so we are having to wait on that. All the stock and furniture has now been delivered and the staff have gone through it all and sorted it. We have arranged a sparkle clean and we've had accent walls painted to brighten up the space. All our existing furniture has been sent away to be recovered. We've done this before in other libraries and it is amazing when we get them back, they look like new.*

*All the new stock has been sorted and we are now in the process of removing all the old and damaged resources. We had to have everything delivered to Stepps so we could go through it in the first instance and get an idea of what is too damaged to use. We are looking to hold an official reopening event where we will have a visiting children's author.*

### **Library Opening Hours from Russell Brown, Community Libraries Manager**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Opening Hours</b>
Monday	10am-5pm
Tuesday	10am-5pm
Wednesday	10am-5pm
Thursday	2pm-7pm
Friday	10am-2pm
Saturday	10am-1pm

### **9.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing Report**

No briefings available.

### **10.0 North Lanarkshire Council**

- *Northern Corridor Community Board* (Chair Brandon Williams). Next meeting Wednesday 21 August 2024, 7-9pm in Chryston Cultural Centre.

Community Councillor Alice Morton spoke to this item. She encouraged the meeting to support the Community Board if possible. The meetings provided an excellent platform for Northern Corridor organisations to exchange information, for residents to hear about local issues and developments and also receive updates from e.g. NLC, NHSL Health Improvement Team, Police Scotland, H&SCP and Scottish Fire and Rescue Services. Printed copies of the draft NCCB May minute were made available to the meeting.

- *Northern Corridor Community Forum* - Next Meeting TBC

Community Councillor Campbell Provan spoke to the Northern Corridor Community Forum Evidence-Based Report. Anyone wishing to read the report should contact the Secretary. Campbell will enquire about the availability of the report in pdf format.

- *Cumbernauld and North Locality Consortium* - Next Meeting TBC

## **11.0 AOCB**

11.1 Friends of Les Marches **STEPPSFEST** event, Friday 21 June in St Joseph's Hall, Cardowan Road

11.2 Sameeha Rehman, previous Chief of Staff in the UK Parliament, for Steven Bonnar (SNP) spoke on his behalf. Steven wished to thank S&DCC for all the help given over the years. Constituency boundaries have changed and the Stepps area now comes under Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch. For this reason, Steven Bonnar (standing for re-election as MP for Coatbridge and Bellshill) will not represent Stepps in the future.

## **12.0 Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 19th September 2024 at 7.30pm in Stepps Cultural Centre.

Vote of thanks to the Chair.