**Minute of Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council**

**7.30-9.30pm, Monday 17th February 2020**

**Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrews Way**

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

**In attendance;** Cllr Stephen Goldsack; PC Mark Smith, Police Scotland; Lorraine Kerr, Parents’ Council, Stepps Primary School; Mark McBride, NLC Enterprise and Communities; various NLC representatives

**Public:** 56 persons

**Apologies:** Councillors Paul Brown, Ewan Graham and Carol Graham; NLC Cllrs Lynne Anderson and John McLaren

1. **Opening Remarks/Introductions**

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

**2.0 Apologies**

2.1 Apologies were received as noted above

**3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

3.1 Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, subject to the amendment of ‘did’ to ‘does’ in 5.3. Proposed by Craig Cowan, seconded by Gerry Campbell.

**4.0 Community Police**

4.1 PC Mark Smith reported that 102 incidents had been recorded between 17th January 2020 and 17th February 2020. 42 declared non-police attendance; 8 related to incidents caught on the motorway AMPR camera. There were 12 crimes, including attempted break-ins by a suspect who has returned to prison. Residents had left the CC questions on social media regarding speeding at Lenzie Brae. PC Mark Smith noted that speed checks had been carried out previously and, on every occasion, no ticket had been issued. He has approached the Roads department at NLC on a number of occasions but no action has been taken.

**5.0 Stepps Primary School Temporary Move**

5.1 Mark McBride and the NLC Education Officers made representation and took questions from members of the public:

It was noted that Stepps Primary School was not a North Lanarkshire Council facility and was owned by TSNL, who are in a legal dispute with the contractor that delivered the drainage. NLC were made aware of the defect in March/April 2019.

The Council spoke about various options with the original and preferred option including the closure of the school building and the installation of temporary classrooms on the hockey pitches.

A ground investigation took place in August 2019. Further site investigations took place in November 2019. At this time, the drainage in the Junior Wing of the school suddenly failed and temporary measures were urgently installed.

In December 2019, the Project Manager for TSNL left his post.

In January 2020, TSNL met with NLC to say that the time period to complete the drainage works would be greatly delayed due to a 20% increase in the work required.

The NLC Officers stressed the concerns of NLC that the time required to install the temporary classrooms could potentially be too long and the full school drainage may fail in the interim. The plan at this point was to meet a start date of June 2020. Further works to the drainage in the Junior Wing will take place in Easter.

In response to a question as to whether TSNL would make an appearance to the community, NLC Officers noted that with a new Project Manager in post, it was not appropriate as they were yet unaware of future plans at this point.

It was noted that there would be no harm to the health of the pupils during the completion of works.

Concerns were raised regarding the reduction of lunch and break times outside in the playground due to the drainage works. It was noted that this would be necessary and the priority was to stabilise the ground first and foremost.

Mark McBride ended by saying that NLC were waiting for the outcome of TSNL checks before releasing a full contingency plan for the works and future of Stepps Primary.

**6.0 Planning Update**

6.1 Save Stepps Greenbelt: Letters are due to be sent to Fulton MacGregor MSP and Steven Bonnar MP to request support for the campaign and ongoing planning applications.

6.2 Local Development Plan: The Community Council asked for a meeting with NLC Planning Officers to discuss progress on completion of the LDP which has been ongoing for 4/5 years now and is not yet near adoption. At the meeting, the Council representatives were advised that the LDP has still to go to the Reporter.

6.3 Car Wash on Cumbernauld Rd: No update on this planning application but it was noted that a number of responses had been made on the online planning portal.

**7.0 AOCB**

7.1 Northern Corridor Community Forum Special Meeting to take place on 3rd March, with venue to be confirmed.

7.2 A Health Event will be held on 14th March at Chryston High School. All are welcome to attend.

8.0 **Date and time of next meeting**

8.1 Monday 16th March 2020 at 7.30pm in Stepps Cultural Centre, Blenheim Avenue, Stepps.