

**STEPPS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTE OF ORDINARY MEETING FOLLOWING AGM  
WED 17TH JUNE 2026 AT 7.30PM  
STEPPS CULTURAL CENTRE, ST ANDREWS WAY, STEPPS**

**Present:** Campbell Provan (Vice Chair), Muriel McDade (Secretary), Alice Morton (Treasurer), Ken Maxwell (Chair), Thomas Stones, Paul Noble

**Elected Members:** Nil

**Public:** 4

**1.0 Opening remarks/introductions**

1.1 Chair Ken Maxwell welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance

**2.0 Apologies - as per preceding AGM Minute**

**3.0 Approval and Adoption of Minute 21.5.26**

3.1 Proposed: Alice Morton      Seconded: Campbell Provan

**4.0 Office Bearers' Annual Reports - as per preceding AGM Minute**

**5.0 Community Police**

**Police Scotland June 2026.**

**CRIME STATISTICS**

During the last month 80 incidents were reported to Police in the Stepps area.

The following table shows a breakdown of the 31 crimes recorded as a result of these reported incidents;

| Category              | June      |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Assault               | 3         |
| Bogus Caller          | 0         |
| Vandalism             | 0         |
| Housebreaking         | 1         |
| Theft                 | 3         |
| Drugs                 | 4         |
| Road Traffic related  | 15        |
| Communications        | 0         |
| Threatening Behaviour | 3         |
| Other Crime           | 2         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>    | <b>31</b> |

## **IDENTIFIED LOCAL ISSUES**

Following issues raised at Lenzie Road and along Cumbernauld Road, traffic officers have deployed along with local officers carrying out proactive patrols. 15 drivers were stopped and charged in relation to various road traffic offences.

Following reports of drug dealing in Cardowan, police stopped and searched a vehicle with 3 occupants being charged with drugs offences. Members of the community are encouraged to report any suspicious behaviour to police via 101, online or anonymously through crime stoppers.

Community police are continuing patrols in Cardowan in relation to the use of off-road bikes. Colleagues from Easterhouse are assisting with increased patrols throughout the nature reserve.

## **CURRENT CRIME TRENDS**

Several reports were made regarding young males acting suspiciously and trying doors overnight within the Millerston area. Specialist officers are continuing enquiries and are carrying out plain clothes patrols during nighttime hours.

## **COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT**

Community officers were invited to Stepps Primary School health. Officers attended and provided inputs to all Primary 6 & 7 pupils.

**PC Neil McBain and PC Laura Robertson, Northern Corridor Community Policing Team**

**OFFICIAL**

## **COMMUNITY POLICE - INFORMATION UPDATE RE REMOVAL OF RUBBISH**

White Van Man- Who is responsible?

Need rubbish removed? Always make sure the person you are paying is a registered waste carrier.

Many people unknowingly hand waste to unlicensed collectors, for it to be illegally dumped elsewhere. If your waste is fly tipped, you could still be held responsible.

Before handing over your rubbish:

- Ask to see their waste Carrier Licence
- Check their registration online.
- Ask where your waste is going.
- Keep a receipt or record of payment.

Remember!

Paying someone to take your waste away does not remove your legal responsibility to ensure it is disposed of correctly.

Think before you pay, it's not just the cost, it's the consequences.

**PC Lisa McCrone, Lanarkshire Preventions**

## **6.0 Guest Speaker - Colin Green, Garnkirk United**

Thank you and well done to Garnkirk United Community Football Team who organised a litter pick in the Stepps and Cardowan area on Sunday 26 April.

## 7.0 Environmental Report

**Solar lights** to be installed on path in Bluebell Park

**Interpretation Board re water voles in Bluebell Park** - Waiting on response from Biodiversity Officer

**Outside Classroom** officially opened on 5th June 2026

**Planters/Flower beds** - Unfortunately, very few volunteers attended which was disappointing and those who did, spent a while tidying all the planters and the flower beds. 7 bin bags were filled and the Council will remove them

**Gap in fence at Hornshill Road** has been reinstated

**Road closure** at Lenzie Road 22nd June for 3 days to enable partial resurfacing

**Fence near S&DCC Notice Board** should either be removed or replaced

**Pooling on Cumbernauld Road** has now been repaired

**NLC Graffiti Team** can be contacted online

**Graffiti on installation** reported and removed next day

**Fly tipping at Comrie Road** reported

**Burn/Watercouse at Stepps PS** - Burn is blocked and Councillor McLaren looking into this

**Clayhouse Road and Blenheim Ave** - 3 drains have been repaired, unblocked and roads repaired

**Mining Memorial, Cardowan** - Clean up requested

**Bluebell Dell** has been reinstated and we are still awaiting compensatory measures from Biodiversity Officer, NLC

**Crowwood Roundabout and approach road** - S&DCC to request meeting with NLC Roads and Community Police

**Hockey Pitch** at St Ambrose High School, Townhead Road, Coatbridge, ML5 2HT.

The campus features modern, floodlit all-weather astro-turf pitches and multiple grass sports fields that regularly host local community hockey, soccer, and Gaelic football fixtures. Changing facilities are also available.

