

**Minute of Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council held in public on
Monday 28th April 2014 in the Cultural Centre, St Andrews Way, Stepps.**

Present: Councillors Ken Maxwell (Chair) Rob Stuart (Vice-Chair), Marvyn Mackay, Stewart Donald, Edoardo Ceresa and Grenfell Lang

Public: 14 persons

Apologies: Councillors Ewan and Carol Graham, Frances McAveety; Cllr Frances McGlinchey, NLC; Elaine Smith, Siobhan McMahon and John Wilson, MSP's and Tom Clarke, MP.

1.0 Opening Remarks /Introductions

1.1 Ken Maxwell, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

2.0 Apologies

2.1 Marvyn Mackay advised that apologies had been received from Councillors Ewan and Carol Graham, Frances McAveety; Cllr Frances McGlinchey and Brian Wallace, NLC; Elaine Smith; Siobhan McMahon and John Wilson MSP's and Tom Clarke, MP.

3.0 Minutes of previous meeting: 17.03.14

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 17th March 2014 were approved proposed by Stewart Donald and seconded by Grenfell Lang.

4.0 Community Policing

4.1 In the absence of a representative from Police Scotland, there was no report.

4.2 There were a few issues raised for the Community Policing Team and these were to do with parking and speeding vehicles in the area. The parking problems related to Blenheim Avenue, particularly on the double yellow lines at the south end near the bank and public car parks. It was noted however, that parking enforcement is now the responsibility of North Lanarkshire Council and only becomes a Police responsibility when the parked vehicle is causing an obstruction.

4.3 The streets where residents were concerned about speeding were Blenheim Avenue, Cardowan Road over the new bridge, Lenzie Road and Dewar Road over the bridge and beyond the south roundabout after Kilpatrick Road.

5.0 Matters Arising

5.1 Item 7.1: Sports Facility St Andrews Way: Irene McGeorge advised that she had raised the matter of the restricted access to the Cardowan Road football pitch with Sports Scotland. She had been told that there is money available to the North Lanarkshire Council for additional facilities if they wanted to take this up. Marvyn Mackay advised that Cllr Brian Wallace had had a meeting with the Chief Executive, NLC regarding access to this facility and said that it was unacceptable that it was not open to the public when there was such a large population in the immediate area. The pitch was now under the control of North Lanarkshire Leisure which is concerned about damage to the pitch during unrestricted use. It was agreed with the Chief Executive that for a trial period over the summer the pitch would be open to the public to assess the effects of this and how it would fair under open access. Irene McGeorge went on to say that the soft netting was still not completely installed and the netting was only being put up on the Blenheim Avenue end and not the Anniesdale Avenue side which had the same issues. She was still awaiting a copy of the plan which the contractors had used when constructing the pitch which was different from the one given to local residents. Environmental Services wish to visit to assess the light pollution issues but wish access to people's homes when all that is required is their gardens which are nearer the

pitches and worst affected. Irene concluded by saying that it is now 5 months since the meeting with the NLC Councillors, officers and representatives of Balfour Beatty and a year since meeting with the NLC Officers but most of the issues and remedial actions promised remain incomplete.

- 5.2 Item 7.2: Footpaths around Stepps Primary School and Hockey Park Marvyn Mackay still to contact the Restorative Justice Team and ask if they could upgrade the other paths in this area.
- 5.3 Item 7.3: Flooding on roads and highways Stewart Donald reported that he had remained in contact with John Ashcroft, Roads Engineer but most of the work on flooding and drainage was still outstanding. Marvyn Mackay reported that he had received information from Cllr Brian Wallace on the various sites raised when John Ashcroft met with representatives of the Community Council. The current position is
- a. Flooding at Hornhill Farm Road – Investigation was carried out and we have established that the gully outfalls into the playing fields probably to a soak away which is the reasons for the gully not operating. Subsequent instruction to install new drainage system to alternative outfall – Latest completion 24 April 2014.
 - b. Flooding at Cardowan Road – Investigation undertaken identified collapse in gully tail. – Repair undertaken on 17 March 2014.
 - c. Flooding at Victoria Road/ Whitehill Avenue - Gullies Cleaned – subsequent notification that Scottish Gas Networks were discharging into gully – Further investigation required.
 - d. Cycle Signs – Instruction with contractor – Latest completion date was 11 February 2014, still awaiting completion.
 - e. Flooding at Station Road near Craigharnet Crescent at number 30. – Instruction with contractor to raise kerbing and undertake patching – Latest completion 4 June 2014.
 - f. Flooding at Station Road near Craigharnet Crescent at number 26. – Investigation undertaken and identified collapse in gully tail – subsequent instruction issued to install new gully outfall pipe – Latest completion date 24 April 2014.
- 5.4 Item 7.4: Beautiful North Lanarkshire On hold in the meantime.
- 5.5 Item 7.5: Fence at Mount Harriet Drive. Stewart Donald reported that contractors had visited to repair the fence at the gap in Whitehill Farm Road but were unable to gain access as the road was closed. Stewart went on to say that in ongoing discussion with Savills regarding Mt Harriet Drive, the factor had agreed to pay 50% of the cost of repairs to the fence if NLC would agree to contribute the other 50%. Savills said they would be willing to meet with NLC to discuss this proposal.
- 5.6 Item 6.6: Electrification of Railway. Marvyn Mackay reported that the replacement bridge in Cardowan Road is now open and the new services with electric trains would commence on Sunday 18th May 2014. The new timetables were available which showed three trains per hour - two electric trains to and from Cumbernauld to Dalmeir and beyond via Queen Street Low Level and one existing hourly service to and from Falkirk Grahamston to Glasgow Queen Street High Level. The new services would take add up to 15 minutes to the existing journey times between Stepps and Glasgow Queen Street but would provide direct access to stations on the Queen Street Low Level Line after a 5 minute stopover at Springburn to allow the driver to change ends. There was still no information from the factor for Nicolson Court to advise if and when the fence along the railway will be replaced. Marvyn Mackay had still to contact the factors on behalf of local residents.

