

AGENDA ITEM No. 3(C) (D)

**Minute of the Stepps & District Community Council Inaugural Meeting held public on Monday 15th November in the Public Hall, Cardowan Drive, Stepps**

**Councillors Present: [successful nominees']**

Eddie Ceresa	Carol Graham
Harry Erentz	Ken Maxwell
Neil Etherington	Rob Stuart

**Ex Officio:**

Brian Wallace - NLC local Councillor

**Community Policing:**

PC Neil Lindsay - Muirhead Police Office - Community Police Unit

**Members of the Public: 3**

**1.0 Remarks/Introductions**

1.01 Brian Wallace, as the North Lanarkshire Council representative, informed the meeting that eight successful nominations had been received to form a Community Council within Ward 70 - Stepps & District, in the time limit set by North Lanarkshire Council. The need for a Community Council in this area had been impressed on NLC by the submission of a petition bearing 60+ signatures requesting such a body. Brian said that this was the inaugural meeting of the Community Council for the new term 2004/2008 and the eight nominees' were required to adhere to the agenda laid down by North Lanarkshire Council and appoint their Office Bearers.

**2.0 Apologies [successful nominees]**

2.01 Apologies received from Alex Gibson and Frances McAveety.

**3.0 Appointment of Chair**

3.01 Rob Stuart - proposed by Harry Erentz, seconded by Ken Maxwell  
Adopted unanimously.

**4.0 Appointment of Vice-Chair**

4.01 Harry Erentz - proposed by Neil Etherington, seconded by Rob Stuart  
Adopted unanimously.

**5.0 Appointment of Treasurer**

5.01 Ken Maxwell - proposed by Neil Etherington, seconded by Carol Graham  
Adopted unanimously.

**6.0 Appointment of Secretary**

6.01 Neil Etherington - proposed by Ken Maxwell, seconded by Rob Stuart  
Adopted unanimously.

*Brian Wallace then handed the control of the meeting over to Rob Stuart - Chair.*

**7.0 North Lanarkshire Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.**

7.01 Rob thanked Brian for the introduction and welcomed the return of Stepps & District Community Council, which he was pleased to observe, had not been without too much of a gap since the NLC enforced dissolution on 7th October. He promised that the Councillors would continue to look after and promote the interests of the residents of Stepps & District as vigorously as in the past - without fear of favour. Rob also passed the best wishes of all present to Alex Gibson, who was due to undergo an operation, and hoped it would not be too long before he took up his rightful seat at the table.

- 7.02 Rob said that all Councillors had received a copy of the 'North Lanarkshire Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils' and were bound by the conditions therein. This was unanimously agreed.

#### **8.0 Adoption of the Model Constitution**

- 8.01 Likewise, a copy of the NLC Model Constitution had been sent to all Councillors. He proposed that this be accepted without alteration or amendment. This was seconded by Ken Maxwell and adopted unanimously.

#### **9.0 Miscellaneous Matters - Community Councils**

- 9.01 A copy of liaison arrangements with NLC and guidance on certain operational issues had also been given to all Community Councillors and requested acknowledgement of this. Agreed unanimously.
- 9.02 This was also agreed that the usual practise when pursuing issues would for the Secretary to initially make approaches to North Lanarkshire Council, or other utility providers.

#### **10.0 Co-option of Members to the Community Council**

- 10.01 Possibilities of co-option were discussed but no firm decision was taken.

*That ended the requirement of the Community Council to adhere to the NLC agenda for the inaugural meeting. The time remaining would be devoted to Stepps & District Community Council Business.*

#### **11.0 Community Policing [N' Div Control Room 01698 483 000]**

- 11.01 Neil Lindsay introduced himself as the recently appointed Community Police Officer with responsibilities for Stepps & District.
- 11.02 A written Police Report [Appendix A] was submitted to the meeting by Neil Lindsay, who verbally added detail and answered questions and queries.

#### **12.0 Planning Matters**

- 12.01 Rob covered the planning applications submitted since September.
- 12.02 Flats, and access to flats, behind row of Shops in Cumbernauld Rd, Flats to be build at corner of Cardowan Rd and Cumbernauld Rd, Flats to be built on site originally intended for a Retail Unit in Buchanan Business Park were discussed. Brown field sites are continuing to be used for developments such as these, but the pressure is on to move towards green field sites in the future.
- 12.03 A discussion took place on Scottish Water proposals for Stepps Park and Lenzie Rd, involving sinking a large overflow tank beneath the Park, and removing trees etc.
- 12.04 It was acknowledged that some changes had been made to Stepps Primary School Plans. Construction is still scheduled for late 2005/2006

#### **13.0 Any Other Competent Business**

- 13.01 None

#### **14.0 Next Pubic Meeting**

- 14.01 The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm 13th Dec 2004 in the Stepps Public Hall.

