

**Steps & District Community Council
Minute of Meeting Thursday 6 October 2022 at 7.30pm
Steps Cultural Centre, St Andrew's Way**

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

Lorraine Kerr, Steps Parent Council

Elected Members: None

Apologies: Tom Forrester, Kate Houston, Diane Delaney, Andrew McPherson, Maureen McCallum, Cllr Josh Cairns

Public: 11 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 Campbell Provan. Seconded by Craig Cowan.

4.0 Executive Reports

Alice Morton noted that Sheila Stuart thanks all of the community councillors for their support and she will continue to liaise with Campbell Provan on any arising updates or matters of concern.

4.1 Treasurer's Report: Campbell Provan

I have received a bank statement dated 30 August 2022 in the amount of £3,797.97 of which £998 is Mining Memorial money. No new cheques have been written since this statement. A cheque made payable to Stepps Parish Church for a hall let has gone missing and I have written to the bank to ask for the cheque to be cancelled. When this is done a new cheque will be written.

A resident raised that there may be a charge for cancelling a cheque. Campbell will ask about this when visiting the bank.

5.0 **Invited Guest: Peter McNally, NLC Community Partnership Officer**

Peter McNally explained that the Local Development Programme involves a pot of money attached to all community board areas within NLC. Peter spoke to the projects for Stepps and Cardowan under development from 2022 onwards and also availability of project funding.

A site visit took place recently regarding **Stepps Cultural Centre Pathways**. This will include an outdoor learning place that can be accessed by both of the primary schools.

Dunalastair Play Park is out to tender for the second time. The Scottish Government has given funding to every council across Scotland for the improvement of play parks. This has caused a rise in demand for this type of work and subsequent challenges with tenders.

Stepps Running Track is likely to be starting over the next year.

Stepps Football Pitch is said to be of interest to Stepps Community Development Trust. The Chair of the Trust could be asked to attend a Community Council meeting to provide details.

6.0 **Police Scotland**

6.1 The community police officers could not be present at the meeting, but provided the following report:

55 crimes in total from Stepps in which 14 of the calls resulted in crimes.

14 crimes of which 2 have persons identified/ charged with offences.

The breakdown of crimes is as follows

3 x Vandalism 2 x Car thefts 3 x Crimes of Disorder/ Violence

1 x offence under Dangerous Dogs Act 1 x Fraud 3 x Road Traffic offences

1 x offence over Communications Network

It is important to highlight as the winter/ darker nights come in it will present more opportunity for crimes of Dishonesty etc. The two vehicle thefts relate to 2 Kia motor vehicles. These incidents are still being investigated however there is a belief some sort of intricate device has been used. As such we would encourage the community to review their personal security in terms of keeping car keys locked away as well as making properties secure etc.

7.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

7.1 Community defibrillators

Community Councillor Eddie Ceresa will look into this and contact the resident.

7.2 Environment Report

Community Councillor Tom Forrester had no update to provide.

The NLC Litter Bin Strategy Survey is due to close by the end of business on Monday 10th October.

7.3 Steps Primary School and Steps Cultural Centre

A presentation was given to some members of the Community Council and Parent Council and other interested parties regarding NLC's proposed plans for **Steps Community Facilities - Daytime Access**. A joint meeting of Steps Parent Council and the Community Council, to discuss the plans and provide feedback to NLC on these plans, will take place next Wednesday at 7.30pm in Steps Cultural Centre.

9.0 Northern Corridor Community Board

9.1 The next meeting TBC

10.0 Northern Corridor Community Forum

10.1 The next meeting TBC

11.0 Cumbernauld and North Locality Communities

11.1 The next meeting TBC

12.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing

12.1 None present and no reports received.

13.0 AOCB

13.1 Les Marches Twinning Association: Exchange Visit

The visitors will be provided with Stepps and District Heritage Trail leaflets and a copy of the Cardowan Colliery Mining Memorial Booklet. Community Councillor Campbell Provan will put on a display of the history of Stepps at the event on the morning of the 29 October 2022 in St Joseph's Hall.

13.2 Cardowan Miners Memorial

Robert Meek provided the following update:

I have been asked if there are plans for a remembrance service and gathering at the Cardowan Miners Memorial this year. Unfortunately, once again, despite recent relaxation of Covid restrictions we have been unable to do this within the time frame. Arrangements have to be made in advance for road closures and speakers and these cannot be achieved at this time. In conjunction with the Community Council, it is anticipated that plans will be made for a date in the Spring of 2023.

13.3 Stepps Community Development Trust Planter Tidy Up has been scheduled for Sunday 23rd October between 9am and 11am.

13.4 Stepps Community Development Trust looked into costings for a Christmas tree. From discussions with Chryston gala committee, it sounds expensive. Due to funding, arrangements and timescale no festive decorations can be organised this year.

13.4 Steven Bonnar MP and Fulton MacGregor MSP are holding a joint Cost of Living Surgery in the Atrium Business Centre in Coatbridge on Friday 7th October between 11am and 1pm.

14.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting - Thursday 3 November at 7.30 pm

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and support.