

**STEPPS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTE OF MEETING  
THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2025 7.30PM  
STEPPS CULTURAL CENTRE, ST ANDREWS WAY, STEPPS**

- Present:** Councillors Ken Maxwell (Chair), Campbell Provan (Vice-Chair), Muriel McDade (Secretary), Alice Morton (Treasurer), Jacqueline Wilson, Tracy Kennedy
- Elected Members:** None present
- Apologies:** Cllr John McLaren, Maureen McCallum, Paul Noble, Tom Forrester
- Public:** 11 people inc J-P Sumner (NLC Heritage) and Police Scotland (PC Neil McBain)

**1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions**

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

**2.0 Apologies**

- 2.1** Apologies were received as noted above

**3.0 Approval and Adoption of Minute 17th June 2025**

- 3.1** Proposed: Alice Morton      Seconded: Tracy Kennedy

**4.0 Office Bearers' Reports**

**4.1 Treasurer's Report**

As at 12 August 2025 Bank Statement shows an account balance of £2,411.54

Cheques raised and not shown as cashed

- Refreshments £31.30 for LPP event
- WIX website £146.28 for year 2024-25 and £150.00 for year 2025-26

Other cheques raised as follows:

- Poppy Wreath £41.40
- Hall rent £20.00 LPP meeting

Credits as shown

- Bank interest £7.53
- NL Challenge Micro Fund £144.75 (LPP expenses)

Credits not shown

- NLC Grant Award £293.00 (for printing of LPP booklets)
- NLC Admin Grant £827.00

#### **4.2 Secretary's Report**

- Correspondence and admin as required
- Action points detailed in June Minute either dealt with or being dealt with.
- Assisting community councillors wherever I can with our Local Place Plan which we hope to have completed by the end of the year.
- Communicating with Sandy Carle re pavement parking. He advised that Penalty Charge Notices have been issued and parking attendants will continue to monitor the area.
- Reported fly tipping at Blenheim Avenue (disability scooter and batteries) and it was removed within a couple of days. Also reported the blue bin which was left beside the NLC bin at the entrance/exit to the hockey park on Cumbernauld Road. This was also removed.
- Ordered Poppy Wreath which will be laid at the War Memorial by a representative of the Community Council on Remembrance Sunday.
- Met with Kirsty Mooney this month to walk round various green spaces in the area to review biodiversity. Report at the next meeting.
- The Community Council needs to recruit more people and if you know of anyone who could help by way of becoming a co-opted member - please let us know.

#### **5.0 Community Police**

##### **POLICE SCOTLAND – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025**

##### **CRIME STATISTICS**

During the months of August and Sept there were a total of 59 incidents reported to Police in the Stepps areas.

The following table shows a breakdown of the 11 crimes recorded as a result of these reported incidents;

Category August

Assault 2

Bogus Caller 0

Vandalism 1

Housebreaking 0

Theft 0

Drugs 0

Road Traffic related 0

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Communications 3  
Threatening Behaviour 3  
Other Crime 2  
Grand Total 11

### **IDENTIFIED LOCAL ISSUES**

A resident has reported off-road bikes being used around Frankfield Loch. Patrols will be increased specifically around this area to target anti-social behaviour.

An increase in graffiti has been noted around the area which appears to be based around football. Enquiries are continuing regarding this and inputs will be provided to local school around anti-social behaviour and graffiti.

### **CURRENT CRIME TRENDS**

A vehicle was stolen in the local area with enquiries on-going. The means in which this was carried out are currently unknown however residents are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to police.

### **COMMUNITY & SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT**

Community officers visited Chryston High School and provided road safety inputs. An increase in cars dropping pupils off has lead to congestion around the area and an increase in pupils walking along the road.

#### ***Other points raised at meeting:-***

Thurs 18th Sept - stolen Land Rover Discovery - car chase resulted in a Land Rover Discovery being recovered on Whitehill Farm Road.

Attended CHS to speak to children re safety when crossing roads etc. We will visit again soon with the P3 children.

We are also doing a social media visit with the P6s and 7s plus a nursery visit. These visits are regarding internet safety awareness.

Re online bullying and chats, be aware of what you say as you don't always know who you are speaking to. Presentation was made by the community safety team for High school and Primary pupils. Community Police also spoke to Chryston Primary parents.

Drop in dates to Pivot centre in a couple of weeks at Chryston, Moodiesburn and Glenboig. Dates will be confirmed on social media.

Ongoing issues re speeding on the A80. Unmarked cars are patrolling in and around the area.

