

**STEPPS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTE OF MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2026 7.30PM**  
**STEPPS CULTURAL CENTRE, ST ANDREWS WAY, STEPPS**

**Present:** Ken Maxwell (Chair), Campbell Provan (Vice Chair), Alice Morton (Treasurer), Muriel McDade (Secretary), Jacqueline Wilson, Andrew Thomsen, Tracy Kennedy, Thomas Stones

**Elected Members:** Cllr John McLaren

**Apologies:** Barbara Martin, Paul Noble, Police Scotland & Andrew McPherson

**Public:** 5

***1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions***

Chair Ken Maxwell welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance

***2.0 Apologies***

Apologies received as noted above

***3.0 Approval and Adoption of Minute 22nd January 2026***

Proposed: Campbell Provan    Seconded: Tracy Kennedy

***4.0 Office Bearers' Reports***

***4.1 Chairperson's Report***

Thomas Stones was noted as a community councillor in the NLC membership list of Stepps & District Community Council. The Chair welcomed Thomas and expressed appreciation for his return to the community council.

***4.2 Treasurer's Report***

As at 6th January 2026 Bank Statement shows an account balance of £3,151.62

1 x cheque cashed: NLC Room Hire £18.50

Notes/Expenses:

- CC insurance £157.57 due in March (Keegan and Pennykid)
- WIX costs + future CC room hire costs
- Passed monitoring paperwork to NLC for micro grant £144.75 for LPP in-person event on 15 July 2025
- Funding £293.00 in account for printing of LPP booklets
- Contacted Auchinloch Community Council re annual audit of CC accounts in April 2026

***4.3 Secretary's Report***

- Correspondence and admin as required.
- Action points raised in last meeting all attended to.
- Corresponded with a local resident regarding the possibility of changing our meetings to a smaller room due to bad acoustics in the assembly hall. Checked with NLC and unfortunately, the smaller rooms are block booked for the year.

### **5.0 Guest Speaker - Colin Green, Garnkirk Football Club**

Colin Green of Garnkirk Football Club attended the meeting and spoke about the history of the Club and its plans for the future. The following points were noted: -

- Garnkirk Football Club (GFC) was founded in 1985 and now has 342 children playing plus 80 volunteer helpers (no paid employees).
- GFC is affiliated with SFA and regulated every year with PVG checks.
- There are 11 different age groups with children aged 5 - 18 (each with their own account and monthly subs remain with the child).
- There are teams of 4, 5 and 7 aside but only few facilities for the 8 teams of 11 aside. Each team does its own fund raising.
- GFC pays £2,000 monthly to NLC for pitch fees. NLC does not pay anything at all and everything is being done with parents' money.
- £5,000 was donated by parents to refurbish the pavilion and also improve the grass pitches. They now have 6 changing rooms and a kitchen/sitting area. Refreshments are available and the money goes back to the club. Cllr McLaren helped with this.
- As there are no floodlights, the GFC depends on the summer nights for use. There is no intention to upgrade or change the Hockey Park and GFC will continue to work with NLC.
- GFC is also hoping to get a running/walking club organised and perhaps use the grounds for a Gala/Sports day in the future.
- GFC has keyholder access to the pavilion. It is used each Saturday between 8am and 1pm. This negates the need for an NLC caretaker.
- A barrier gate has been erected at the entrance in Mount Harriet Drive however, there is no key to lock/open it at the moment.
- S&DCC could help by using website and Facebook to advertise any forthcoming events.
- S&DCC has litter picks, high-viz vests and gloves the club could borrow. Colin to get in touch to arrange this.

AM congratulated Colin on his commitment, hard work and efforts for the young people.

