

Minute of Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council

7.30-9.30pm, Thursday 7th October 2021

St Joseph's Hall, 73 Cardowan Road, Stepps

Present: Councillors Alice Morton (Chair), Sameeha Rehman (Secretary), Campbell

Provan (Treasurer), Craig Cowan, Tom Forrester, Iain MacGregor

Elected Members: None

Apologies: Councillors Eddie Ceresa, Ken Maxwell, Paul Noble, Sheila Stuart

Cllr John McLaren and Cllr Stephen Goldsack

Public: 13 persons

In attendance: Malcolm Close, President of Les Marches Twinning Association

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 Campbell Provan. Seconded by Tom Forrester.

4.0 Executive Report

4.1 No questions raised.

5.0 Community Police

5.1 PC Simon Findlay was unable to attend due to COP26 duties until the end of November.

Therefore, an official crime report could not be produced. PC Findlay endeavours to organise street surgeries in the pharmacy car park once he returns to work.

6.0 Les Marches Twinning Association Presentation

6.1 Malcolm Close presented Les Marches Twinning Association. Les Marches is a French village near the Alps and it's been twinned with Stepps for 25 years. The group was created in 1995 and visits occur every 18 months or so. Looking at plans for the next visit from French residents in September 2022.

7.0 Environmental Report

7.1 Tom presented his report. The larger size litter bins have now been rolled out across Stepps.

The grass verges on the A80 by Hornshill Farm Road have been flattened and visibility

improved. No date has been given as to when the drainage issues will be addressed. A request

has been sent to NLC for the flower feature at the War Memorial to be repaired or replaced, with reference to the urgency in light of 6 weeks to Armistice Day Service.

Local resident Gary Rankin, horticulturist and gardening enthusiast, has agreed to look after the planting at Stepps station.

Money has been allocated by NLC to upgrade Dunalistair Drive play area. A survey has been produced with the closing date for this consultation on 27th October 2021. The information collated from the survey will inform the design specification which can then be issued for tender.

Action: Tom to look at issues with parking on Cumbernauld Road.

8.0 Stepps PS and Community Campus Report

8.1 An update on the final phase of the remediation works is now available to view on the Community Council website.

Craig, Alice and Campbell met with Community Champion Andrew McPherson to discuss the reinstatement of community facilities, including the return of the library, two meeting rooms and community kitchen. There was a wide-ranging discussion of the dissatisfaction of the community and the need for the reinstatement of lets within the campus to resume as soon as possible. The library may not be repatriated until August 2022 and there is a community consultation planned on the reconfiguration of modular units.

The mobile library was present on the 18th August for 2 weeks. Since the 6th September, there has been no presence of the library. Campbell received a phone call on the 22nd September to inform him that the mobile library was off road for repair and a further update would be given in the near future.

9.0 Millennium Beacon Project

9.1 Roads operation is unable to provide permission to install the beacon on that part of the road. NLC cannot adopt the beacon and although this may have been done in the past, with savings being made each year the council budget is reduced and the Roads Operation would not be able to take responsibility of maintaining this.

10.0 Planning

10.1 An objection was submitted on behalf of the community council for the Roadside Services Area at the Hornshill Interchange. The Case Officer believes this will not appear at the planning committee until 16th December 2021 at the very earliest.

10.2 The appeal decision for the residential development at Dorlin Road has still not been received.

10.3 A planning application has been submitted for the permanent retention of modular classroom units at Stepps Primary School.

10.4 NLC have agreed that a site at Coshneuk Road will be used to build council homes.

11.0 Northern Corridor Community Board

11.1 Next meeting is 24th November 2021 at 6.30pm.

12.0 Northern Corridor Community Forum

12.1 Next meeting is 14th October at 7pm.

13.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing

13.1 None received.

14.0 AOCB

14.1 Sameeha has ordered the wreath for Remembrance Day.

14.2 The Scotland Loves Local Funding Group has allocated their advertising budget to Stepps on the Level for a full colour full page in every issue for £340.

14.3 Awaiting a response from SFRS for talk on Fire and Smoke alarms.

14.4 The Recover NL Programme has delivered litter pickers, hi-viz vests, gloves and bin bags to the community council. Anyone looking to clean up in the local area can borrow these. Please contact the secretary secretary.sdcc@gmail.com

14.5 The future of SDCC meetings in person is unclear and dependent on the availability of St Joseph's Church Hall.

Vote of thanks to the Chair

15.0 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

Thursday 4th November 2021, at 7.30pm. Venue TBC