Police said some adults were responsible for the graffiti in Gartcosh train station and there is also footage of adults in Falkirk Train Station vandalising shelters there too. Children are following suit and as a result, there is graffiti in various places now. Scotrail are also having problems with graffiti being painted on trains.

PC Neil McBain & PC Laura Dudgeon  
Northern Corridor Community Policing Team **OFFICIAL**

## 6.0 **Guest Speaker - J-P Sumner, NLC Your Heritage in Focus**

Your Heritage in Focus is a community-focused project which will deliver a new approach to enabling and supporting North Lanarkshire's communities to protect, preserve and promote the heritage of the area's people and places.

### **Project Purpose**

- Offer a broad range of training opportunities based on the needs identified in consultation with local groups.
- Hold a programme of awareness raising, networking and engagement events.
- Develop Heritage Plans to link with North Lanarkshire's Transforming Places strategy.
- Support groups to recruit new volunteers.
- Analyse the current capacity of the North Lanarkshire Heritage Sector and develop plans for targeted support in areas of greatest need.
- Establish a new North Lanarkshire Heritage Network.
- Provide capacity building, project delivery and fundraising support to heritage groups and organisations across North Lanarkshire.

### **A Programme for Local History Groups**

- **Collate:** Contribute to a heritage map
- **Survey:** Take our baseline survey
- **Assess:** Complete a Place Standard Tool through a heritage lens baseline assessment for your town or village
- **Describe:** Create a heritage tour for your town or village
- **Develop:** Digitise your archive
- **Communicate:** Contribute to a Your Heritage in Focus website
- **Celebrate:** Install heritage interpretation in your village

Heritage boards have been positioned in Blenheim Avenue. 6 photos of our heritage are on these boards. ***Suggestion was made that these boards should be moved nearer the gates of Bluebell Park where they are more visible.***

### **Other items discussed:-**

NCCV in partnership with Summerlee Museums Galleries Scotland for a grant to highlight some of the stories of former miners from Cardowan. Funding enabled this and community volunteers will work on it including recreating miners banners. Cllr Claire Williams is involved.

Linked up with Stirling University and they create tours of towns. Trying to make heritage tours online and we are hoping to set up a website re Steps. This can be done over the next 3 years.

We all took part in a proactive project to find out what our perspectives are. Meeting attendees were asked to write on post its and place them on a map to discover what we would like to protect or things that are important to us. J-P Sumner will feed this back to us.

## **7.0 Environmental Report**

- Cllr McLaren has been in communication with First Bus regarding a safe crossing point at Crowwood Golf Course on A80 and a possible bus stop at the layby on A80 at the roundabout. This has resulted in a feasibility study in relation to upgrading the public transport infrastructure at the location of the Crowwood Golf Club and installing a safe crossing point across Cumbernauld Road. It is anticipated the feasibility study will be completed by Spring 2026.

### **Action 1 - Secretary to invite Cllr McLaren to November meeting to provide an update**

- **Planters on Cumbernauld Road** - These are owned by NLC. A background report on the current situation was given and also the intention to contact the Northern Corridor Community Volunteers to discuss the feasibility of the care and maintenance of the planters.

### **Action 2 - AM to contact NCCV**

- **Hockey Park** - There was a discussion regarding this with points raised by residents in attendance at the meeting. The requirement for a meeting with Cllr McLaren was also raised.

### **Action 3 - Secretary to contact Cllr McLaren and request a meeting**

- **Whitehill Farm** - Garnkirk burn manhole in the fields at Whitehill Farm being worked on this week. They are trying to flush out the burn.

### **Other items discussed:-**

- Fly tipping reported on Blenheim Ave and Railway Station. Everything removed
- Cllr McLaren had trailer removed from area near roundabout on A80 at Dewar Road
- Vandalism to bus shelter and traffic installations at Cumbernauld Road and Cardowan Road reported and dealt with by Cllr McLaren
- Graffiti on Hockey Pavilion door and also Community Council notice board reported and dealt with by NLC
- Parking enforcement - PCN issued to Volkswagen car outside Car Wash on Cumbernauld Road
- Blue bin removed from outside Hockey Park on Cumbernauld Road
- Tree was down in Bluebell Park due to storm and this was removed
- Lighting box loose on lamp standard
- Cllr Cairns has been contacted to enquire about the possibility of NLC painting the railings on Cumbernauld Road and lamp standards on Whitehill Avenue, Blenheim Avenue, Cardowan Drive and West Avenue
- Cllr McLaren dealing with green space at War Memorial

## **8.0 Local Place Plan**

### **Andrew Thomsen updated the following:-**

- Our survey has been completed and the information from 3 wishes cards has been processed. The findings have been put into a draft plan. We are putting together a well produced map and key priorities from the survey feedback. The following points were prevalent:-