### **6.0 Community Police**

POLICE SCOTLAND – Crime Statistics February 2026

During the month of February there were a total of 68 incidents reported to Police in the Stepps area. The following table shows a breakdown of the 11 crimes recorded as a result of these reported incidents;

Assault 0, Bogus Caller 0, Vandalism 0, Housebreaking 1, Theft 2, Drugs 0, Road Traffic related 4, Communications 0, Threatening Behaviour 1, Other Crime 3 - GRAND TOTAL 11

#### **CURRENT CRIME TRENDS**

Road traffic officers have been carrying out speed checks as well as vehicle stops for documentation checks in the Stepps and surrounding areas.

In the past month there has been a housebreaking whereby the vehicle had been stolen. Relevant enquiries including forensic examination are being completed to identify any suspect persons. A vehicle was also stolen in the area through an apparent keyless theft, with one person being identified and charged in relation.

Specialist officers have been tasked to carry out enquiries in relation to this and patrols have been increased through the hours of darkness.

It is encouraged that members of the public are aware of suspicious behaviour and remain vigilant. An increase in security is encouraged, reminding us to lock and secure homes/ vehicles/ property. Any concerning behaviour should be reported to police without delay.

**PC Neil McBain & PC Laura Dudgeon, Northern Corridor Community Policing Team**

## **7.0 Environmental**

- Job issued for new gully at the access to 150-160 Cumbernauld Road. 2 damaged and missing Buchan trap covers reported and accepted by Scottish Water.
- Only 1 blocked gully found was located at Whitehill Farm Rd and Whitehill Avenue junction. All other gullies appear to be operational.
- Flooding near bus stop on Cumbernauld Road reported. NLC roads has issued a 55 day works instruction to remedy this ponding issue.
- Resurfacing works on Cumbernauld Road outside BT building carried out by NLC roads.
- Four new trees planted at Bluebell Park near Blenheim Avenue. Species consist of willow, hazel and aspen.
- Water vole interpretation board will be installed in Bluebell Park (Biodiversity Officer).
- Graffiti reported at outdoor gym signage at Frankfield Park now removed (NLC).
- Graffiti on installation near Stepps Primary School now removed (Equans).
- Councillor McLaren arranged graffiti removal from bus shelter on Cumbernauld Road.
- ScotRail has given permission for Seven Lochs to repair their posters at Stepps Station. ScotRail added that there is damage to another poster at Gartcosh Station and that could also be repaired as neither are near the rail tracks.
- Pot holes on Cumbernauld Road repaired temporarily and permanent repairs to be done within 60 days (Who is responsible for reporting pot holes - is there another Community Council involved?)
- Loss of poppy wreaths reported to organisers of the Memorial Service. Suggestion was that next year a cord could be tethered round the memorial to hold the wreaths in place.
- Could the shrubs/bushes on the path between Stepps Primary and the Hockey Park be cut back as it is not easy for pedestrians to walk through?

### **ACTION 1 - AM SUGGESTED CONTACTING EQUANS FOR DISCUSSION.**

- Discussion took place regarding the meeting with NLC about the flower planters on the Cumbernauld Road and the flower beds at the War Memorial. Volunteers must be covered by PL Insurance which is held by NCCV. Cllr Williams raised the planter topic at the NCCB meeting asking for information about planters across the Northern Corridor. Approaching local businesses to donate plants or even adopt a planter was suggested. This topic will be discussed further following NLC's response.

## **8.0 Stepps & District Local Place Plan**

The consultation period will close on 3rd March 2026 and it is hoped the LPP will then be validated and registered with NLC. Printing of LPP booklets will follow. Hopefully this will be done before the end of this financial year.

## **9.0 Planning Matters**

9.1 Large containers have been positioned on the Hornshill track.

9.2 6/00067/ADV - Non-illuminated and illuminated signage for Drive Thru including building fascia signage, drive thru directional signage, speaker canopy and banner - Unit 3 Site At Hornshill Farm Road Stepps

### 9.3 Bluebell Dell

- Council's enforcement officer carried out a site visit
- Works were out with the application site boundary of the Euro Garage site
- Planning advised that these works relate to drainage infrastructure required to service the development and are in line with Scottish Water's requirements
- Council's enforcement officer will continue to monitor this matter. Biodiversity Officer contacted to seek compensatory measures.

