

Steps & District Community Council
Minute of Meeting Thursday 1 December 2022 at 7.30pm
Steps Cultural Centre, St Andrew's Way

Present: Councillors Alice Morton (Chair), Campbell Provan (Treasurer), Ken Maxwell, Tom Forrester and **Sheila Stuart**

Lorraine Kerr, Steps Primary Parent Council (Chair), Margaret Greer, Auchinloch Community Council (Chair)

Elected Members: None

Apologies: Cllr Josh Cairns, Gerry Campbell, Kate Houston, Andrew McPherson NLC Community Co-ordinator, Sameeha Rehman, Craig Cowan, Eddie Ceresa, Diane Brisbane, PC John Fleming and PC Calvin Lake

Public: 8 persons

1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions

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

2.0 Apologies

2.1 Apologies were received as noted above.

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

3.1 Proposed by Tom Forrester. Seconded by Ken Maxwell.

4.0 Executive Reports

4.1 Treasurer's Report: Campbell Provan

'I have received a bank statement dated 28 October 2022 in the amount of £3713.10 of which £998 is Mining Memorial money. The cheque written to reimburse the Secretary for the wreath to be laid at the war memorial was destroyed by the automatic reader at her branch and a replacement cheque will be written.

No cheques have been written since the last report.

The Steps/Les Marches group paid for a number of Mining Memorial booklets which were given to the French visitors. In addition, a donation to the Mining fund was received. This money will be added to the total of the Mining Memorial money.

I went to the bank on Monday and deposited £60 in to the Mining Memorial fund which now stands at £1058. I also got an updated bank statement dated 28 November. The account now stands at £3773.10.'

5.0 Margaret Greer: Auchinloch Community Council

Guest Speaker

Margaret provided a comprehensive report on the work undertaken to install two public access defibrillators in Auchinloch. She offered to be available for any other enquiries following her presentation. Points included:

- St John Scotland Community Defibrillator Scheme
- Installation and permissions
- Checking and maintenance - battery and pad replacement
- Fundraising - defibrillator cost £1,000
- CPR training skills offered by Save a Life for Scotland
- The Circuit - the national defibrillator network, provides the NHS ambulance services with vital information about defibrillators across the UK so that in those crucial moments after a cardiac arrest, they can be accessed quickly to help save lives.

The Chair thanked Margaret for her time and input.

6.0 Police Scotland

The figures for the period of 1/11/22 to 30/11/22 are as follows

66 calls in total

13 calls have resulted in Crimes

6 of these crimes have been detected i.e. persons identified/ charged with offences

The breakdown of crimes are as follows

5 x Road Traffic offences

2 x crimes of Theft/ Attempt theft

1 x Assault

2 x communications act
2 x crimes of disorder
1 x Fraud

In the past month there is again a number of Road Traffic offences however these relate to M80 passing traffic. It should be noted that a person was charged for careless driving on Dewar Road. (Which has been flagged many times by councillors etc as a problematic road)

The Road Traffic initiative was carried out on 22/23 of November which included a number of areas highlighted within Steps.

- Steps primary- open and closing time
- Dewar Road- took up a static position and monitored traffic and driver behaviour
- Lenzie Road- took up a static position on Bothlyn Drive and monitored traffic and driver behaviour

Throughout the course of the two days a number of drivers were spoken to/ made aware of issues.

The community police officers thanked the meeting for its continued support and wished everyone a Merry Christmas when it comes and all the best for 2023.

The Chair thanked PC Fleming and PC Lake for their continued engagement with the Community Council and the wider community.

7.0 Environmental Report

Community Councillor Tom Forrester reported on the following:

FLOODING

I reported flooding at the junction of Lenzie Road and Church Avenue and on the public footpath just North of the entrance to Crowwood Golf Club. I have received job numbers for assessment from NLC so far.

BLUEBELL PARK

I reported the overgrown state of Bluebell Park labelling it unfit for purpose as an area of pleasure and relaxation for residents and children and requested it to be placed on a regular maintenance rota. Job number for assessment received to date

DEAD DEER

I investigated the sighting of a dead deer on the verge of the A80 opposite the Golf Club entrance and found that the carcass had already been removed.

SUSPECT TREE

I reported the suspect tree which overhangs the footpath between Stepps Primary School and Cumbernauld Road. Received a reply from NLC arbor department assuring me that it did not represent any danger to walkers.

PARKING ISSUES at junction of Comrie and Cumbernauld Road. Cllr Cairns progressing this matter.

LOWERED KERB on the A80 footpath between Stepps and Muirhead, just east of the entrance to Crow Wood golf club footpath A80 allowing surface water to cover the footpath.

Poor state of the road surface on Cumbernauld Rd outside the Cala/Barratt construction site at Gateside Farm. Developer reported:

- Site visit yesterday and arranged for a road brush to be in attendance daily (Mon-Fri).
- Advised that the heavy infrastructure works at the site entrance are now complete so this should help.
- Instructed the team on site to monitor to ensure daily compliance.

DUNALASTAIR PLAY PARK project deliver team reports tender requests for Dunalistair Playpark going out shortly with returns deadline is end of January 2023

FESTIVE DECORATIONS - no progress on this item. Campbell Provan reported on Christmas tree at Moodiesburn and a discussion followed.

A resident raised **POTHLES** outside Third Avenue, Millerston. This had been reported to Paul Dunne and Paul Mahoney NLC. The involvement of Amey was mentioned and awaiting reply. In addition, **FLY TIPPING** on Lenzie Road was raised and road closure mentioned.

GRAFFITI VANDALISM to the Community Council noticeboard was raised. There has been no progress in removal of graffiti on the various cabinets. The Chair reported the extent of this to the Community police officers and awaiting update.

ADDITIONAL TREE BELT PLANTING

At the close of the meeting there was a question from a resident about the increased traffic noise from the motorway and the possibility of thickening the tree belt with additional planting.

8.0 Steps Community Facilities - Daytime Access

Lorraine Kerr reported that a reply, to the feedback letter sent by the Community Council and Stepps Primary Parent Council, had been received from NLC. The request for a second meeting was declined by NLC and this was very disappointing. This was described as 'not meaningful engagement'. The NLC reply referred to a feasibility study and building warrants.

The two aforementioned groups met to discuss NLC's reply on 30 November 2022. It was agreed to write again to NLC and:

- ask why there was no report on the engagement/consultation responses
- reiterate the request for a second meeting
- include the full list of points from the first meeting and the revised drawing for the internal layout of the 'new library'

9.0 Planning Matters

Application No: 22/00674/FUL Proposed Development: New Dwelling Site Address: Land At West Avenue Stepps will be recommended for approval subject to conditions at the planning committee on 8 December 2022.

10.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing

No reports available

11.0 - Northern Corridor Community Board

Next meeting TBC

- Northern Corridor Community Forum

Next meeting 7 December 2022

- Cumbernauld and North Locality Consortium

8 December at 10.00am CACE office at Wardpark, Cumbernauld.

12.0 AOCB

12.1 Boundary Commission Consultation

12.2 NL North Locality Event 24 November 2022. Chair gave a presentation on the work and activities of the Community Council.

13.0 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 2 February 2023 at 7.30, Stepps Cultural Centre.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and support over the past year and wished all very best wishes for the upcoming festive season.