### **Sports Facilities**

•**Astro-Turf Pitch:** A state-of-the-art, artificial turf pitch utilised for field hockey, football, and various sporting events.

•**Grass Pitches:** The campus includes six outdoor sports pitches for field sports.

•**Community Access:** The out-of-hours facilities are managed in partnership with North Lanarkshire Leisure. Bookings, facility availability, and pitch hire can be checked via the Active NL portal.

For the most up-to-date schedule of matches or to inquire about hiring the hockey pitch and sports grounds, you can contact the school directly using the [St Ambrose High School Contact Directory](#).

**Dewar Road** - update on ownership and adoption

The section of Dewar Road that has not been adopted is between Kilpatrick Drive (Roundabout) and A80 Cumbernauld Road (Roundabout).

- The legal team has advised that Crowwood Grange Estates owns this section of road and would be responsible for having this road constructed to a standard to allow it to be adopted. Crowwood Grange Estates is currently responsible for the maintenance of the landscaped verges and when the road is adopted this would be passed to NLC to maintain
- NLC has been unable, so far, to get Crowwood Grange Estates to carry out the repair work required
- NLC's records show that there is a road bond (security) in place that can be used to complete/repair roads that have not been completed to an adoptable standard
- NLC may be able to use this to pay for the remedial works required
- Further updates will be provided when available

## 8.0 Steps & District Local Place Plan

**SAVE THE DATE - LOCAL PLACE PLAN LAUNCH**  
**WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPT AT STEPPS CULTURAL CENTRE 7.30PM**

- All residents welcome
- Invitations to MP, MSP, Councillors, adjoining Community Councils and local organisations etc.

## 9.0 Planning Matters

- **Euro Garages site update** - young trees of various pieces planted (3 deep) around the perimeter
- **Whitehill Farm Buildings**  
**Buildings Standard - Scottish Building Warrant Summary granted 14th June 2026**  
26/00691/NLC  
Demolition of Farm Building - Whitehill Farm, Whitehill Farm Road Stepps  
**Kirsty Mooney to request a copy of Ecology Report**

**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.

The Call for Ideas project is focused on suggestions that relate to the use and development of land and buildings across North Lanarkshire. This includes, for example, proposals for new housing, business uses, green space, infrastructure or changes to how land is used.

***Call for Ideas will close during August 2026***

## 10.0 History Board

**Coshnockmuir Farm** - This development of North Lanarkshire council housing is built on the site of the historic Coshnockmuir farm which is shown on a map of 1795 as Coshnochmoor. A later house had a marriage datestone of 1883 above the door.

### **G.H.M. 1883 C.F.G.S.**

Lieutenant George Harry Miller, age 29, married Caroline Frances Graham Stirling, age 25 in Edinburgh in January 1883.

The farm buildings were demolished in 2024

Tenants are now settling into their new council homes in Millerston following the completion of our latest housing development.

The 17 new properties at Coshnockmuir Crescent, on the site of a former council depot, form part of our new supply programme which aims to deliver 6,000 homes by 2035 for tenants across North Lanarkshire.

**11.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing Report - N/A (no-one in attendance)**

**12.0 Northern Corridor Community Board (Chair, Brandon Williams)**

Future meetings - 19th August 2026 and 18th November 2026

**13.0 AOCB**

A request was made for the grass to be cut in the middle of Cumbernauld Road. Grass is very long and it can be difficult to see oncoming traffic when approaching junctions. Suggested they contact Councillor McLaren and he will deal with it.

**13.01 Recruitment - Co-opted Community Councillors**

**13.02** 30th anniversary of the publication of 'The Story of Stepps' by Freda Bunyan and Neil Kidd. Copies available in William Patrick Library, Kirkintilloch

**13.03 NORTHERN CORRIDOR COMMUNITY PRIORITIES**

We are now planning for the next 10 years. Your views in this consultation will help refresh our shared priorities and guide where collective action should focus next. Your voice will shape the future of your community. **The consultation closes 1st October 2026.**

**13.04 Community Council Scheme Review**

Issuing of a public notice of the proposal to amend the North Lanarkshire Council Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils to align with the Communities Committee Scottish Government Model Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils 2023 and associated governance documents.

Commencing a statutory consultation process, inviting comments and representations from community councils, elected members, community organisations and members of the public.

**13.05 Fizz & Chips Ladies Night at Stepps Bowling Club, Lenzie Road at 7.30pm**

Admission Free

**14.0 Date and time of next meeting**

*Thursday 17th September 7.30pm in Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrews Way, Stepps*

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