

Stepps & District Community Council
Minute of Meeting Thursday 7 September 2023 at 7.30pm
Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrew's Way, Stepps

Present: Councillors Alice Morton (Chair), Campbell Provan (Treasurer), Tom Forrester, Craig Cowan, Paul Noble and **Sheila Stuart**

PC John Fleming, PC Calvin Lake and probationer Community Police Officer

Elected Members: Cllr Josh Cairns

Apologies: Sameeha Rehman, Cllr McLaren, Andrew McPherson, Eddie Ceresa, Lorraine Kerr and Ken Maxwell

Public: 7 persons

1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions

1.1 Alice Morton, Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

2.0 Apologies

2.1 Apologies were received as noted above.

3.0 Minute of Previous Meeting

3.1 Proposed by Campbell Provan. Seconded by Tom Forrester.

4.0 Office Bearer Reports

4.1 Chair Report

- Correspondence with NLC regarding roadworks for Hv cable for Hornhill Service Station
- Correspondence with St John Scotland re community defibrillators and training
- NLC engagement re quadrennial elections
- NLC engagement re daytime access to community facilities
- Attendance NCCB meeting 23 August 2023

4.2 Secretary Report : Update on Quadrennial Elections

- NLC has received 3 nominations which is insufficient to re-establish the Community Council. The implications of this was discussed.
- If 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 re-establishment be lodged with the Council in terms of its Scheme for Community Councils.
- Existing Community Councillors will stand down on 11 October 2023 at 11.59pm.
- From NLC - The Inaugural Meeting for each Community Council shall take place week commencing 16 October 2023 and the agenda for which will be provided following the re-establishment. Meeting room booked for Thursday 19 October 2023 if required.
- Community Councillor Campbell Provan spoke about the website and FB.

- Also reported was the Cardowan Boundary Change : Community Council Boundary implications.

4.3 Treasurer Report

Since the last report, along with the audited accounts, presented at the June AGM three cheques totalling £179.06 have been written to cover community council expenses.

Funds have been received from the Crowdfunding Appeal for the purchase of two defibrillators in the amount of £3010.57.

In addition two cheques were received totalling £250.00 giving a total to the appeal of £3260.57.

An order has been placed with St John Scotland for the purchase of two defibrillators and a cheque in the value of £2000.00 has been sent with the order.

Posters have been printed detailing the positions of the defibrillators and these will be mounted in the local area. A cheque will be written to cover this cost of £33.67.

The remaining £1226.90 will be split between the two churches to pay for mounting the cabinets and to pay for new pads and batteries when that becomes necessary.

The Community Council account now stands at £3767.46.

A cheque to cover the cost of printing additional copies of the Heritage Trail leaflet in the amount of £144.72 will be written.

Mining Memorial Money.

As reported at the June meeting the fund stood at £2058.00 including a grant of £1000 from North Lanarkshire.

Cheques were sent from the fund to cover expenses for the Remembrance Service.

These totalled £1001.11.

Five copies of the Mining Fatalities booklet were sold at the Remembrance meeting and a cheque in the value of £1073.00 was sent to the Scottish Mining Welfare Trust.

There is now no mining memorial money in the Community Council account.

5.0 Community Police: PC John Fleming and PC Calvin Lake (and probationer Officer)

5.1 Official Report for 7 September 2023 Meeting was delivered by the probationer Officer

73 calls in total from Stepps area. (Approximately 12 of the calls this month relate to issues/ reports from the Hotels)

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

1 x Road Traffic offence 5 x Thefts/ housebreaking/ Attempt thefts

1 x Immigration Act offence 2 x Fraud 1 x Vandalism

Of these crimes 2 have been detected with 8 still currently being investigated/ no further lines of enquiry

Important to note this month has seen a rise in Theft/ vehicle crime particularly in and around the new build estate. Our proactive unit have set up a task force with officers from the Glasgow House breaking Team and are currently making progress to identify the offenders. There has also been an increase in patrols during nightshifts around the targeted areas.

6.0 Environmental Report – Community Councillor Tom Forrester

LITTER BINS The bin area at the Key Store adjacent to the War Memorial site has been tarmac surfaced.

POTHOLES I reported potholes and sunken pavement in Whitehill Farm Road. These have been patched.

No reaction from Glasgow City Council regarding potholes on Cumbernauld Road between Coshneuk Road and Comrie Road

ROAD RESURFACING Cumbernauld Road and Cardowan Road have been resurfaced at their junction and back to the roundabout at Bannatyne's causing significant diversion in and out of Cardowan during the process. Sensory crossing tiles have been added to the pavements.

