

**Minute of Online Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council  
7.30-9.30pm, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**

**Present:** Councillors Alice Morton (Chair), Sameeha Rehman (Secretary), Campbell Provan (Treasurer), Paul Brown, Gerard Campbell, Craig Cowan, Tom Forrester, Iain MacGregor, Ken Maxwell, Paul Noble and Sheila Stuart

**Apologies:** Councillors Carol Graham, Ewan Graham, Marvyn Mackay

**1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions**

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

**2.0 Apologies**

2.1 Apologies were received as noted above

**3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

3.1 Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with no amendments. Proposed by Iain MacGregor, seconded by Ken Maxwell.

**4.0 Community Police**

4.1 Sameeha advised that no report had been received by the Police but expected one to be sent within the coming days and this would be shared with all councillors.

**5.0 Actions/Matters arising from previous minutes**

5.1 Stepps PS overcapacity and requisitioning of community facilities

ACTION: The previous action agreed of a letter written by Ken and Alice in relation to Stepps PS has not yet been written and will be taken forward as an action point to be updated at the next meeting.

5.2 Remedial drainage works, compound area and access from hockey fields

Paul Noble has written to Mark McBride, cc Gerry Campbell and Cllr McLaren regarding the compound area. Cllr McLaren to find out more information and report back.

ACTION: Paul and Gerry to contact Luddon Construction

### 5.3 Environmental Issues

Tom Forrester provided the following report:

28 Sep 2020

Reports to NLC re 3 blocked roadside drains as reported to me as follows

1 Corner of Whitehill Farm and Whitehill Avenue

2 Corner of Whitehill Ave and Victoria Road

3 No 9 Alexandra Ave.

Reported again 06 Oct 2020

Still no result so far as I am aware so reported again today 19 Oct.

28th Sep 2020 reported to NLC

Pot Holes in Road surface as follows

Whole of Church Ave

Junction of Victoria Road and Alexandra Avenue

Repairs completed by 15th Oct 2020

### 5.4 Update on meeting with Steven Bonnar MP

Sameeha reported that following the meeting with Steven Bonnar MP, the office had sent correspondence to NLC Chief Executive Des Murray and NLC Education Director Derek Brown regarding Stepps PS and requisitioning of community facilities. A letter was also sent to Fulton MacGregor with regards to an offer of a joint campaign between both offices to support Save Stepps Greenbelt. The only response given thus far was from Derek Brown and this was considered inadequate and a copy/paste from previous CC correspondence.

## 6.0 Treasurer's Report

### 6.1 Campbell provided the following report:

The annual accounts were sent for audit on 9 July and were returned audited and certified as accurate and correct on 7 August.

RBS bank balance £2317 of which £1508 is Mining Memorial money and £347 is Stepps Development Trust money leaving £462 in SDCC account.

## **7.0 Secretary's Report**

### 7.1 Sameeha provided the following report:

Grant Riley, the Digital Ambassador for NLC, emailed to inform use of the My Northern Corridor social media pages that have been set up to connect the communities in the area. This will be shared on the CC pages.

## **8.0 Planning Matters**

### 8.1 Open for Comments

20/01211/PPP / Residential Development and Associated Infrastructure and Landscaping / Site To South of Dorlin Road, Cardowan, Stepps

The application for a housing development at Dorlin Road has been published to the community via the CC Facebook, Twitter and Notice Board. This has included suggested responses for residents to use. The Comms Team discussed a door drop and decided against this due to Covid-19 restrictions. Alice negotiated with Stepps on the Level and has agreed to a full-page piece for a half price cost of £50.

Alice, Ken and Paul had an online meeting to discuss the application and the CC response. Everyone has been encouraged to respond to the application on a personal basis and a high number of objections has already been submitted online.

**ACTION:** Alice is to email the case officers for the planning application to find the permission expiry date and any information found will be distributed at the next meeting.

