

**Minute of the Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council held in public on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in the Cultural Centre, Blenheim Avenue, Stepps.**

**Councillors Present:** Rob Stuart (Chair), Marvyn Mackay and Louise Lamond

**Public:** 4 persons

**Apologies:** Alex Gibson, Carol Graham, Ken Maxwell, Frances McAveety, PC Caroline McGladdery; Cllrs Brian Wallace, Frances McGlinchey and William Hogg, NLC and Tom Clarke, MP.

**1.0 Remarks / Introduction**

1.1 Rob Stuart welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2.0 Apologies :** Apologies received from Alex Gibson, Carol Graham, Ken Maxwell, Frances McAveety, PC Caroline McGladdery; Cllrs Brian Wallace Frances McGlinchey and William Hogg, NLC and Tom Clarke, MP.

**3.0 Minutes of the previous meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 approved, proposed by Rob Stuart and seconded by Louise Lamond.

**4.0 Community Policing**

4.1 In the absence of a representative from Strathclyde Police, there was no crime report for the past month.

4.2 There were still concerns about youths regularly drinking, at least every Friday and Saturday, and causing a disturbance in the public park and in the lane between Alexandra Avenue and Whitehill Avenue behind the church.

4.3 A member of the public present reported that a man in army uniform had been seen coming out of the Bluebell Woods carrying a gun. This was a concern as a number of local residents walk their dogs there, often off leash. Rob Stuart asked the secretary to refer this and refer the previous item for a second time, to the Police.

**5.0 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

5.1 Item 5.2 Rob Stuart had heard nothing further on a new Council website from Stuart Kidd.

5.5 Item 5.5 Invoice for cupboard still not received.

**6.0 Outstanding Issues**

6.1 The list of outstanding issues considered item by item, updated and additions and amendments made. A copy of the updated version attached to these minutes.

**7.0 Planning Matters**

7.1 Rob Stuart distributed a list of planning applications updated to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009. There were two new applications for the area – a rear extension and garage in Reynolds Drive which was not contentious. The other was the Fast Food Takeaway in Cumbernauld Road

7.2 As indicated above a formal application has now been lodged for change of use of former Post Office in Stepps to a Fast-food Takeaway. Rob Stuart circulated the plans and reported that he had lodged an objection on behalf of the Council in same terms to the objections made when a previous similar application had been submitted and rejected. He expected that the decision would now be referred to Committee with a site visit and a hearing to which the Council would be invited to speak to its objections.

7.3 Under the new planning regulations as described at the last meeting, a consultation document had been received from developers considering the submission of a planning application to Glasgow City Council for a major housing development of 1500 houses from

Provanmill and Robroyston up to the North Lanarkshire boundary. The developers are holding an exhibition in Robroyston Parish Church on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Rob would make enquiries as to whether a response from the Council was required and how it might impact on the process before taking any action on this matter.

- 7.4 Rob Stuart reported that a further meeting had taken place between local residents and the developer of the School Road site. He understood most concerns had been addressed.

### **8.0 Treasurer's Report**

- 8.1 In the absence of the Treasurer there was no report.
- 8.2 Marvyn Mackay reported that he had priced a laptop at around £500 and passed details to Louise Lamond for her to ascertain if she could obtain a better price including system software.

### **9.0 Secretary's Report**

- 9.1 Marvyn Mackay reported on items of correspondence received since the last meeting.
- 9.2 Letter from HMG Highway Management (Scotland) Ltd., construction consortium for the M80 Stepps to Haggs motorway offering to come to a meeting off the Council to report on progress and development of the project and take any questions. Council agreed to invite representatives of the consortium to the January meeting.
- 9.3 Letter from Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Citizens Advice Bureau inviting the Council to send a representative to the AGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009 at 2.00pm in Cumbernauld College Business Centre. No member of the Council was able to attend this meeting.
- 9.4 Letter from North Lanarkshire Council inviting the Secretary to attend a Joint Community Planning event on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 9.00am in Cumbernauld Town Hall. Marvyn Mackay indicated that he would be able to attend and would report back.

### **10.0 Councillors' Verbal Reports**

- 10.1 Louise Lamond reported that she planned to organise a meeting in the New Year to discuss arrangements for a community event -a 'Stepps Night', with fundraising activities, the proceeds of which would be shared between the two primary schools.
- 10.2 Rob Stuart reported that Stepps Primary School PTA had invited the Council to participate in the Christmas Fayre being held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am to 12.30pm. He hoped this would be an opportunity to publicise the work of the Council and try to stimulate interest and more support from the community. He thought posters for display and a leaflet for handing out would be a good start but welcomed any other ideas. Marvyn Mackay indicated that he was not available on that date and would be away the week leading up to the event. Louise offered to help in putting some material together but did not think she could be present on the day.

### **11.0 Any Other Business**

- 11.1 There was no other business.

### **12.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- 12.1 The next meeting of Stepps & District Community Council will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009 at 7.30pm in the Cultural Centre, Blenheim Avenue, Stepps.