

Steps & District Community Council
Minute of Meeting Thursday 4 May 2023 at 7.30pm
Steps Cultural Centre, St Andrew's Way

Present: Councillors Alice Morton (Chair), Gerry Campbell, Eddie Ceresa, Craig Cowan, Campbell Provan (Treasurer), Gerry Campbell, Tom Forrester and Sheila Stuart Lorraine Kerr and Diane Delaney, Steps Primary Parent Council

Elected Members: None

Apologies: Paul Noble, Ken Maxwell, Marvyn Mackay, PC John Fleming and PC Calvin Lake
Public: 24 persons

- 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 Eddie Ceresa.
- 4.0 Treasurer's Report
- 4.1 The Community Council accounts were prepared and sent to Feely & Co, Auditors, on 12th April 2023. The bank account stands at £4651.00 of which £2058.00 is Mining Memorial money.

5.0 Secretary Report: Quadrennial Elections 2023

5.1 North Lanarkshire Council's Communities Committee met on Monday 24th April to discuss the Community Council's Quadrennial Elections.

The Committee unanimously agreed the following:

The nomination period will commence from 14 August and conclude on 4 September 2023. If an election is required to be scheduled this will take place on 12 October 2023. If, however, insufficient nominations are received for any Community Council, that Community Council will cease to operate from 10 October 2023 and, in order to re-establish that Community Council, it will be necessary that a petition seeking reestablishment be lodged with the Council in terms of its Scheme for Community Councils.

Prior to 9 October 2023, letters will be issued to Community Councils providing further details of the process for the nomination of candidates and, if necessary, elections together with other relevant information.

5.2 Secretary Report: Booking Dates for Steps Cultural Centre

Sameeha received a request from Culture NL to put forward booking dates for Steps Cultural Centre next year. The dates proposed are as follows:

- 7th September 2023
- 12th October 2023
- 9th November 2023
- 7th December 2023 (no January meeting)
- 8th February 2024

7th March 2024 (no April meeting)

2nd May 2024

6th June 2024 (AGM)

The dates were approved unanimously.

6.0 Police Scotland

6.1 A report has been given from PC John Fleming and PC Calvin Lake.

83 calls in total from Stepps area.

13 of the calls resulted in recorded crimes with the breakdown as follows

1 x Domestic Abuse offence

4 x Thefts/ housebreaking/ Attempt thefts

1 x Sexual offences

2 x Fraud

2 x Customs offences 3

x Vandalism

Of these crimes 4 have been detected with 12 still currently being investigated/ no further lines of enquiry.

Land Rover Evoque broken in to at Loch Road and Range Rover stolen on 29th April. Current issue with persons accessing vehicles with keyless entry. Please ensure keys are kept as far away from the vehicle as possible to try and stop the radio transmitter devices that suspects are using from opening the vehicles.

ACTION: Sameeha to email the Community Police with regards to suspicious activity with vehicles on the hockey pitches and inappropriate parking at Stepps Primary.

7.0 Environmental Report

7.1 Tom Forrester gave the following report:

LITTER BINS No response or action to my request for litter bin at Whitehill Farm.

POTHoles Still no response from Glasgow City Council regarding potholes on Cumbernauld Road between Coshneuk Road and Comrie Road.

ROADSIDE LITTER left on Lenzie Road has been lifted.

FLOODING IN CARDOWAN ROAD No further action that I am aware of. Morrisons on behalf of Scottish Power have been working in that area.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT GATESIDE FARM ESTATE Checked these out as requested at last meeting. They appear to be proactive to the approach of traffic in all directions.

ELECTRICAL WORK IN WHITEHILL FARM ROAD This has now been completed and the offset wooden fence replaced albeit in a slightly different format.

ROAD MARKINGS IN LENZIE ROAD The road markings in Lenzie Road at its junctions with Whitehill farm Road and Stepps Road have been repainted.

GRAFFITI The graffiti behind the Stepps Pharmacy has been removed

7.2 Dunalistair Play Park

A further update will be given at the June meeting.

7.3 Work at wooded area adjacent to Stepps Primary School The path has been upgraded.

8.0 Stepps Community Facilities

8.1 There has been no update on the reinstatement of Community Facilities.

ACTION: Alice is to contact the local councillors to escalate this.

9.0 Defibrillators

9.1 Sameeha gave a report on the Community Defibrillator Project.

The plan is to fundraise for two defibrillators: Stepps Parish Church and St Joseph's RC. The target is £3000, with £1000 to buy each defibrillator and an extra £500 for each Church to cover installation costs and for ongoing maintenance.

A crowdfunder has been set up to raise the funds with a 2 month closing date

The Community Council unanimously approved the plans for the project.

10.0 Planning Matters

10.1 The Reporter has dismissed the appeal for single storey dwelling at the Land to Rear of 8 Whitehill Farm Road.

11.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing

None present.

12.0 Northern Corridor Community Board

Next meeting 24 May 2023

Northern Corridor Community Forum

Next meeting 10 May 2023

Cumbernauld and North Locality Consortium

TBC

13.0 AOCB

13.1 Digital Skills Education is available for adults over 50.

13.2 A survey is in place to give ideas around the Community Buy Out proposals for Kilpatrick playpark and associated lands.

13.3 Cardowan Miners Remembrance Service is on Saturday 10th June 2023 at 1pm.

14.0 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 1st June 2023 at 7.30, Stepps Cultural Centre. This will be the AGM 2023 followed by the Ordinary Meeting

Thanks to the Chair for all of her hard work and dedication.

