

Minute of Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council

Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrew's Way

Thursday 2 December 2021 at 7.30

Present: Councillors Alice Morton (Chair), Sameeha Rehman (Secretary), Campbell Provan (Treasurer), Gerry Campbell, Craig Cowan, Eddie Ceresa, Paul Noble

Apologies: Cllr McLaren

Councillors Tom Forrester, Iain Macgregor, Marvyn Mackay, Ken Maxwell and Sheila Stuart

Public: 12 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 Eddie Ceresa. Seconded by Craig Cowan.

4.0 Executive Report

4.1 No questions raised.

Treasurer's Report

There has been not been a bank statement issued since 30 September when the total was £2862.17 of which £988 was Mining Memorial money.

As previously reported two cheques were subsequently written one for £36.70 for a wreath to be laid at the war memorial and one for £374.00 for advertising for one year in Stepps on the Level.

At the October meeting it was agreed to spend £340.00 in advertising in 10 issues of Stepps on the Level. It was later agreed to advertise in all eleven issues of the publication in the amount of £374.00.

I have written to North Lanarkshire to enquire as to the position of the annual grant. I have had a reply saying that the grant has been processed and is now with the creditor team to process payment into the bank account.

5.0 Community Police

5.1 Inspector McLeod now replaced by Inspector Susan Rae.

PC Simon Findlay has moved to Cumbernauld. Stepps now covered by PC John Fleming and PC Calvin Lake. They will attend the January, February and March meetings. The other dates are dayshift and community police are unable to attend.

6.0 Actions/Matters arising from previous minutes

6.1 Environmental Issues

See attached report.

6.2 Paul Noble raised the issue of dog fouling around Stepps, particularly on Mount Harriet Drive.

ACTION: Alice to support Paul in escalating this issue with NLC.

6.3` Temporary Road Closure from 6th-10th December of Second Avenue, Millerston.

6.4 Stepps PS and Community Campus

No update from Community Champion Andrew McPherson.

Reinstatement of Hockey Pitch

On the 26th November, an onsite meeting was held to discuss the removal of the contractor's compound area on the Hockey Pitch. This is now the final phase of the remediation works. Luddon should be off site by March 2022. Paul Noble reported that another onsite meeting will occur on Friday 3rd December to discuss options to replace the grass, leave part of the area as a car park for the families to use during the summer time after games or to improve the surfacing on the path to Mount Harriet.

6.5 Boundary Commission

Sameeha gave a presentation of the proposed changes to the Boundary Commission for the UK Parliament constituency.

ACTION: Sameeha is to write a post for the SDCC FB Page to give an overview of arguments against the proposed changes.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Gateside: S&DCC would welcome a Traffic Management Plan for the work at site until completion, with a specific condition for HGVs and other large vehicles to enter and exit the site from the east end (roundabout) only, to avoid large vehicles travelling through Stepps and Millerston. • Throughout build out phase, contractor parking should be limited to onsite only, with no use of residential streets e.g., Mount Harriet Drive, Hornshill Farm Road or any others. • Pedestrian access to the footpaths bordering the site to be maintained throughout.

8.0 Northern Corridor Community Board

8.1 Next meeting is Wednesday 22nd February 2022, 6.30 – 8.30pm

9.0 Northern Corridor Community Forum

9.1 Next meeting is Thursday 9th December at 7pm, Chryston Cultural Centre.

Alice provided an update on the key action points taken forward by elected members at the last meeting.

Cllr Greg Lennon (Ward 6) - Co-ordinator of joint working group Steven Bonnar MP (i) Letter to Des Murray, the Chief Executive of North Lanarkshire Council, to question the financial reimbursement plans for the Gartcosh and Glenboig communities following the reallocation of designated City Deal funding. (ii) Letter to each of the seven regional MSPs covering the Northern Corridor. He hopes that this will allow for the creation of a cross-party roundtable and for questions to be posed directly to the relevant Scottish Government Ministers.

Fulton MacGregor MSP (i) Letter to Shona Robison MSP Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government to advise of appropriate Scottish Government involvement with local groups in these matters and if there is any consideration being given to identifying pilot type areas to consider what is working and what can be improved.

10.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing – Cllr McLaren

10.1 No Cllr in attendance.

11.0 AOCB

11.1 S&DCC has been successful in receiving £962.99 as part of the NLC Digital Fund for IT equipment including a PC, Laptop, Printer, Projector and Office package.

11.2 Right Care Right Place

With COVID-19 still among us, and winter upon us, it is more important than ever that we all know how to access the right care in the right place to ease the pressure on our NHS.

11.3 The Scottish Government has announced that the late May bank holiday (Monday 30th May 2022) will be moved to Thursday 2nd June 2022 and an additional bank holiday will be introduced for Friday 3rd June 2022 to enable a four-day weekend to be aligned to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

11.4 We are working with the Scottish Ambulance Service to provide a mobile vaccination unit for the rural areas of Lanarkshire. The unit will offer covid booster, flu vaccinations and third doses as well as first and second doses of the covid-19 vaccination. You do not need an appointment, you can just drop-in. For the covid booster you must be in one the of eligible groups and it has been at least 6 months since your second dose of the covid-19 vaccination. The mobile vaccination clinic will run from 9am to 5pm on: · Monday 6 December – Queenzieburn Community Hall, 23 Mill Road, Queenzieburn, G65 9EF · Tuesday 7 December – Glenboig Life Centre, 110 Main Street, Glenboig, ML5 2RD · Wednesday 8 December – Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill Community Wing, Carlisle Road,

Blackwood, ML11 9SB · Thursday 9 December – Willie Waddell Sports and Community Centre, Main Street, Forth, ML11 8AA · Friday 10 December – St Joseph’s Church, 73 Cardowan Road, Stepps, G33 6AA

11.5 The closing date for school placing requests is the 15th March 2022.

12.0 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

Thursday 6th January 2022 at 7.30pm, Stepps Cultural Centre.