

**Minute of the Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council held in public on
Monday 16th May 2011 in the Cultural Centre, Blenheim Avenue, Stepps.**

- Present:** Councillors Marvyn Mackay, Ken Maxwell and Carol Graham.
- Public:** 4 persons
- In attendance:** PC David Whyte and PC Fitzsimmons, Strathclyde Police
- Apologies:** Louise Lamond, Frances McAveety, Alec Gibson, Cllrs Brian Wallace and Frances McGlinchey, NLC and Tom Clarke MP.

1.0 Remarks/Introduction

- 1.1 In the absence of a Chair, Marvyn Mackay welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 Marvyn Mackay advised that in order to continue the Meeting, the Council needed to either elect an Interim or permanent Chair of the Council. He proposed Ken Maxwell which was seconded by Carol Graham and Ken accepted appointment as Interim Chair.
- 1.3 Due to the poor turnout once again it was agreed that the Annual General Meeting of the Council be postponed until next month to be held on Monday 20th June 2011 at 7.30pm. Marvyn Mackay advised that under the NLC Scheme for Community Councils the AGM had to be held before 30th June each year.

2.0 Apologies

- 2.1 Apologies received from Louise Lamond, Frances McAveety, Cllrs Brian Wallace and Frances McGlinchey, NLC and Tom Clarke MP. Marvyn went on to say that Louise Lamond had sent her e-mail from Melbourne to where she had emigrated and therefore she could no longer be a Community Councillor in Stepps. Her resignation was noted.

3.0 Minutes of the previous meeting 18.04.11

- 3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18th April approved, proposed by Ken Maxwell and seconded by Carol Graham.
- 3.2 In answer to a question, the secretary stated that minutes of meetings of the Council were forwarded to Stepps Library after approval and he would check to see if there had been an omission in recent months as the Library appeared not to have received them.

4.0 Community Policing

- 4.1 PC Whyte reported that in the past month there had only been 8 youth disorder reports for Stepps which was low in comparison to other areas. There had been 116 calls in total of which a third were road traffic offences. There had been three minor assaults, a small firearms incident, some nuisance calls, in all very routine.
- 4.2 In response to a question, PC Whyte said that the reason for the delay in contact over the theft at 113 Cumbernauld Road was probably due to the call being logged for non-priority follow-up as the suspects were no longer on the scene and the shift pattern of the officer dealing with the complaint.
- 4.3 PC Whyte was not aware of the referral of vehicles parked on the pavement and cycle path outside 117 Cumbernauld Road but said that he would check with his Inspector.
- 4.4 In answer to a question regarding reorganisation, he stated that there would now be no changes for at least a year in the management arrangements and so Stepps would remain within the Cumbernauld area.

5.0 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- 5.1 Item 5.1 There was no update on the Stepps Playpark Project
- 5.2 Item 5.2 Marvyn Mackay reported that the next meeting of the Northern Corridor Community Forum will be on Tuesday 17th May 2011 at the Pivot Community Centre, Moodiesburn. The Moodiesburn Gala Day is on Saturday 28th May 2011.

6.0 Outstanding Issues

6.1 The list of outstanding issues was reviewed and updated. A copy of the updated list attached to these minutes.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 Marvyn Mackay distributed an updated list of planning applications to 15th May 2011 prepared by Rob Stuart. Rob did not think there was anything contentious in the new applications.

7.2 A member of the public raised a matter in relation to an application for a rear extension at 44 Cardowan Drive pointing out that this was misleading description in that the proposal was to create a separate self-contained building on a single plot. There would then be the potential to sell this separately from the main building thus dividing the plot. It was also considered by neighbours to be an intrusive development proposal which would further compromise their privacy as had been the case with the recent large extension to the main building at this locus. Marvyn Mackay said he would ask Rob Stuart to have another look at this application and give comments.

7.3 The Local Plan is still progressing through the due processes.

8.0 Treasurer's Report

8.1 Ken Maxwell reported that the balance in account was £3095.63p. The Accounts for 2010/11 were ready for submission to the accountants for audit which was necessary in order to qualify for a further grant from North Lanarkshire Council.

9.0 Secretary's Report

9.1 Marvyn Mackay reported on correspondence received since the last meeting.

9.2 Invitation from North Lanarkshire Council to attend the launch of the new Community Payback Order on Wednesdays 8th June at 1.30pm in Municipal Buildings, Coatbridge. Marvyn said if no one else was able to attend he would try to attend.

9.3 Playground equipment catalogue from Kompan. He would pass it to Stepps Playpark Project.

10.00 Councillors' Verbal Reports

10.1 Marvyn Mackay raised the matter of the reinstatement of a path from Cumbernauld Road at its junction with Cardowan Road to the road leading to Stepps Primary School, the removal of the fence at Cumbernauld Road and the re-alignment of the low log fence next to the road to the school to give direct pedestrian access at this location. This would be of great benefit to persons heading to and from the school avoiding a long detour to Blenheim Avenue and back. Many people were already using this route to avoid the longer alternative route and it would link with the existing made path and right of way from Blenheim Avenue to and from the Hockey Park between the school grounds and Cumbernauld Road. It was agreed that this matter be taken up with NLC.

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 the twice postponed Annual General Meeting on Monday 20th June 2011 at 7.30pm followed immediately afterwards by the Ordinary June meeting of the Council , both in the Cultural Centre, Blenheim Avenue, Stepps.