

Stepps & District Community Council
Minute of Meeting Thursday 2 February 2023 at 7.30pm
Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrew's Way

Present: Community Councillors Alice Morton (Chair), Sameeha Rehman (Secretary), Campbell Provan (Treasurer), Gerry Campbell, Eddie Ceresa, Craig Cowan, , Ken Maxwell, Paul Noble and **Sheila Stuart**

Elected Members: None

Apologies: Cllr Josh Cairns, Cllr Williams, Cllr McLaren, Kate Houston, Tom Forrester, Lorraine Kerr, PC John Fleming and PC Calvin Lake

Public: 14 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 Gerry Campbell.

4.0 Guest Speakers Kayleigh Hirst and Sue Morrison, Memories of Seven Lochs Project






4.1 The Heritage Project involves creating an oral history archive of residents, creating a narrative film about the Seven Lochs and holding exhibitions and events based on this information. There is interviewer training organised for **Wednesday 8th March, 10am to 4pm, at Stepps Parish Church**. The project is due to be launched in December 2023.

ACTION: Alice to send the slides to the community councillors

5.0 Executive Reports

5.1 Agenda Item 4: Executive Reports, 2 February 2023

Chair Report

-  19 January 2023 Cardowan Miners Remembrance Service Meeting
-  18 January 2023 LOIP sub-group Health Inequalities
-  11 January 2023 Northern Corridor LOIP sub-group Health Inequalities
-  14 December 2022 Northern Corridor LOIP sub group Health Inequalities
-  8 December 2022 NLC online budget engagement

7 December 2022 Northern Corridor Community Forum Meeting

3 December Planning Democracy Event 2022

Alice Morton, Chair

Secretary Report

Community Council administrative tasks

Sameeha Rehman, Secretary

Treasurer Report

I have received a bank statement dated 30 December 2022 in the amount of £3778.23 of which £1058 is mining memorial money.

A cheque has been written to the Secretary to replace the one destroyed by the automatic reader at her branch. This was for the wreath laid at the war memorial.

Campbell Provan, Treasurer

6.0 Police Scotland

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

From 1st to 30th January, there were 49 calls in total, 8 of which resulted in crimes. Of the 8 crimes, 3 have been detected with the other 5 currently still being investigated or having no further lines of enquiry.

Resident complaint regarding a gap in the fence of Hornshill Farm.

ACTION: Alice to arrange on-site meeting. Gerry to email Alice with details to send to the Police.

7.0 Planning Democracy Video

Technical issues – try and show at next meeting.

8.0 Environmental Report

LITTER BINS

I have requested another litter bin to be placed at the beginning of the unmetalled continuation of Whitehill Farm Road as that corner at Alexandra Avenue seems to be being used as a dog toilet by dog walkers. They are picking up the poo and bagging it and leaving the bags on the verge.

POTHOLES

Reported potholes on Cumbernauld Road between Coshneuk Road and Comrie Road to Glasgow City Council but have received no response so far. Paul Mahoney at Roads in NLC is on the case.

ABANDONED VEHICLE

I reported an apparently abandoned Ford Transit flatbed truck left in Whitehill farm Road about 2 weeks before Christmas. I notified DVLA as it was over a year out of date for both MOT and Road licence. I followed up by reporting it to NLC as apparently abandoned. The Council placed an abandoned vehicle sticker on the windscreen before finally towing it away on 3rd of January.

BURST WATER PIPE

I telephoned Scottish Water regarding a burst water pipe which was causing flooding on the pavement and road at Whitehill farm Road during freezing weather conditions. It was subsequently repaired.

DERELICT ASBESTOS LOCK UP

The derelict asbestos lock up in Whitehill Farm Road has been removed and a wooden fence erected in its place.

ROADSIDE HEDGE IN WHITEHILL FARM ROAD

The roadside hedge and verges along both sides of the unmetalled stretch of Whitehill Farm Road has been cut back and tidied up by Caledonian Estates.

FLY-TIPPING

Two instances were reported, one at the Hockey pitches and the other on the Lenzie Road.

PLANTERS

New plants removed from the planters along the Cumbernauld Road.

ACTION –Someone has removed the stank cover at 51 Lenzie Road. Pass to Tom to be reported:

ACTION: Try and obtain more permanent action to reduce flooding outside Bannatyne's Health Club. Suggested to contact Scottish Power to say that there is flooding by a sub-station. Ken to support Alice in this. Pass to Tom to be reported.

ACTION: Traffic lights at new access to Gateside Farm seem to be stuck at red around 90% of the time. Suggested that this can be reported via Fix My Street website. Pass to Tom to be reported.

ACTION: Gap in fence on Hornshill Road. Alice to arrange on-site meeting. Pass information to Tom.

ACTION: Contact developers again about dirty road at Gateside Farm. Alice to action.

9.0 Community Defibrillators

Resident met with Carol at the Co-op and had a positive conversation re the installation of a defib. Carol to make further enquiries with her managers. There is an electrical supply at the cash machine so this would allow for easy installation. Carol would like to support with the fundraising but is waiting for managers to return from England. Also spoken to community at Whitecraig's who have successfully installed six defibs.

Alice has contacted St John Scotland Community Defibrillator Scheme to arrange a meeting.

We help save lives across Scotland by providing advice, training, and funding to communities wishing to install a Public Access Defibrillator.

If you are a community group, charity or individual looking for support to install a defibrillator in your area, we can help.

Through our Community Defibrillator Scheme we will:

- work with you to establish the best location for a defibrillator in your local area*
- set you a fundraising target of £1,000 for a defibrillator and external storage cabinet, and we will cover the remaining costs*
- offer advice and support around installation*
- offer free CPR and defibrillator training in the community after installation.*

10.0 Steps Community Facilities

10.1 Diane Delaney, on behalf of Stepps Primary Parent Council, notes there has been no further update and the school community remain frustrated.

Alice requested a feedback report from NLC based on the consultation and was told there was no feedback report as the only two groups who gave feedback were the Community Council and the Parent Council. A second meeting request was refused initially but a second letter suggested that another meeting may be considered. The library sketch created by Stepps & District Community Council was sent to NLC who submitted it for consideration to their architects.

ACTION: Ask the elected councillors for a meeting to discuss the issues at hand and ensure a proper library is given to this community.

11.0 Planning Matters

22/01493/PPP | Residential Development (Permission in Principle) | Site South Of Bedlay Castle Cumbernauld Road Chryston North Lanarkshire G69 9HP. This application was discussed.

12.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing

Cllr Cairns sent the following report:

- The re-zoning of the Dunlop estate is going to the Education Committee for approval this month and there will be a consultation at the beginning of March.
- There will be a reduction in service for the 38C and it will be every 45 minutes now instead of every 30 minutes.
- The potholes on Cumbernauld Road should be fixed shortly.

13.0 Northern Corridor Community Board

Next meeting 22 February 2023

- **Northern Corridor Community Forum**

Next meeting 1 March 2023

- **Cumbernauld and North Locality Consortium**

TBC

14.0 AOCB

- 14.1 It was suggested that action should be taken to start planning for 2023's festive decorations. Community Councillor Paul Noble suggested that we approach NLC to get a local electrician to put up the existing decorations for a low cost.

It was noted that Stepps Community Development Trust had started work on festive decorations last year but the timescale offered by NLC was too tight. The Trust to be contacted for an update.

15.0 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 7.30, Stepps Cultural Centre.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and support.