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**Councillors Present:** Harry Erentz                      Ken Maxwell                      Rob Stuart  
Neil Etherington [late]                      Frances McAveety

**Ex Officio:**                      None present

**Community Policing:**      PC Neil Lindsay - Muirhead Police Office - Community Police Unit

**Members of the Public:**    9

**1.0      Remarks/Introductions**

1.01      Rob welcomed those present and advised that Alex Gibson was continuing to make a steady recovery following a major operation, and hoped it would not be too long before he took up his seat at the table.

**2.0      Apologies [successful nominees]**

2.01      Apologies received from Eddie Ceresa, Alex Gibson, Carol Graham and Brian Wallace.

**3.0      Minutes of Previous Meeting [adopt for accuracy]**

3.01      Proposed by Rob Stuart and seconded by Ken Maxwell  
Adopted unanimously.

**4.0      Community Policing ['N' Div Control Room 01698 483 000]**

4.01      Neil Lindsay, Community Police Officer with responsibilities for Stepps & District, said that there had been an increased presence in the Dunalister Drive area, which has resulted in a reduction of incidents.

4.02      Traffic tickets have been issued for a variety of offences in the Cardowan Rd, Cumbernauld Rd & School Rd areas. There is an awareness of ongoing problems with parking throughout Stepps and this will be discussed with the Road Traffic Unit and NLC

4.03      Neil Lindsay answered a number of questions and queries from the floor.

**[Neil Lindsay left the meeting at this point.]**

**5.0      Minute of the Previous Meeting [matters arising not covered in the agenda]**

5.01      There were no matters arising from the prev minute that would not be covered in the agenda.

**6.0      Planning Matters [Neil Etherington entered the meeting at this point]**

6.01      Rob covered the planning applications submitted since the previous meeting.

6.02      Flats, and access to flats, behind row of Shops in Cumbernauld Rd has been approved. The existing trees will not be sacrificed. However, the Bus Stance will have to be moved.

6.03      A discussion took place on Scottish Water proposals for Stepps Park and Lenzie Rd, involving sinking a large overflow tank beneath the Park, and removing trees etc. Further contact with Scottish Water is required and a request that the Community Council be invited to attend the discussions between NLC and Scottish Water to be made.

6.03      A general discussion took place regarding the number of successful planning applications for residential developments over the last 4/5 years, and whether this has now reached over-capacity - particularly with regard to the utility services and amenities that are available. At the moment all planned developments [with the exception of the Primary School] have been on 'brown field' sites. Further expansion would involve occupying green field sites.... It was decided that the Community

Council would write to the NCL Director of Planning and Environment expressing concern and indicating that it would oppose any further applications for residential development.

- 6.04 It was agreed that the Community Council would write to find out the revised programme for the adoption of the North Corridor Local Plan, following the Inquiry held last year at Moodiesburn.

#### **7.0 Treasurers Report**

- 7.01 Despite the temporary break in the old Community Council and the new Community Council - the existing bank account was unaffected.
- 7.02 The current balance is £1090.48

#### **8.0 Secretary's Report**

- 8.01 After a prolonged campaign by the Community Council, supported by Brian Wallace, the flooding of the pathway between the Recreation Ground and Cumbernauld Road A80 has been solved with the establishment of a new footpath boarding the road side. Although a soakaway has been created between the footpath and the Recreation Ground, the meeting wondered whether this would be sufficient to disperse the water running off the field.
- 8.02 Mount Harriet Drive was due to be resurfaced, with the work starting the day of the meeting, subject to weather conditions. No one present could verify that work had started this day.
- 8.03 Detailed plans of the Hornshill M80 junction layout when the M80 is extended to the north of Chryston and Moodiesburn have been forwarded to the Community Council. This has been included in the Correspondence Bag.
- 8.04 On going items: Correspondence has been raised in all instances:

Flooding of footpath in Cumbernauld Road  
Stepps Gateway Signage - what, where & when  
Road Surfaces - particularly Victoria Road and Mount Harriet Drive.  
White lining - road junctions etc  
Graffiti removal - various / on going - NLC  
Graffiti removal - various / on going - Utility Company's  
Fly Posting  
Damage to safety railings - Travel Inn/Brewsters  
Damage to traffic island bollard - Travel Inn/Brewsters  
Dirty street name signs  
Control Box investigation - Stepps X  
Missing Tree Guards - Cumbernauld Road  
Landscape planting - areas of low density - Crowwood Grange  
No 'T' junction road sign at Lenzie Rd & B757  
Possible dangerous positioned bus stop, Cumbernauld Rd/Hornshill Farm Rd  
Play area development between Miller & Persimmon Homes, C/W Grange  
Foul smell in Cardowan Rd/Dr area  
Bent signpost [2] outside 164 Cumbernauld Rd

#### **9.0 Councillor Verbal Reports**

- 9.01 None

#### **10.0 Any Other Competent Business**

- 10.01 None

#### **11.0 Next Public Meeting**

- 11.01 Rob closed the meeting and wished everyone a very happy Christmas and a healthy [and prosperous] 2005.
- 11.02 The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm 17th January 2005 in the Stepps Public Hall.