

Minute of the Stepps & District Community Council Meeting held in public on Monday 17th January 2005 in the Public Hall, Cardowan Drive, Stepps

Councillors Present: Harry Erentz Ken Maxwell
Neil Etherington Rob Stuart

Ex Officio: Brian Wallace

Community Policing: None Present

Members of the Public: 11

1.0 Remarks/Introductions

1.01 The Chair welcomed those present and wished everyone a healthy and prosperous new year.

2.0 Apologies [successful nominees]

2.01 Apologies received from Eddie Ceresa, Alex Gibson and Frances McAveety

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting [adopt for accuracy]

3.01 Proposed by Harry Erentz 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, or a representative, were unable to attend the meeting. No written crime report had been received, in their absence,.

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

5.01 6.03 - The Secretary confirmed a letter has be directed to the NLC Planning & Environment Dept, as requested by the Councillors, expressing concern about the recent number of allowed residential developments in the Ward - and it would be the intention of the Council to opposed any similar future developments.

5.02 6.04 - In response to our written request the Community Council has been advised that the Northern Corridor Local Plan acceptance process is continuing and a Statement of Responses and Decisions on the Report of the Inquiry, including proposed Modifications to the Plan will be 'placed on deposit' from Friday 21st January until Friday 4th March. If there are no objections to the post inquiry modifications then NLC Planning will proceed to adoption.

6.0 Planning Matters [Brian Wallace entered the meeting at this point]

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

6.02 There is still concern about the safety of the trees next to the KeyStore when access to the Flats behind the row of Shops in Cumbernauld Rd, is created. Rob to write to NLC asking for written confirmation.

6.03 Similarly, 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. Again, concern was expressed about the potential loss of mature trees within the heart of Stepps

6.04 An application has been placed for a Class 4 Business Park next to the new Tulloch Offices. The proposed site will extend to Crowwood Roundabout and down Dewar Road as far as the rail bridge. The Councillors decided to object to this, because it was on greenbelt and the Class 4 site is available with 1km distance, at the southern end of Dewar Road. Rob to write to Planning objecting.

6.05 Detailed plans had been received regarding Phase Three of the M80 extension - Hornshill to Haggs. This involves changes to the present Hornshill junction. See Appendix A.

- 6.06 Frankfield Loch residential Development. Brian Wallace advised that an amendment will be submitted proposing a road link from Cumbernauld Rd [next to the Stepps Nursery - Loch Road junction] through to Clayhouse Road roundabout. This was generally welcomed by the meeting. Taylor Woodrow have also confirmed their commitment to keep the wetlands surrounding the site as a nature reserve, and create walkways where possible. It was decided we should begin to involve the NLC Bio Diversity Officer John Willets and the Secretary is to write advising him.
- 6.07 Brian Wallace advised that the Cardowan Road rail bridge has failed a strength test and it will shortly be limited to a maximum 3 tonn. The only other way into Cardowan for vehicles over that weight will be via Dewar Rd / Kilpatrick Road - which has not yet been adopted by NLC? Brian is to emphasis to NLC the need for urgency in the re strengthening process.
- 6.08 A general discussion took place about the many amendments that appear to be occurring with regard to the new School. The recent amendment could involve the loss of the public car park at the corner of Cumbernauld Road/Blenheim Avenue. North Lanarkshire Council still refuse to keep the Community Council updated on these changes. The Councillors only find out by default. Why?

7.0 Treasurers Report

- 7.01 The current balance is £864.83

8.0 Secretary's Report

- 8.01 Mount Harriet Drive has now been resurfaced.
- 8.02 On going items: Correspondence has been raised in all instances:

Flooding of footpath in Cumbernauld Road - still an issue
 Stepps Gateway Signage - what, where & when
 Road Surfaces - Lenzie Rd/Mount Harriet Drive junction & Lenzie Rd north.
 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
 Foul smell in Cardowan Rd/Dr area

9.0 Councillor Verbal Reports

- 9.01 Rob updated the meeting on the e-democracy project and the new website www.ecommunitycouncil.org.uk More information to following when it is officially launched.
- 9.02 Rob advised that two new seat have replaced the three vandalised ones at the War Memorial

10.0 Any Other Competent Business

- 10.01 Members of the public complained about horses being ridden through Stepps Park - and the damage to the footways and areas next to the footways. The Secretary will write to the appropriate department.

11.0 Next Pubic Meeting

- 11.01 The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm 21st February 2005 in the Stepps Public Hall.