

**STEPPS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTE OF MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2026 7.30PM**  
**STEPPS CULTURAL CENTRE, ST ANDREWS WAY, STEPPS**

**Present:** Campbell Provan (Vice Chair), Muriel McDade (Secretary), Alice Morton (Treasurer), Jacqueline Wilson, Andrew Thomsen, Tracy Kennedy, Thomas Stones and Paul Noble.

**Elected Members:** Nil

**Apologies:** Ken Maxwell, Cllr McLaren, Police Scotland and Andrew McPherson

**Public:** 8

### **1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions**

Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

### **2.0 Apologies**

Apologies received as noted above.

### **3.0 Approval and Adoption of Minute 19 February 2026**

Proposed: Tom Forrester                      Seconded: Tracy Kennedy

### **4.0 Office Bearers' Reports**

#### **4.1 Secretary's Report**

- Email and admin as required.
- Action points raised at the last meeting attended to.
- Identified water vole habitat in hockey park and badger sett alongside railway to the west near the Glasgow tree belt border.
- Communicating with Kirsty Mooney, Biodiversity Officer to ask if she has any update on compensatory measures regarding the Bluebell Dell where damage was done to the land by pipework in connection with the Euro Garage.

#### **4.2 Treasurer's Report**

As at 27 February 2026 Bank Statement shows an account balance of £2,974.05. Cheques cashed CC insurance (Keegan and Pennykid) + Room Hire.

Noted:

- Funding £293.00 held in account for printing of LPP booklets
- WIX website costs still to be paid

## 5.0 Community Police

### POLICE SCOTLAND – MARCH 2026 OFFICIAL

During the month of March there were a total of 66 incidents reported to Police in the Stepps area. The following table shows a breakdown of the 17 crimes recorded as a result of these reported incidents;

Category	Feb
Assault	3
Bogus Caller	1
Vandalism	1
Housebreaking	0
Theft	3
Drugs	0
Road Traffic related	5
Communications	0
Threatening Behaviour	1
Other Crime	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>

### CURRENT CRIME TRENDS

Road traffic officers have been carrying out speed checks as well as vehicle stops for documentation checks in the Stepps and surrounding areas. This has equated to multiple drink drivers being apprehended and dealt with appropriately.

In the past month there has been youths stealing alcohol from local convenience stores which is being passed on to specialised officers for identification purposes and intelligence.

It is encouraged that members of the public are being aware of suspicious behaviour and remain vigilant. An increase in security is encouraged, reminding people to lock and secure homes/ vehicles/ property.

Any concerning behaviour should be reported to police without delay.

**PC Neil McBain & PC Laura Dudgeon**

**Northern Corridor Community Policing Team**

### 6.0 Environmental

- **Crowwood roundabout and approach roads** a communication outlining concerns on this subject was received. Concerns included driver behaviour, exceeding the speed limit, failing to slow down on approach to the roundabout, lane discipline, requirement for clearer road markings, insufficient speed limit signage, lack of safe crossing points, pedestrian safe route and pupil walking route to Chryston High School, the need for a traffic survey and recent traffic incident at Moodiesburn.

The communication was shared with Elected Members who provided responses.

Comments from the meeting included the increased number of cars using this route due to local large-scale housing developments, the potential impact of increased vehicles arising from the Euro Garages development at Hornshill and possible installation of traffic lights at its new access junction and also at the Crowwood roundabout approach roads.

Noted in the discussion was Strategic Network Route 6 Stepps and Condorrat, via Cumbernauld Road/A80, Main Road and Westfield Road.

**Action 1: Request a meeting with NLC Roads and Police to explore these concerns.**

- **Litter** near the Euro Garages development site was raised.

