

AGENDA ITEM No. 3(c)(D)

**Minute of the Stepps & District Community Council Meeting held in public on
Monday 20 June 2005 in the Public Hall, Cardowan Drive, Stepps**

Councillors Present: Harry Erentz Rob Stuart Frances McAveety
 Alex Gibson

Ex Officio: Brian Wallace

Members of the Public: 11

1.0 Remarks/Introductions

1.01 The Chair welcomed those present .

2.0 Apologies

2.01 Apologies received from Neil Etherington, Carol Graham, Ken Maxwell.

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting [adopt for accuracy]

3.01 Proposed by Harry Erentz and seconded by Alec Gibson
 Adopted unanimously.

4.0 Community Policing ['N' Div Control Room 01698 483 000 / Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111]

4.01 No apologies had been received from the Community Police and for the second meeting running there was no police representative. It was agreed that the Divisional commander would be contacted to ensure that there would be attendance in future.

4.02 Members of the public reiterated concern that vandalism appeared to be on the increase, with incidents at the school, the library, Lenzie Road and Mt Harriet Drive.

4.03 Speeding in Stepps continued to be a major problem, especially on Mt Harriet Drive in the evenings (approx. 7-10pm).

4.04 Illegal parking in front of shops and the bank in Cumbernauld Road was still a problem with pedestrians being put at risk. Even the 'hatched' area in the centre of Cumbernauld Road opposite the bank was being used for parking by ATM users.

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

5.01 As the previous meeting (May) was inquorate, no decisions could be taken on matters raised but it was agreed that these items would be listed again.

5.02 For Passenger Transport Executive. Buses on the school runs to Stepps Primary and St. Joseph's were using Cardowan Drive to access drop points in Cardowan Road. This was agreed to be a ridiculous operation bearing in mind the parked traffic in the Drive at school times. The operators were Dunns and McDonalds

5.02 For Strathclyde Police. Vandalism in the form of broken windows in Cumbernauld Road, Stepps Church and Church Lane.

5.03 For NLC Cleansing. Graffiti in lane between Millerston and Steppshill.

5.04 For NLC Housing Department. Complaints re standard of workmanship of sub-contracted electricians working in Steppshill Terrace and Alexander Avenue.

5.05 For NLC Cleansing. A collection missed from Cessnock Road.

5.06 For NLC Roads/Grounds Maintenance. Request for 20 Plenty signs on Mount Harriet Drive and collapsible bollards at the entrance lane to the hockey pavilion.

5.07 For NLC Grounds maintenance/Network Rail. Tree/shrubs overhanging footpath opposite 109 Cumbernauld Road.

5.08 For PTE. Request for bus timetables to be displayed in bus shelters.

5.09 For Scottish Water. There were reported water leaks in School Road/Cardowan Drive and Lenzie Road/Whitehill Farm Road

6.0 Planning Matters

6.01 Rob confirmed that planning applications submitted were listed on the website www.ecommunitycouncil.org.uk/stepps but read out the applications for those present.

7.0 Treasurers Report

7.01 As the treasurer was unable to attend and no advice had been given, there was no report this meeting.

8.0 Secretary's Report

8.01 As the secretary was unable to attend there was no Secretary's report this meeting, however Rob noted that correspondence had been received from NLC Planning Department regarding the structure plan.

9.0 Councillor Verbal Reports

9.01 Rob updated on the E-democracy project and that he was arranging to meet with community councillors to discuss further.

10.0 Any Other Competent Business

10.01 There was none that wasn't covered in item 5 above.

11.0 Next Pubic Meeting

11.01 The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm 19 September 2005 in the Stepps Public Hall.

- 5.07 (Previous item 8.05) It was reported that the water level was only several inches below the surface. It was intended to close part of Blenheim Ave after Lenzie Rd re-opens. Cllr Wallace agreed to advise the school of further details.
- 5.08 (Previous item 8.06) Community Council minutes had been distributed to Stepps Parish Church. It was agreed that the Community Council should be advertised through 'Stepps-on-the-level', which is circulated widely.
- 5.09 (Previous item 10.01) Blue/Brown bin collection dates have been finalised but vary by area. It was noted that West Ave had not been leafleted and Cllr Wallace agreed to arrange.
- 5.10 (Previous item 8.08) Cllr Wallace will enquire how much money had been given to charities by NLC as a result of the recycling initiative.
- 5.11 (Previous item 8.09) New signs had been erected but horses were still being ridden through park. It was thought that there was no law preventing animals from entering parks.

A separate problem of 'joy-riders' driving cars onto hockey pitch was discussed and it was suggested that retractable bollards might be installed to prevent this.

- 5.12 (Previous item 8.11) Cllr Wallace confirmed that the businesses (Real Spice and hair salon) own the footpath outside their premises so are responsible for upkeep. He is following this up.

6.0 Planning Matters

- 6.01 Rob agreed to list the planning applications submitted since the previous meeting on the website. He believed that there was nothing contentious.
- 6.02 Harry Erentz enquired about the house on Cumbernauld Rd that is acting as a limousine business and was thought to be unsightly. Cllr Wallace had received no complaints and did not think there was an issue.

7.0 Treasurers Report

- 7.01 £2.15 interest had been received, and an honorarium was due to be paid to the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. This was proposed by Harry Erentz and seconded by Alex Gibson.

