

**Minute of Online Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council
7.30-9.30pm, Monday 17th May 2021**

Present: Councillors Alice Morton (Chair), Sameeha Rehman (Secretary), Gerry Campbell, Craig Cowan, Tom Forrester, Ken Maxwell, Paul Noble, Sheila Stuart and Eddie Ceresa.

Elected Members: None present

Community Police: PC Simon Findlay

Public: 13 people

Apologies: Councillors Paul Brown, Campbell Provan (Treasurer), Iain MacGregor, Cllr John McLaren

1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions

1.1 Chair Alice Morton welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance to the meeting

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 Ken Maxwell.

4.0 Executive Report

4.1 No questions raised.

ACTION: Campbell to get an update from Barbara Martin on the Ramblers

5.0 Community Police

5.1 PC Simon Findlay had noted the report as previously sent to him from S&DCC about issues raised at the previous meeting. He is setting out a plan to give attention to these over the summer months.

PC Findlay started in Stepps four weeks ago after having moved from Shetland. He has been in the force for over 19 years.

He noted his concern that the police were not receiving many calls to report incidents and encouraged residents to use 101 or 999 to ensure problems areas are identified and logged.

He plans to get out with Stewart Whiteside to look at the fire raising at Hornshill Farm.

In response to concerns over the destruction of birds' nests when the fields at Whitehill Farm were ploughed, PC Findlay said he would chase this up with the wildlife officer.

Issues with speeding, particularly on Cumbernauld Road, Lenzie Brae and Mount Harriet Drive, were raised. PC Findlay is going to looking into having further speed checks carried out and the possibility of a speed ban.

PC Findlay is considering holding surgeries once a month, where possible, whereby he can park at a suitable location and residents can come to him with their concerns.

He is also considering marking alcohol bottles in local shops with a fluorescent pen to find out where young people are sourcing these and he is also working with shopkeepers about their licensing responsibilities.

He also spoke about contacting 'street football' as a way of involving young people.

Anyone interested in joining the police full time can get in touch with PC Findlay.

The Chair thanked PC Findlay for his attendance at the meeting.

6.0 Actions/Matters arising from previous minutes

6.1 Stepps PS Overcapacity

Alice is continuing to work through issues with Cllr McLaren and Lorraine Kerr (Chair, Stepps Parent Council)

Alice, Craig and Sameeha met with NLC Education and a site visit has been arranged for 19th May. Craig noted it was a productive meeting and issues with regards to communication and the impact of the current work carried out was raised.

ACTION: Alice to write a short report on this matter once the site visit has been completed. COMPLETED

Lorraine Kerr reported that the Parent Council met with Gerard McLaughlin on 5th May and they have received assurances that there would be an improvement in communication in the future.

7.0 Environmental Report

7.1 Tom had IT problems and was unable to deliver a verbal report.

7.2 Sameeha outlined the plans for the funding expenditure. The meeting agreed that the plans can go ahead.

8.0 Planning Matters

8.1 No update on Dorlin Road, the Roadside Services Application or on the Local Development Plan Examination.

8.2 Butties, Bakes and Flakes has opened on Cumbernauld Road. Planning has been contacted because a change of use form cannot be found. It was confirmed by Edoardo Ceresa that the shop has gone through the correct planning process.

8.3 Nina Coletta (hairdressers) on Cumbernauld Road has permanently closed.

8.4 Concerns were raised regarding the electric car parking bays which have reduced parking by half.

9.0 Northern Corridor Community Board

9.1 Next Meeting on Tuesday 25th May at 6.30pm.

10.0 Northern Corridor Community Forum

10.1 Next meeting date is to be confirmed.

11.0 Cumbernauld and North Locality Consortium

11.1 Next meeting is on Thursday 27th May at 11.30am.

12.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing

12.1 No update received.

13.0 AOCB

13.1 Congratulations were sent to Fulton MacGregor on his re-election as the local MSP.

13.2 113 Cumbernauld Road (site of oldest house in Stepps). SDCC requested garden gate for future use as part of the Heritage Trail.

13.3 Introductory email from Stuart Whiteside, Watch Commander, Cumbernauld Community Fire Station. SFRS would like to work together to create Safer Communities. Upon request SFRS Appliances can attend Open days/Gala days and Public Events, also any relevant Fire Safety issues can be addressed /vulnerable groups can be attended to in order to provide Fire Safety information etc.

13.4 No update re items in Stepps PS - Community Council cabinet, portable display boards and Stepps/Les Marches Twinning notice (Mr Mark McBride contacted)

14.0 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 21st June 2021 at 7.30pm

Vote of thanks to the Chair.