- 5.7 Item 7.7: Frankfield Loch Nature Reserve and Wildlife Park Rob Stuart advised that there had been no decision as yet on the transfer of ownership from Taylor Wimpey to NLC.
- 5.8 Item 7.8: Community Council Noticeboard Rob Stuart is waiting to hear from Martin Dickson, Regeneration Manager.
- 5.9 Item 7.9: Bus Stop Timetables: Rob Stuart reported that the Bus timetables had still not been updated.
- 6.0 Treasurer's report**
- 6.1 In the absence of the Treasurer there was no report.
- 7.0 Secretary's report**
- 7.1 Marvyn Mackay reported on correspondence received since the last meeting.
- 7.2 Letter from Seven Lochs Wetland Park Partnership Team advising that following award of a funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the final development phase of the project, work had commenced on the year-long phase of the project in April. Part of this phase was local consultation and representatives of the Partnership Team would be willing to attend local community meetings to update and consult with local residents and landowners. This latter group was important since some key locations are in private ownership and earmarked for development of housing or other facilities. Local opinion and that of these landowners need to be taken into account and agreements reached on the best use of the land to either include it in the park or to complement the park facilities. Noted
- 7.3 Letter from John Wilson, MSP enclosing surgery information for May. Noted.
- 7.4 Letter from North Lanarkshire Council enclosing Minutes of meetings of North Lanarkshire Council, Committees and Sub-Committees to be submitted to meeting of the Council on 27th March 2014. Noted.
- 7.5 Letter from Audit Manager, North Lanarkshire Council advising of the requirement for the Accounts of the Community Council to be audited by an independent auditor appointed by the council. This to be done as soon as possible after the 1st April 2014. Marvyn Mackay advised that he understood the Treasurer had this in hand.
- 8.0 Planning Matters**
- 8.1 Rob Stuart submitted a list of outstanding planning applications to 28th April 2014. There were three new applications, two relating to house extensions which were not requiring any comment from the Council and one regarding 133 Cumbernauld Road which was an application for a variation on the time condition for flats to the rear of this address as the original approved application had expired. There was some confusion as to the decision which Rob would check with the planners.
- 8.2 Rob Stuart reported that the Planning Department was taking enforcement action against the owners of 75 Cumbernauld Road due to breach of the conditions attached to the planning consent in relation to use of the premises by adults and outwith the agreed times of use. This would be notice giving 28 days to comply otherwise the planning consent would be withdrawn.
- 8.3 Ken Maxwell advised that details of the developers' submissions on various sites in relation to the Local Plan Review were now on the NLC website and the Council would need to monitor progress and be ready to make appropriate representation when required.
- 8.4 Ken Maxwell reported that there had been little progress since the last meeting in regard to the application by Taylor Wimpey in regard to Frankfield Loch Phase 2.

Marvyn Mackay added that Cllr Brian Wallace had advised that no date had been set for a Hearing and that a new transport assessment had been requested in respect of the new access road to Frankfield Loch. He went on to confirm that Taylor Wimpey and not NLC had paid for the installation of traffic lights at Loch Road. Ken Maxwell concluded by saying that as the Planning Application was not yet down for a Hearing, further comments, observations and objections could still be submitted by local residents.

9.0 Report from Northern Corridor Community Forum

9.1 Marvyn Mackay reported that the Community Forum were still actively involved in working with the two Health Boards on the boundary changes which came into effect on 1st April 2014. In the immediate future there would be little noticeable change in this area as the infrastructure was not in place to support locally delivered services and so these services would continue to be provided by Glasgow on a service level agreement basis with NHS Lanarkshire. The Forum was working with Gala Committees in Moodiesburn and Muirhead/Chryston to support these Gala Days on Saturday 21st June in Moodiesburn and 31st July and 30th August in Muirhead/Chryston. He had been invited to attend a meeting with representatives of Firstbus on 15th May to discuss the bus services provided in the area. Work is continuing on the Footpaths and Public Rights of Way project.

10.0 Any other business

10.1 Stewart Donald noted that following the resurfacing of Cumbernauld Road, parts of the cycle lane markings opposite Comrie Road had not been re-instated. He would raise this with John Ashcroft.

12.0 Date of next meeting

12.1 Monday 19th May 2014 at 7.30pm in Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrews Way, Stepps.

13.0 The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.