

**STEPPS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTE OF MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 21 MAY 2026 7.30PM**  
**STEPPS CULTURAL CENTRE, ST ANDREWS WAY, STEPPS**

**Present:** Campbell Provan (Vice Chair), Muriel McDade (Secretary), Alice Morton (Treasurer), Jacqueline Wilson, Tracy Kennedy

**Elected Members:** Nil

**Apologies:** Kenneth Maxwell, Paul Noble, Andrew Thomsen, Thomas Stones, Andrew McPherson, Cllr McLaren, Community Police

**Public:** 9

**1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions**

Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

**2.0 Apologies**

Apologies received as noted.

**3.0 Approval and Adoption of Minute 19 March 2026**

Proposed: Jacqueline Wilson    Seconded: Tracy Kennedy

**4.0 Office Bearers' Reports**

**4.1 Secretary's Report**

- Correspondence and admin as required. Action points are either being dealt with or have been dealt with.
- Preparing paperwork for AGM
- Communicating with Police re change of personnel - PC Laura Dudgeon has moved to another role and PC Laura Robertson will take her place. Website/Facebook to be amended accordingly
- Communicating with Kirsty Mooney re Interpretation Board in Bluebell Park re water voles. I am also asking if the compensatory measures are in place to repair the ground near the Bluebell Dell which was used to upgrade drainage pipes from the Euro Garage
- Offered assistance to Garnkirk Football Club to advertise local events on Facebook/website
- Attended the Hockey Pavilion with Campbell and Alice and met with Colin Green who showed us all the improvements that have been made and explained what plans they have for the future. They are hoping to make the most of the land especially during school holidays for football, training, tournaments, summer camps. He also spoke about afternoon teas. Some of the children did a litter pick around Stepps and Cardowan and this will be an ongoing project. They collected at least 12 bags of rubbish.

- Walked to the greenbelt with Campbell to check out the work being done by a local farmer who rents the fields from Caledonian Estates. He was replacing old drainage pipes with black plastic pipes. The fields are very swampy and unsuitable for crops so therefore the need to do this work. He is hoping to use the fields as soon as they dry out, plant winter wheat and use the grass in the top two fields as silage. The banks of the burn were dug out to enable it to flow more freely as part of it was blocked with wet wipes which have been flushed down toilets. He asked that dog walkers please remove waste together with bags and take them home, rather than throwing them into the hedges or leaving them on the track.

## 4.2 Treasurer's Report

21 April 2026 Bank Statement shows an account balance of £2,912.30. Annual audit to be carried out by Treasurer, Auchinloch Community Council. Debits pending £293.00 for printing of LPP booklets and WIX website costs

## 5.0 Community Police

### **CRIME STATISTICS**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026, there were a total of 141 incidents reported to Police within the Stepps area.

| CATEGORY               | April/May  |
|------------------------|------------|
| Assault                | 5          |
| Assisting Public       | 19         |
| False Calls            | 4          |
| Bogus Caller           | 0          |
| Vandalism              | 1          |
| Housebreaking          | 0          |
| Theft                  | 2          |
| Anti-Social Behaviour  | 8          |
| Drugs                  | 0          |
| Road Traffic related   | 23         |
| Communication Offences | 2          |
| Other                  | 77         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>     | <b>141</b> |

The following table shows a breakdown of the crimes recorded as a result of reported incidents;

| CATEGORY               | April/May |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Assault                | 6         |
| Threatening Behaviour  | 4         |
| Bogus Caller           | 0         |
| Vandalism              | 1         |
| Housebreaking          | 0         |
| Theft                  | 1         |
| Theft by Shoplifting   | 1         |
| Drugs                  | 4         |
| Road Traffic related   | 14        |
| Communication Offences | 0         |
| Other                  | 8         |

## **IDENTIFIED LOCAL ISSUES**

There have been identified issues relating to speeding, so Traffic officers have deployed in the area, resulting in many drivers being issued with tickets. We will make efforts to utilise the speed gun in response to complaints regarding speeding.

## **UPDATES**

PCs McBain and Robertson hosted Community Drop Ins within the area, allowing members of the community to attend and discuss any local issues.

Community Officers will be attending upcoming events in the local area.

As always, if there are any identified issues, then please don't hesitate to get in contact.

