

Minute of the meeting of Stepps And District Community Council, held in public on Monday 17th March 2008, in the Cultural Centre, Blenheim Avenue, Stepps.

Councillors present: Rob Stuart; Ken Maxwell; Harry Erentz; Jennifer Cloggie

In Attendance: Cllr McGlinchey NLC; PC Andy Hastie, Strathclyde Police

Public: 13 members of the public

Apologies: Frances McAveety; Louise Pender; Marvyn Mackay.

1 Introductions

1.1 The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2 Apologies

2.1 As noted above

3 Minutes of previous meeting

3.1 The minute of the meeting held on 18th February were adopted, proposed by Ken Maxwell, seconded by Harry Erentz.

4 Community Policing

4.1 Pc Andy Hastie introduced himself as the new Community Police representative

4.2 PC Hastie reported that the police had been concentrating on illegal tyre dumping in the area. A person had subsequently been arrested and imprisoned.

4.3 The police are aware of potential parking problems at Stepps station and are considering options.

4.4 Action had been taken to address youth disorder in Cardowan and Garthamlock.

5 Matters Arising

5.1 Environmental Services – no update on start date of new waste uplift and recycling scheme.

5.2 Caledonian Estates – no update on fence at Mount Harriet Drive.

5.3 Station car park – no update from NLC re parking overspill.

5.4 School log books – The Head Teacher at Stepps Primary is in possession of the log books.

6 Planning Matters

6.1 Caravan Park at Craigendmuir – Application lodged for 200 static permanent caravans on site. Some doubts were raised over the legal status of permanent residency. No sites for touring caravans will remain. Rob Stuart will examine the plans in detail.

6.2 Travel Lodge – Application lodged for extension to hotel. Rob Stuart to examine application.

6.3 Former school site – Application lodged by Clyde Valley Housing Association for development on 21 houses. SDCC has responded to NLC, lodging objections on several points, including design and finish of the units, and potential vehicle access problems.

6.4 Proposed change of use to Muslim educational facility – A member of the public raised the issue of a planning application for a change of use from domestic premises to a Muslim educational facility at the corner of Laundry Lane and Cumbernauld Rd, and cited their concerns on parking and access problems. The Chair understood that NLC planners shared concerns over access, parking, potential early morning disruption, and loss of amenity.

- 6.5 Loch Road – Loch Road is temporarily closed during construction work on a nearby site. It is likely to remain closed until completion of the site access road. Due to reopen at end of March 2008.

7 Treasurer's Report

- 7.1 The Treasurer reported a balance of £2,015.66 at the bank.
7.2 A laminator was purchased recently, as agreed at a prior meeting.
7.3 A proposal was put forward to purchase a microphone for use at public meetings, and a memory stick for retention of electronic files. It was agreed to investigate the cost and agree purchase at a future meeting.

8 Secretary's Report (Rob Stuart)

- 8.1 The NLC Housing and Social Work Strategy team have moved to Motherwell
8.2 There was a meeting of the Cumbernauld Forum on 11/3/08, however no one from SDCC was able to attend.
8.3 An invitation was received to attend the NLC Licensing Forum. A local councillor from the North Area attends meetings.
8.4 An update on progress of the Stepps to Haggs motorway upgrade has been received from Transport Scotland.
8.5 The issue of the disused Guide Hut has been raised with NLC and Savills (property agents). Savills have agreed to address security issues at the site.

9 Councillor Reports

- 9.1 Harry Erentz raised concerns over the arrangements for NHS provision in the area, specifically that some residents are being referred to NHS Lanarkshire hospitals by default.
9.2 Harry Erentz commented that a local resident is concerned about flooding in his garden which borders the new school site. The resident has not had any previous flooding in 30 years, and is concerned that excavations at the site may have blocked the existing field drain.
9.3 Ken Maxwell noted that the street lights at the entrance to the school access road were still not in operation after 4 months occupancy.

10 AOB

- 10.1 Cllr McGlinchey raised concerns over the proposed use of the former school site. She has raised an objection with NLC over the low selling price of the land, and noted that it had been further reduced from the original price. She commented that CVHA is in financial high gearing, and expressed concern over their ongoing financial status.

11 DONM

- 11.1 Monday 21st April at 19.30, in Stepps Cultural Centre.