8.0 Secretary's Report

- 8.01 There was no Secretary's report in the absence of Neil Etherington.
- 8.02 The Chair reported that an acknowledgement had been received from the Scottish Executive, and that the Church of Scotland had invited Neil to attend the Rev Buchanan's induction.

9.0 Councillor Verbal Reports

- 9.01 Ken discussed the recycling scheme and said that NLC are one of the few Councils not recycling plastics. It was agreed to ask NLC for an update on their recycling plans. He noted that a green waste composting plant had opened in Cumbernauld.
- 9.02 Ken wished to raise awareness of central heating grants that are available for elderly residents. Grants for insulation are also available. Central heating grants are not means tested. Ken has application forms, and details can also be accessed at <http://www.eaga.co.uk>.
- 9.03 Rob updated on the E-democracy project and that he was arranging to meet with community councillors to discuss further.

10.0 Any Other Competent Business

- 10.01 It was noted that access down Whitehill Farm Road was restricted because demolition material had been dumped. Cllr Wallace will follow up.
- 10.02 A request was made to the Community Council to provide community display boards. This would be followed up.

11.0 Next Public Meeting

- 11.01 The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm 17 October 2005 in the Stepps Public Hall.

Minute of the Stepps & District Community Council Meeting held in public on Monday 24 October 2005 in the Lower Public Hall, Cardowan Drive, Stepps

Councillors Present: Harry Erentz Frances McAveety Rob Stuart

Alex Gibson

Ex Officio: None present

Members of the Public: 11

1.0 Remarks/Introductions

1.01 Rob Stuart, Chair welcomed those present.

2.0 Apologies

2.01 Apologies received from, Eddie Ceresa, Councillor Wallace, Ken Maxwell, Carol Graham and the Community Police.

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting 19 September 2005 [adopt for accuracy]

3.01 Proposed by Harry Erentz and seconded by Rob Stuart
Adopted unanimously.

4.0 Community Policing [N' Div Control Room 01698 483 000 / Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111]

4.01 Rob reported that an e-mail had been received from Constable Neil Lindsay (20 September), confirming that he no longer had a remit fro community policing in the area.

4.02 Arising out of expressed concerns by the public re vandalism, speeding and parking issues, the chair, in the absence of a committee secretary, had written to Superintendent Derek Dillon (copy attached), stressing the need for continued police representation at and reports to monthly meetings.

4.03 The issues raised at previous meetings had been e-mailed to the police and had been passed on to Inspector Ian Hope at Cumbernauld police office. To date, no response had been received.

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

5.01 The Police would be asked again to provide an update report on issues raised for the next meeting.

5.02 (Previous items 5.01 and 5.02) had been raised with the police (4.03 above) and were ongoing.

5.03 All other matters a were being followed up with the appropriate authorities

6.0 Planning Matters

6.01 Rob drew attention to the list of applications attached to the meeting papers and advised that the shaded items were new since the last meeting.

6.02 A question was asked as to the difference between the REM and AMD suffixes. Rob confirmed that AMD meant an amendment to a previous submitted application and undertook to query REM with the planners.

6.03 Rob advised that the Scottish Executive had extended the consultation period on the Glasgow and Clyde Valley 2005 Structure Plan and would make submission in lines with the letter written to Director of Planning re 'Overdevelopment' in Stepps.

6.04 Rob reported that a pre-application consultation had been received concerning a mobile phone mast in Blane View. No planning application had been lodged and no comments to date had been received by the Community Council from local residents.

7.0 Treasurers Report

7.01 There was no treasurer's update for October.

8.0 Secretary's Report

8.01 In the absence of a secretary, Rob Stuart, outlined correspondence received.

8.02 North Lanarkshire Council had invited comment on its Private Sector Strategy.

8.03 NLC Housing Department had notified of Tenants Conference to take place on 26 November in Airdrie.

9.0 Councillor Verbal Reports

9.01 There were no councillor reports

10.0 Any Other Competent Business

10.01 Concern was expressed over the increasing problem of car parking on Lenzie Road associated with the dental surgery. This was causing severe constriction of traffic close to the junction with Cumbernauld Road. This, in addition to parking on pavements outside the chemist, in station road, and on Cumbernauld Road was constricting traffic movement out of Cardowan Drive and Lenzie Road as well as on the A80 itself.

10.02 Stepps Recreation area and the proposed school/library/community centre. Rob reported that he had written to the Chief Executive of North Lanarkshire supporting some of the views expressed by Mr Hope (50 Whitehill Avenue) particularly concerning the lack of information being passed to the Community Council and the community at large.

10.03 Continuing problems were being experienced with cleansing uplifts of all bins, black, blue and brown. Collection times were being missed and there was a particular problem at 105 Cumbernauld Road where the 'take-away' business was having to use black bags left at the building frontage. After discussion, it appeared that this problem arose out of unsatisfactory access arrangements to the rear of the building as the developer of Edward Place had not provided satisfactory access via the new parking court. Rob Stuart agreed to visit Mr Kinnaird to see the problem on site.

10.4 War memorial area. Concern was expressed over the disintegration of the base of the memorial and the surrounding paved areas. It was noted also that the beds normally devoted to annual planting had been changed to permanent shrub planting.

11.0 Next Public Meeting

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