

**Minute of Online Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council**  
**7.30-9.30pm, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Present:** Councillors Alice Morton (Chair), Sameeha Rehman (Secretary), Campbell Provan (Treasurer), Edoardo Ceresa, Craig Cowan, Iain MacGregor, Marvyn Mackay, Ken Maxwell, Sheila Stuart and Tom Forrester

Lorraine Kerr, Stepps Parent Council

**Public:** 14 persons

**Apologies:** Councillors Paul Brown, Gerry Campbell and Paul Noble  
Cllr McLaren

**1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions**

1.1 Chair Alice Morton welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance to this first public virtual meeting of Stepps and District Community Council.

**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 Edoardo Ceresa.

**4.0 Executive Report**

4.1 No questions raised.

**5.0 Community Police**

5.1 The new Local Problem-Solving Officer is PC Simon Findlay of Cumbernauld Community Police.

Crime Report:

1 x Fire raising

3 x Assaults

1 x Fraud

1 x Theft

1 x RTA Offence

Reported to PC Findlay

1. Incidents in the Bluebell Dell - liaising with community councillor Gerry Campbell.
2. Speeding on the Lenzie Brae - speed gun initially and liaise with the safety camera partnership in order to establish if the area is suitable for the camera enforcement van.
3. Inconsiderate parking at shops on main street - parking on pavements. Resident complaints continue.
4. Inconsiderate and dangerous parking on Blenheim Avenue - at school opening and closing times. PC Mark Smith was planning to deal with this before he moved to his new post.

**ACTION: A number of incidents and points of concerns were raised by members of the public. All have been asked to email the specific details to Sameeha who will then inform the police. COMPLETED**

## **6.0 Northern Corridor Heritage Project**

- 6.1 Project Lead Caitlin Baker attended the meeting to present her postgraduate diploma that she is working with NCC Vols to deliver. The project is a cross locality intergenerational project looking at both the heritage and the residents of the Northern Corridor. NCCV is working to create a digital legacy (website) for the Northern Corridor which will be accessible to current and future generations and will preserve the Northern Corridor's heritage. The ultimate aim is to create a lasting legacy for the Northern Corridor and, if possible, exhibit the project's findings in Chryston Cultural Centre. The latter, in anticipation of bringing the community back to the space and offering a local heritage resource with which future generations can engage. Any residents who have information they would like to share are asked to contact Caitlin.

## **7.0 Actions/Matters arising from previous minutes**

- 7.1 Stepps PS overcapacity, remedial drainage works and requisitioning of community facilities  

Alice Morton and Lorraine Kerr met with Cllr McLaren to discuss the shared issues regarding the overcapacity for both the school and wider community. Another meeting has been planned to seek the clarification required regarding the April update, particularly the mobile library and reinstatement of community lets.
- 7.2 Compound Area  

The envisioned date for access to the hockey fields is June.

Cllr McLaren reported that a half gate will be installed at the lane and key holders will be identified.
- 7.3 Environmental Issues  

Tom Forrester's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

**ACTION: A mass of litter was reported under the Railway Bridge from Garnkirk Lane. Tom to follow up.**

**ACTION: It was noted that the high levels of litter could be linked to the uplift fee and closure of the Westfield Recycling Depot. To be raised with NLC.**

**ACTION: Sub-station at the corner of Clayhouse Road and Comedie Road. Details to be emailed to Sameeha for reporting. COMPLETED**

## **8.0 Scotland Loves Local**

- 8.1 Sameeha noted that the formal reporting process for the Scotland Loves Local funding as completed and had been approved. A number of items had been purchased, as part of the funding criteria submitted, and remaining funding was in the process of being used for advertising purposes and the creation of leaflets.

Campbell reported that the Heritage Trail leaflet had been produced with some support from the Ramblers. Copies will be available from tomorrow in the dog groomer and co-op. The leaflet will also be circulated on social media channels and the notice board, as well as other shops once they reopen.

Sameeha thanked Campbell for all of his work on producing an excellent leaflet.

## **9.0 Planning Matters**

- 9.1 Dorlin Road Application

This application has been removed from the committee agenda for April as they are waiting for further consultation reports. The next available committee is 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

- 9.2 Hornshill Farm Application

This application was approved at the Hearing on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Sameeha minuted a thanks on behalf of all the community to Alice, Ken and Paul for their excellent work at the Hearing in representing our interests.

- 9.3 Local Development Plan

The DPEA Reporters have completed the examination and the final report will shortly be prepared.

- 9.4 New Application

Proposal of application notice town and country planning (Scotland) act 1997 the town & country planning (development management procedure) (Scotland) regulations 2013 roadside services area comprising petrol filling station, ancillary retail unit, drive-thru (class 3) units, hgv and car parking areas, associated facilities, landscaping, infrastructure works and new junction access.

An online virtual consultation event date tbc - anticipated May 2021 - 3-week consultation with associated live interaction.

Concerns were raised by members of the public over this proposal and questioned the need for such a station on environmental grounds, given the shift towards electric vehicle usage in the coming years.

9.5 On 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Save Stepps Greenbelt joined with Fulton MacGregor MSP, Steven Bonnar MP and civil servants to discuss Stepps current planning issues.

9.6 On 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Save Stepps Greenbelt joined Dan Jackman senior reporter at the DPEA. The evening workshop focussed on two aspects of Planning: Appeals and Local and National Development Plans. Mr Jackman explained both processes and the Reporter's role.

#### **10.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing**

10.1 The Community Council website has been updated and now features a Ward 5 Cllr Briefing completed by Craig Cowan. There has been no briefing prior to this meeting.

#### **11.0 Northern Corridor Community Forum**

11.1 The AGM took place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April and Carole Henderson was elected the new Chair.

#### **12.0 Cumbernauld and North Locality Consortium**

12.1 The last meeting was held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April and Susan Drummond was elected the new Chair.

#### **13.0 AOCB**

13.1 Community Council vacancies. Contact Sameeha for more information.

13.2 Campbell reported that items had started disappearing from the CC notice board.

13.3 Community Council cabinet in Stepps PS gymnasium, blue portable display boards and Stepps/Les Marches wall plaque discussed.

#### **14.0 Date and time of next meeting**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

Vote of thanks to the Chair