*PC Laura Robertson and PC Neil McBain, Wards 5 & 6, Community Policing Team*

**6.0 Garnkirk United** – presentation did not proceed.

## **7.0 Environmental Report**

- **Drainage improvement** on Whitehill Farm. The farmer has started to make improvements to the drainage on the farm by replacing broken fireclay drains with modern plastic pipes. This is good news for the future of the farm and the green belt.
- **Garnkirk Burn** – visual of before and after drainage work presented.
- **Lane closures** with 'environmental' vans. Suggestion of more work on Garnkirk burn.
- **Whitehill Farm buildings** – suggestion of demolition raised
- **Litter** coming off motorway, onto the A806 towards the Crowwood roundabout now removed.
- **Barrier** Mount Harriet Drive altered to allow pedestrian access. Key for barrier is held at the Ian Nicolson centre.
- **Solar lights** project Bluebell Playpark – Subtle lighting project will improve community safety for children/residents using the local play area situated alongside the path area. Neighbour notification positive. **Action 1- confirm exact location of lights**
- **Rubbish** removed from watercourse/burn adjacent to Stepps PS. Thanks to Equans.
- Resident concerns (via S&DCC website) **speeding Lenzie Brae/Lenzie Road** and increasing use of **dirt bikes** and **quad bikes** around Frankfield Loch and the woodland that connects Frankfield and Hogganfield Lochs. These issues were reported/discussed at the community police drop-in and at the May NCCB meeting.
- **NLC Grounds Maintenance Team** work over April/May - cutting grass and tidying Bluebell Park, trimming overhanging branches at car park/ electric charge points and grass cutting on A80 Cumbernauld Road.
- **Flower Beds/Planters**, lead volunteers, first-aid certificate refreshed, public liability insurance in place (thanks to NCCV), risk assessment completed, summer bedding plants donated by ASDA Robroyston, bulb planting planned for autumn. Poster on FB and website calling for volunteers for tidy-up on Sunday 31 May. Rubbish bags will be uplifted by NLC.
- Bluebell Park, **water vole interpretation board** - reply from NLC biodiversity officer pending.
- Bluebell Dell, **compensatory measures** - reply from NLC biodiversity officer pending.

- NLC Local Development Programme funded project **Stepps Outdoor Classroom** facility in Bluebell Park official opening 5 June 2026 at 10am.
- **Signage** removal raised with NLC.
- ScotRail has given permission for Seven Lochs to repair their posters at **Stepps Station**.
- **Pot Holes** on Cumbernauld Road discussed with further action required.
- **Ponding on Cumbernauld Road** - programme date for the drainage works requested. Job number to be forwarded.
- **Crowwood roundabout and approach roads**. S&DCC to request a meeting with NLC roads and Community Police. **Action 2-arrange meeting and include issues re Hornhill roundabout (requirement for traffic lights)**
- **Local Development Programme** update provided on project spend and potential spend
- **Refuse bins** issue raised regarding irregularity of collection. May require a future action or NLC enquiry.

## 8.0 Stepps & District Local Place Plan (LPP)

- The LPP is available on the NL Local Place Plan register.  
<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building/development-plans/local-development-plan-2/local-place-plans/local-place-plans-register>. 100 LPP booklets are now printed.  
 An event to launch the LPP is planned for Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30 in Stepps Cultural Centre. S&DCC extends its thanks to everyone who supported the LPP and saw it through to its completion.
- Chryston Community Council is preparing an LPP. S&DCC, as an active adjoining Community Council, was sent the draft LPP for feedback/comment.

## 9.0 Planning Matters

9.1 The validation and approval lists for Stepps and Chryston over the last 3 months show nothing of any significance, in the Stepps area there are small extensions, which do not merit a mention.

9.2 26/00272/ADV Advertisement of the following types: Fascia Sign, Vinyl graphics, hanging, totem, tombstone signs (non-illuminated and illuminated signage) Petrol Filling Station And Ancillary Shop (Unit 1) Site at Hornhill Farm Road Stepps North Lanarkshire

9.3 Euro Garages site visual update displayed

9.4 Visual update displayed - Proposal: Formation of Access and Change of Use of Agricultural Land to Dog Exercising Field (including off road parking, fencing and field shelter) Location: Site At, Dewar Road, Cardowan, Stepps, North Lanarkshire,

9.5 S&DCC LPP does not require to be resubmitted as part of the Call for Ideas opened. Registered LPPs will be taken into account by the planning authority in the preparation of the Proposed Plan for NLLDP2. The Call for Sites remains open. Information can be found here

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building/development-plans/call-ideas-and-sites-2026>.

The meeting was encouraged to go online and submit their ideas. **NL Planning** aims to close both calls in August 2026.

## 10.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing Report

N/A no Elected Members in attendance.

## 11.0 Northern Corridor Community Board (Chair - Brandon Williams)

Report on May meeting included:

- Rerouting of 38c bus
- Issues re speeding on Lenzie Road and quad bike activity around Hogganfield and Frankfield Lochs raised with Community Police
- Update from NCCB re Health Inequalities:
- Stepps GPs have been transferring shared health records to NHS Lanarkshire, it was clarified that any patients living within SDCC boundaries can still be referred to NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde as required.
- Clinics and other health initiatives are expanding within Chryston Community Hub.
- Information is available from the April 2026 edition of their newsletter, link below.
- <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/566MrzeSyJY57cqW?ref=Link&loc=play#:~:text=https%3A//sway.cloud.microsoft/566MrzeSyJY57cqW%3Fref%3DLink%26loc%3Dplay>

The meeting was encouraged to attend NCCB meetings. The next meeting is Wednesday 19 August 2026 in Chryston Parish Church.

## **12.00 AOCB**

12.01 S&DCC continues to recruit for co-opted members.

12.02 NLC Community Council Scheme Review

12.03 Northern Corridor Community Priorities Consultation - closes 1 October 2026

12.04 Space for Change, Hoarders Support Group

12.05 Right Routes to Health at Chryston Hub

12.06 NLC tackling increasing problem of graffiti - potential future action for S&DCC

## **13.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

AGM and Ordinary meeting on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 7.30 in Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrew's Way, Stepps. Summer recess over July and August.

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