

### Agenda Item 3

#### Minute of Online Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council 7.30-9.30pm, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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

**Elected Members:** Cllr McLaren

**Apologies:** Councillors Tom Forrester, Marvyn Mackay and Ken Maxwell

#### **1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions**

1.1 Chair, Alice Morton welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance at the meeting

#### **2.0 Apologies**

2.1 Apologies were received as noted above.

#### **3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting (February 15 2021)**

3.1 Proposed by GC. Seconded by CP.

#### **4.0 Executive Report**

4.1 No questions raised.

**ACTION: CP to get an update from BM Ramblers member re: annual subscription. In progress**

#### **5.0 Community Police**

5.1 From 05/02/21 - 05/03/21 9 crimes recorded. There are no crimes or any patterns that would raise any concerns within the community.

Personnel changes within the community policing team – update from Inspector MacLeod

- PC Mark Smith moved to a new post on 8th March.
- In the interim Stepps local officer will be PC John Fleming within the Community police team.
- A new recruit is joining the team in the coming weeks and there will be a further update when a new full time community officer for Stepps and surrounding districts will be appointed.

- Sergeant Stephen Shanks has now retired and a new Sergeant - Jamie Harvie is starting on 8th March. He is a very industrious officer and will be a good addition to the local community team. CP reported there was a serious incident in the Bluebell Dell over the weekend and emergency services were called.

**ACTION: AM to contact PC Fleming and liaise with GC regarding incidents at the Bluebell Dell. Completed (to PC Simon Findlay)**

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

### **6.1 Steps PS Overcapacity**

Councillors expressed disappointment and dissatisfaction regarding discussions that took place during the Education and Families Committee Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

Cllr McLaren said a decision had to be made at that meeting and assured everyone that a modular library will exist with Wi-Fi availability. Meeting room lets will continue in the current school building. He noted that his vote was to protect children's education. AM noted that the position of the Community Council was never to disrupt children's education; it was the lack of consultation over this matter this and the fact that no detailed plan had been given as to the future of community facilities.

**ACTION: AM to work with Cllr McLaren on this issue. In progress**

### **6.2 Remedial works Feb/March update emailed to everyone**

### **6.3 Freedom of Information request**

Agreed that no further action is worth taking as the decision has already been made.

### **6.4 Update from Fulton MacGregor's (MSP) office to Steven Bonnar's (MSP) office**

SR noted that no update had been received.

**ACTION: SR and AM to work together on roundtable options and further communication to Fulton MacGregor MSP. Roundtable organised by Mr MacGregor MSP 24/03/2021**

### **6.5 Remedial drainage works**

PN noted he had not had an opportunity to request an update but would do so before the next meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr McLaren and GC to speak regarding the lack of notification to residents regarding the works. Completed**

### **6.6 Environmental Issues**

**ACTION: CP reported that the drain on Alexandra Avenue is still blocked. SR to report this to TF to follow up. Completed**

## **7.0 Scotland Loves Local Report**

7.1 SR outlined the plans for the funding expenditure. The meeting agreed that the plans can go ahead.

## **8.0 Planning Matters**

8.1 AM, PN and KM will present as objectors at the Planning Committee Hearing on 25/03/2021.

## **9.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing Report**

9.1 CC received an update from Cllr Anderson which will be posted on the website.

Cllr McLaren gave an update on the COVID vaccinations and that the Iain Nicolson Centre will no longer be used. Instead, everyone will be referred to the Ravenscraig Centre in Motherwell. He has made representation for this decision to be reversed and encouraged others to do the same. **Completed AM made representation**

## **10.0 Northern Corridor Community Board**

10.1 Next meeting date is to be confirmed.

## **11.0 Northern Corridor Community Forum**

11.1 AGM is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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

12.1 Last meeting took place on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## **13.0 AOCB**

13.1 SR to get previous S&DCC minutes sent to SS. **Completed**

13.2 Free training is available on the Open University for Community Councils

13.3 Caitlin Baker contacted Campbell regarding a Northern Corridor Heritage Project. Agreed she be invited to present at the April meeting. **Completed**

13.4 SSG Facebook most recent post – reach of 1,343 people  
SDCC Facebook most recent post – reach of 2,027 people  
SDCC Website – 203 site visits in the past month, up by 61% on the previous month

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

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm