

**Note of Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council held in public on
Monday 19th September 2016 in the Cultural Centre, St Andrews Way, Stepps.**

Present: Councillors Ken Maxwell (Chair), Rob Stuart, Stewart Donald, Grenfell Lang and Iain MacGregor

In Attendance

Public: 13 persons

Apologies: Councillors Marvyn Mackay, Edoardo Ceresa, Ewan and Carol Graham, Frances McAveety and Cllr. Brian Wallace, NLC.

1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions

1.1 Ken Maxwell, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 Apologies

2.1 Ken Maxwell advised that apologies had been received as noted above.

3.0 Minutes of previous meeting

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21st May 2016 were approved, proposed by Grenfell Lang and seconded by Stewart Donald.

4.0 Community Policing

4.1 In the absence of a representative from Police Scotland, Ken Maxwell asked if there were any matters which anyone would like to be referred to Police Scotland.

4.2 Stewart Donald again raised the issue of cars parking across the junction of Lenzie Road/Whitehill Farm Road at 35,37,39 and 41 Lenzie Road. Issue to be raised again with Police Scotland

5.0 Seven Lochs Wetlands Park

5.1 Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership were awaiting Heritage Lottery Fund decision on major funding £6.8m for capital works. Decision expected within 2 weeks.

6.0 Matters Arising

6.1 Bluebell Park: Awaiting NLC progress on installation of new litter bins. Councillor Wallace to pursue.

6.2 Parking: Other than as noted above and nothing new on this issue.

6.3 Flooding and Drain Repairs: Stewart Donald reported that he received an e-mail from Stewart Grainger saying the repairs required. NLC had sent instructions for repairs to the contractor. Action by Amey was awaited. Secretary to follow-up with NLC.

6.4 Fence along railway – Nicolson Court: No update.

6.5 Item 10.3 Fence along Cumbernauld Road at Frankfield Loch Phase 2b: Planning Department has advised that securing of this fence to a neighbouring fence was civil matter and not covered by the planning authority.

7.0 Treasurer's Report

7.1 In the absence of the Treasurer, Ewan Graham, Ken Maxwell reported that the balance in account was £2,980.16 with all outstanding invoices paid.

8.0 Secretary's report

8.1 In the absence of Marvyn Mackay, Secretary, Ken Maxwell reported on correspondence received.

- 8.2 Letter from Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland advising that their final recommendations had been submitted to the Scottish Government. In relation to the local Ward 5, the final recommendation was substantially different in that whilst it would still be divided into two wards, the proposed new boundary would run north to south creating a Stepps, Muirhead, Chryston ward and a Moodiesburn, Gartcosh, Glenboig Ward with three councillors each. These proposals were more or less what the Council had suggested in its response to the original proposals for an east west split, It was agreed that no further representation was necessary as the Council concurred with the final recommendations. A final decision will be made by the Scottish Government in the autumn after a further six-week consultation period.
- 8.3 Forthcoming SDCC meetings: A list of meeting dates up to June 2017 had been circulated and placed on the SDCC notice board.
- 8.4 SDCC meeting minutes: All previous minutes and/or notes had been put onto the SDCC website.
- 8.5 Letter from NLC on Community Council grants: NLC had reduced the budget for grants to £350pa + £9 per 100 population. This is estimated to bring about a grant of about £700 pa.
- 8.6 Literature from Kelvin Valley Park received.
- 8.7 Notice of Voluntary Sector awards received.
- 8.8 NLC notification of bus stop improvements at Cumbernauld Town Centre received.
- 8.9 Planning & Building Standards had been updated and posted on the NLC website.
- 8.10 Brochure "Have a Say on Lanarkshire Healthcare Strategy" received.
- 9.0 Planning**
- 9.1 Rob Stuart reported on new and outstanding applications to 19th September 2016. There were eleven new applications, mostly routine, except for a re application mixed development at Buchanan Business Park and the expected Proposal in Principle for housing development at Gateside Farm. On the latter, members of the public advised that written objections lodged did not appear to be confirmed in the application documents even though numerous letters had been sent. Rob Stuart to check with Craig McIntyre as to where all objections had been recorded.
- 9.2 Frankfield Loch Phase2b: There remained concern regarding the height of the ground level behind 2 – 10 Cumbernauld Road which appeared to be 2 metres higher than the original levels, and the drainage problems which seemed to have been caused by infilling at this location. The plans would need to be checked and Cllr Brian Wallace said he would arrange a site visit with the Planning Officer and Taylor Wimpey.
- 9.3 Local Development Plan: Revised Main Issues Report with additional sites for housing, none in Stepps, out for consultation and therefore nothing new since last meeting.
- 10.0 Northern Corridor Community Forum**
- 10.1 No report.
- 11.0 Any other business**
- 11.1 Stepps War Memorials booklet: Not yet printed. Final editing ongoing.
- 11.2 Blenheim Avenue/Stepps Primary School pitch: Stewart Donald stated that he had been monitoring the situation but believed a resolution to the vandalism and arson problems could not be achieved without establishment of ownership and therefore management responsibility for the strip between private gardens and the school pitch fence. Rob Stuart confirmed that this information had been asked for by a local resident and the Community Council and was in the hands of Jennifer Lees(NLC)

12.0 Date of next Meeting

12.1 The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 24th October 2016 at 7.30pm in Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrews Way, Blenheim Avenue, Stepps.

13.0 Close

13.1 The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.