- Protecting and securing the greenbelt long term (this was high scoring)
- Buses connectivity up Dewar Road
- Crossings made safer
- Paths in LPP better maintained
- Cafes with seating, places for families to eat
- Positive appetite for people to be more connected throughout the area
- More social groups (Perhaps quarterly meetings could be held to discuss how to connect people)
- Next steps. We will hopefully finalise the plan for consultation in the next 2 weeks and put out for consultation in 1 month to Councillors, MSPs and neighbouring Community Councils. They will be able to comment on any changes if required. After consultation it will get locked down.
- Alice has asked CRT to help at the design stage which will be late November or early December after which it will be promoted to the community.
- We will soon be on the home stretch and should have something produced by the end of the year

**Note re Community Councillor Paul Noble** - although Paul has been absent recently due to family commitments, he has done significant work regarding our Local Place Plan.

## **9.0 Stepps Community Facilities**

The kitchen is now complete and available for lets. S&DCC reports it is of a very high standard.

Meeting attendees were encouraged to hire the community facilities and to spread the word to others.

Hire charges are £6.75 per hour for the Community Hall and £9.25 per hour for the Community Rooms. (Depending on what type of function is being held, the prices will change)

Resident requested the cost of room hires (including kitchen) to be emailed.

**Action 4 - Secretary to email hire charges to resident**

## **10.0 Planning Matters**

- **25/00812/FUL Formation of Access and Change of Use of Agricultural Land to dog exercising field (including off road parking and field shelter).**

This application was discussed on various points e.g. proposal is located within farmland to the east of Dewar Road which is designated in the current LDP Promote Map 7.2 as green belt and other issues such as roads and design issues were raised. The meeting agreed that S&DCC would submit an objection.

- **Hornshill Farm access track**

Response from NL Planning indicated there was no breach of planning control and no further action will be taken.

- **Roadside Services on M80 roundabout**

There was a discussion on the progress of this development and an update on S&DCC Objection 25/00219/542 - Section 42 Application to vary the timing of the landscaping proposals, Condition 11 of consent, 21/01275/FUL, Roadside Services, 2 Hornhill Court, Stepps. ***The minor alteration to the wording of Condition 11 affects only the timing of submission of the detailed planting timetable and is considered acceptable. It is therefore recommended that permission is granted.***

- **24/00780/FUL | Erection of new build affordable housing development comprising 17 new dwellings, associated infrastructure and landscaping at Coshneuk Depot, Coshneuk Road, Millerston, Stepps, North Lanarkshire G33 6JL**

Work is progressing on this development which will house 17 new properties comprising a mix of one and two bedroom flats and two, three and four bedroom houses including one disabled access bungalow. This development forms part of NLC's new supply programme to deliver 6000 new homes by 2035.

## **11.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing Report**

### **Cllr McLaren:**

- Graffiti removed on various locations including the hockey pavilion.
- Discussions with a local community football team re long term lease of hockey field. Hockey, rugby and football can all be accommodated on this field which needs to be used to its full potential.
- Feasibility study in relation to upgrading the public transport infrastructure at the location of Crowwood Golf Club and also installing a safe crossing point across Cumbernauld Road.
- Requested that green/shrub area at Cenotaph has a good general tidy up prior to service on Remembrance Sunday.
- Hopes that the community kitchen meets the needs of the community.

## **12.0 - Northern Corridor Community Board**

After the recent NCCB meeting a verbal report re Dewar Road was given by Andrew McPherson (NLC Deputy Chief Executive). The report concerned the Council's correspondence regarding outstanding structural works to allow the adoption of the road by the Council.

Mr McPherson will advise regarding the progress of this matter.

## **13.0 AOCB**

- 5 trees in Bluebell Park near Lenzie Road were cut down last year. 4 were ash trees and 1 birch. Ash trees were suffering from ash dieback and the birch tree was leaning dangerously. Andrew McPherson said that when the time was right, they would all be replaced. So far no replanting has been done.
- Suggestion - when replanting please ensure if standard trees are being used, they need to plant 3 for every 1 cut down.

**Action 5 - Secretary to email A McPherson to ask for update**

- Community Council Cupboard in Community Room
  - Litter picking equipment, hi-viz vest gloves etc

- S&DCC banner
- Catering items
- Data projector
- LDP Maps etc

Alice, Muriel and Janitor have keys for the cupboard.

**14.0    *Date and time of next meeting 20th November 2025***  
**(NO OCTOBER MEETING - TO ALLOW WORK ON LOCAL PLACE PLAN)**

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