TREES AND HEDGEROWS I reported a dead tree in Bluebell Park and received a reply from NLC about the importance of this and assured that it will be removed within the next 6 months.

I reported overhanging hedgerow on North side of A80 between Crowwood Golf Course entrance and the fuel station at the start of Muirhead which was obstructing the pedestrian footpath.

Reported hedgerow obstruction of public footpath between Buchanan Business Park and Brewers Fayre Restaurant.

Reported overhanging tree branches obstructing the traffic signals and direction sign on Northside of Cumbernauld Road at its junction with Cardowan Road

I requested Caledonian Estates to remove the self-seeding trees growing in the field at Whitehill Farm Road. This has been done.

ROAD WORKS CUMBERNAULD ROAD The ongoing disruption due to the installation of a Hv cable and other works at Cardowan Road was reported

GRAFITTI ON SHELTER AT STEPPS STATION This was reported to the Community Police.

DUNALASTAIR PLAYPARK It seems these works will commence soon. Once the works are complete there will be a design-a-sign competition. There will be an official opening with the new sign erected. S&DCC will be invited to the opening as will the local schools. Residents in attendance at the meeting raised issues surrounding the playpark. Cllr Cairns will work with the residents to progress these.

BLUEBELL PLAYPARK Areas will be upgraded and benches replaced. Work will take place on either Monday 11 or 18 September and will take around a week to complete. Parts of the play area to be worked on will be closed during this time.

7.0 Community Defibrillators Project The two defibrillators are now installed on the outside walls at Stepps Parish Church Hall and St Joseph's Parish Hall. Thanks were given to St John Scotland for its support, donation and training, the community for its financial contribution and the two churches for the installation and on-going maintenance of the defibrillators. Thanks also to Stepps on the Level for the publicity.

8.0 Stepps Community Facilities Daytime Access

8.1 No update from NLC.

9.0 Planning Matters

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY – LAND AT WHITEHILL FARM The meeting was made aware of this activity. Cllr McLaren raised this with Planning who had no knowledge of this.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT 21/01553/FUL Zoom Development & David & Jessie Bell. Residential Development of 7no. Detached Dwellings With Detached Garages. Site Off Stepps Road Auchinloch
NLC LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SURVEY – GIVE YOUR VIEWS

The meeting was encouraged to become involved in this important process. NLC has started to prepare the next Local Development Plan (LDP) – North Lanarkshire Local Development

Plan 2 (NLLDP2). The LDP is an important document which sets out the policies and proposals for future land use and development in North Lanarkshire. For example, it will guide where new housing, business and infrastructure will be located. The success of NLLDP2 depends on getting the public and a wide range of stakeholders involved. North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 want to make sure everyone with an interest can get involved.

The online survey will close on 13 October 2023. A summary of responses will then be collated and be used to inform the final Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement. To keep up to date on progress with NLLDP2 including key stages and consultation, as well as other aspects of our planning service, please register here.

PLANNING DEMOCRACY

Continues to make representation regarding an Equal Rights of Appeal (ERA) for communities.

NLC has also made representation to Housing Minister Joe Fitzpatrick via the Motion raised by Cllr McLaren.

In addition, Monica Lennon MSP for Central Scotland Scottish Labour submitted a question to the Chamber and Committees on this issue.

10.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing

Cllr Cairns reported:

- Verbal report including responding to residents re works on the Cumbernauld Road

Cllr McLaren reported:

- Crowwood Golf Club will be lettered about trees on A80 about trimming them back. Tree at lights was reported.
- New crossing on Lindsaybeg Road started.
- BMX on Moor Park started.
- Bollards are getting costed for Lindsaybeg Road to stop parking on footpath.
- Incident of child of 6 years old getting out of school and no one knew until his mother called. It has been raised by Cllr McLaren with Education Convener to have this investigated.

Cllr Williams no report available

11.0 Northern Corridor Community Board Next meeting 27 November 2023

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Sub-Groups

- Health Inequalities
- Children and Young People
- Social Integration and Inclusion
- Community Transport

- Moodiesburn West
- Building local relationships, trust and communication
 - Northern Corridor Community Forum Next meeting TBC
 - Cumbernauld and North Locality Consortium Next meeting TBC

12.0 AOCB

12.1 Auchengeich Colliery Remembrance Service Sunday 17 September 2023 at 1pm

12.2 Update from Annemarie Kirkland about the community buy out.

12.3 The Chair stated that this would be the final meeting of the existing Community Council. She expressed her sincere thanks to all for their generous support over the past four years.

13.0 Date and time of next meeting

TBC - Thursday 19th October 2023 at 7.30pm Stepps Cultural Centre