### 8.2 Approved applications

- Stepps Primary School Notice of Decision - 20/00783/FUL Proposal: Temporary Extension to School to House 2 Classrooms and WC's Location: Stepps Primary School, Blenheim Avenue, Stepps, North Lanarkshire, G33 6FH
- 20/00006/FUL Construction of Building (Base for Mobile Tyre Servicing/Tyre Fitters), Construction of Cafe (with ancillary hot food use) and Formation of Car Wash

### 8.3 Pending applications

- 20/00974/ADV Illuminated Fascia Sign Buchanan Tower, Buchanan Business Park
- 20/00956/ADV Relocation of existing 48-sheet advert and replacement with one 48 sheet freestanding digital advert and one non-illuminated logo sign 30 Cumbernauld Road Stepps
- 20/00794/FUL Change of use 140 Cumbernauld Road from a Pharmacy to a Dog Groomers
- 18/01462/MSD | Construction of 200 Dwelling houses, Associated Infrastructure, Landscaping and Engineering Works (Approval of Matters Specified in Conditions of Permission 16/01271/PPP) | Land To The North Of Cumbernauld Road And East Of Hornhill Farm Road Stepps North Lanarkshire
- 18/00074/PAN | Erection of Residential Development and Ancillary Development | Site Off Whitehill Farm Road Stepps North Lanarkshire Permission Expiry Date 29 Jan 2023
- 18/00075/PAN | Proposal of Application Notice: Erection of Residential Development and Ancillary Development | Site Adjacent To 3 Mount Harriet Drive Stepps Glasgow North Lanarkshire G33 6DB Permission Expiry Date 29 Jan 2023
- 18/00181/PAN | Proposal of Application Notice: Residential Development and Ancillary Development | Whitehill Farm, Whitehill Farm Road Stepps Glasgow North Lanarkshire G33 6BT Permission Expiry Date 9 Feb 2023

## 9.0 NLC Northern Corridor Community Board and Hub Consultation

- 9.1 The Community Board has once again changed and the Northern Corridor Board will comprise of both Wards 5 and 6. The Board has provided information regarding a five-step plan as well as stakeholder events and this will be put onto the website.

The minutes of the meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were discussed, in particular, Item 8 Any Other Competent Business ‘A *community member raised an allegation of ‘crookedness’ in relation to the Cardowan Community. The Convenor stated that any such allegations should be reported to and investigated by Police Scotland.*

The next meeting of the Community Board is to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 and Alice is to attend unless Marvyn agrees to do so.

## 10.0 Stepps on the Level and SSGB Banner

- 10.1 Prices were given for future SOTL features and this was considered quite expensive in relation to the limited CC budget.

ACTION: Alice and Campbell to look into what possible funds are available and bring forward suggestions at the next meeting.

10.2 The SSGB Banner is no longer fit for purpose and needs to be replaced

## 11.0 AOCB

11.1 Armistice Day

Sameeha has bought the wreath on behalf of SDCC. Campbell proposed that if the Church does not plan to have a memorial, then the wreath should be laid on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

11.2 Les Marches Anniversary

The Les Marches group were due to visit Stepps for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary earlier this year but this was cancelled due to travelling restrictions.

ACTION: Comms team to arrange a website piece on the Twinning

11.3 NHS Lanarkshire: Flu Vaccination Programme 2020/21

Campbell reported there had been issues with letters not being sent out to receive flu vaccinations from the GP. Sameeha suggested to contact the MP.

11.4 Ward 5 Councillors attendance at the next meeting

It was noted that there had been a general lack of engagement from the local councillors and they should be doing more to spend time in council meetings, communicating with SDCC and being visible within the community.

ACTION: Any suggestions on inviting Cllrs to the next meeting and how to increase engagement to be emailed to Alice.

12.0 Thanks and congratulations to Alice, the new Chair of SDCC.

13.0 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next virtual meeting of SDCC to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.