**Action 2: Report to NLC to have uplifted.**

- **Strategic Network Route 6 - A New Vision for Our Communities.** Plans are being developed for an active travel route to improve walking, wheeling and cycling connections between Stepps and Condorrat, via Cumbernauld Road/A80, Main Road and Westfield Road. After exploring various options, there is now a proposed route and feedback is sought. A short survey is available here <https://ow.ly/HHhY50Yr71h>. A successful focus group, consisting of older adults, took place on 11 March 2026 in Stepps Cultural Centre.
- **Planters and Flower Beds** NLC has granted permission for volunteers to take care of these areas. NLC graffiti team will clean the planters. PLI approved and lead volunteers being agreed.
- **Local wildlife** report given on **water voles** in hockey park near Cumbernauld Road entrance, **badger sett** alongside railway and family of **deer** on the green belt.
- **Post box** on Whitehill Farm Road being converted to accept parcel returns. Box will continue to take letters.
- **Fly tipping** removed by NLC and roundabout **sign light** repaired.
- **Flooding** on Cumbernauld Road – extensive work carried out by NLC. **Pooling** near bus shelter, a 55 day works instruction issued to remedy this pooling issue. No update at present.
- **Signage** at Stepps Station repairs outstanding.
- **Pot holes** on Cumbernauld Road reported and temporary repair done. Full repair outstanding.
- **Watercourse/burn** at Stepps PS/ Stepps Cultural Centre full of litter plus **overgrown bushes** along path. Enquiries re maintenance of these areas in progress.
- **Biodiversity Office** to update on interpretation board in Bluebell Park and compensatory measures for the Bluebell Dell.
- **Environmental Role** thanks to T. Stones for taking on this role.
- **Solar Lights** at Bluebell Park waiting update from Peter McNally.
- **Right of Way** from Garfield to Crowwood via Hornshill discussed.

## 7.0 Stepps & District Local Place Plan (LPP)

LPP documentation was emailed to NL Planning on 5th March 2026 and awaiting response re validation and registration. Printing of LPP booklets will follow.

## 8.0 Planning Matters

8.1 NL Planning is preparing the next Local Development Plan NLLDP2 covering the period from 2028 to 2038, It wants to hear about ideas to help shape it and has announced -

**Call for Ideas** – this allows communities, stakeholders and partners to share their thoughts and ideas on how land and buildings across North Lanarkshire could be used, improved, protected or developed in the future, helping us understand local needs and shape the overall direction of the Local Development Plan.

**Call for Sites** – this allows stakeholders, such as landowners, developers, community groups, businesses, public service providers, and anyone with an interest in how land is used, to tell us about land they think could be suitable for future development. Submitting a site does not guarantee development. Submissions will be assessed and only sites considered to be deliverable and appropriate may be selected for inclusion in Local Development Plan. Information can be found here:-

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building/development-plans/call-ideas-and-sites-2026>.

The meeting was encouraged to go online and submit their ideas. NL Planning aims to close both calls in August 2026.

8.2 The positioning of the Local Place Plan to the NLLDP2 was discussed. It appears that Community bodies do not need to resubmit their registered LPPs if the authority opens a 'call for ideas'. This is because registered LPPs will be considered by the planning authority in the preparation of the Proposed Plan.

**ACTION 3: S&DCC to seek confirmation with NL Planning before closing date of August 2026.**

8.3 S&DCC may wish to make a submission to the Call for Ideas. This may require communication/meeting with NL Planning for information e.g. housing land supply, housing demand in the local area. **Potential action for the future and before closing date of August 2026.**

8.4 **Café Chino** - new business on Cumbernauld Road.

8.5 **Euro Garages – Roadside Services Area Comprising Petrol Filling Station, Ancillary Retail Unit, Drive-Thru (Class 3) Units, HGV and Car Parking Areas, Associated Facilities, Landscaping, Infrastructure Works And New Junction Access.** **Pending issues to be discussed with NL Planning include:**

- possible introduction of an active travel/walking route to this development for e.g. employees.
- possible installation of traffic lights at new Euro Garage junction.
- increased tree planting to screen development.

**9.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing Report** - N/A as no Elected Member in attendance

**10.0 Northern Corridor Community Board (Chair - Brandon Williams)**

Date of next NCCB meeting Wednesday 20th May 2026.

**11.00 AOCB**

11.01 S&DCC continues to recruit for co-opted members.

11.02 'Heritage In Focus Taster Sessions' at Summerlee Museum of Scottish Industrial Life from 16–25 March 2026.

11.03 Monkland and Kirkintilloch Railway events.

11.04 World Encephalitis Day where line dancing took place outside Buchanan Tower to raise awareness of the condition. The tower was illuminated in red.

11.05 Installation of barrier at entrance to hockey fields.

**12.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday 21 May 2026 at 7.30, Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrew's Way, Stepps

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