### **ACTION 2 - SECRETARY TO CHECK FOR COMMUNICATION FROM KIRSTY MOONEY RE CONSIDERATION OF COMPENSATORY MEASURES**

9.4 26/00030/FUL - Dwelling with associated car parking and landscaping - Land at Stepps Road Auchinloch, North Lanarkshire G66 5DH

### 9.5 North Lanarkshire Council NLLDP2

Call for Ideas - will allow individuals and groups to contribute their thoughts on site selection and other relevant topics, ensuring a comprehensive and inclusive approach to planning.

Call for Sites - part of preparing its new Local Development Plan (NLLDP2) is to identify land for future housing and development, allowing landowners and developers to promote sites, with submissions assessed for viability and alignment with council goals, informing the council's planning strategy and ensuring a future land supply. The calls will be discussed at the March meeting.

9.6 Planning Aid Scotland Newsletter providing updates on the latest news and events now available.

### 9.7 Euro Garage/Roadside Services

6/00067/ADV|non-illuminated and illuminated signage for Drive Thru including building fascia signage, drive thru directional signage, speaker canopy and banner at Unit 3 Site At Hornshill Farm Road, Stepps, North Lanarkshire. Parking spaces available 37 + 12 + 60. S&DCC to monitor tree planting/screening. Clumps of trees to screen this development were promoted by S&DCC.

9.8 Employment at Euro Garage - it was stated that employees should be able to access working facilities by way of paths and not be reliant on driving. Buses could possibly access services off the M80 to and from Glasgow. Perhaps traffic lights could be installed at Euro Garage junction. These are points we could add to our LPP and discuss with NLC planning.

### **ACTION 3 - AM & MM TO CHECK**

9.9 Hockey Park is included in our Local Place Plan. It is identified as a green network site to be protected as it supports biodiversity and community use.

### **10.0 Ward 5 Councillor Briefing Report - Councillor McLaren**

- Double yellow lines to be repainted on Cumbernauld Road
- Traffic/network route from Condorrat to Millerston (still being considered)

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

Report from meeting 18th February 2026

- NLC arranging Bond to be lifted from Dewar Road and they will adopt the road officially
- 38C bus to be diverted into Cardowan - no time limit as yet
- Northern Corridor Facebook page
- No update on dog park (off Dewar Road) as yet

Date of next NCCB meeting Wednesday 20th May 2026

## **12.00 AOCB**

12.01 S&DCC continues to recruit for co-opted Members to join the Community Council.

12.02 Les Marches Cheese & Wine 27th February 2026. This is being held in St Joseph's Old School Hall and is a fundraiser for the next trip to France in October 2026.

12.03 Chryston Hub Community Newsletter – February edition now available

12.04 Meeting with Robroyston Community Council - Productive meeting sharing experiences, challenges, opportunities and achievements. Support when setting up a Community Development Trust.

12.05 Community Council Website – tidy up and refresh carried out <https://www.steppscc.com/>

12.06 Monkland and Kirkintilloch Railway

- Other events to mark the bicentenary are being organised at the Kirkintilloch end of the line with details to be confirmed. These include
- Inauguration and unveiling of a National Transport Trust Red Wheel at Southbank Marina
- A railway-themed fun day at the Auld Kirk Museum
- A talk on Early Scottish Railways by John Yellowlees, the Scotland Manager of the National Transport Trust
- A talk on the History of the Monkland & Kirkintilloch Railway by Don Martin MBE, local historian and author
- A guided walk along the northern part of the Monklands & Kirkintilloch railway
- The launch of a book of photographs from the 1960s of the Monkland & Kirkintilloch line

12.07 Possibility of the Tryst swimming pool closing was raised. This can be discussed at the next meeting.

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

Thursday 19 March 2026 at 7.30, Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrew's Way, Stepps

No meeting in April 2026 (Easter)

Upcoming meetings Thursday 21st May 2026 and AGM in June 2026.

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