

Minute of Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council
7.30-9.30pm, Thursday 24th September 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present: Councillors Ken Maxwell (Chair), Sameeha Rehman (Secretary), Campbell Provan (Treasurer), Tom Forrester, Iain Macgregor, Alice Morton, Paul Noble, Sheila Stuart

Apologies: Clls Paul Brown, Craig Cowan and Marvyn Mackay

1.0 Opening Remarks/Introductions

1.1 Chair Ken Maxwell welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting of the community council and thanked them for their attendance.

2.0 Apologies

2.1 Apologies were received as noted above

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting 27.08.2020

3.1 Minor spelling amendments in 3.1 and 6.0.

Minutes approved; Proposed by Ken Maxwell and seconded by Alice Morton.

4.0 Treasurer's Report

4.1 Treasurer Campbell Provan noted that the issue with the mandate and bank signatories was ongoing and there was a general lack of communication from RBS in helping to alleviate this matter.

The current bank balance is £2317.

£1508 is mining memorial money. Outstanding invoices are as follows:

£347 to Stepps Development Trust.

£320 to Stepps Parish Church.

£100 to Stepps on the Level.

£108 to Secretary expenses.

These cheques cannot be dealt with unless a second signatory is in place. It was suggested that the account be closed and moved elsewhere once this situation has been resolved. This was unanimously agreed.

ACTION REQUIRED: Campbell to email those requiring outstanding cheques to explain the delayed payment. Sameeha to chase up Catherine Johnstone with regards to the NLC grant.

5.0 Planning Matters

5.1 Stepps Library PAN

The PAN to relocate the library facilities to Buchanan Gate was passed unanimously by NLC.

5.2 Stepps Primary School Update

It was noted that the NLC communication on the drainage remedial works was poor and that there seemed to be an effort to maximise the use of community rooms. Concerns were raised over the two-year timescale given to complete the works when the original estimation was only one year. This question was posed to Mark McBride who stated this was a matter for NLC Education.

A discussion took place regarding the options open to the CC over this matter. It was suggested that greater liaison was required between elected members, namely the MP and MSP, to put pressure on NLC to resolve the matter as soon as possible.

ACTION REQUIRED: Ken and Alice agreed to work together to produce a letter calling on support from the parent council, local councillors, MP and MSPs. Paul Noble to contact Luddon Construction to enquire about the site plan for the works.

5.3 Local Development Plan

The Reporter has been appointed to examine the plan and make sure it is fit for purpose.

6.0 Save Stepps Greenbelt

6.1 Meeting with Steven Bonnar MP

It was noted that a very productive meeting took place with Steven Bonnar MP on 23rd September 2020. Mr Bonnar made clear he was open to supporting

the CC and his office will take forward communication to key officers within NLC based upon the concerns raised.

The CC Communications Group are working together to find a way to publicise the meeting on social media.

6.2 Save Stepps Greenbelt Banner

The banner has been removed as the fence it was on was being painted. It was discussed that a new location be found for the banner, with suggestions of the fence across from Buchanan Gate in front of Gateside Farm.

6.3 Scottish Planning Policy Consultation

Alice has emailed information to both CC and Save Stepps Greenbelt members on how to respond to the consultation, including background information and suggested answers.

7.0 Northern Corridor Community Development Board Meeting

It was noted that John Wilson had sent out surveys regarding the make-up of the community boards and the unhappiness of many individuals as to the splitting up of Wards 5 and 6.

8.0 Stepps on the Level Feedback

It was agreed that the coverage given by the magazine was excellent and very detailed.

ACTION REQUIRED: Alice to contact Louise to find out prices for future editions and possible package deals.

9.0 AOCB

It was noted that the drains were blocked at the corner of Whitehill Farm Road and Whitehill Avenue and NLC have failed to respond to these reports. **ACTION REQUIRED:** Tom agreed to contact NLC.

Ken announced he is to step down as Chair at the next meeting after holding the position for almost ten years. He will remain a community councillor. In light of this, it was agreed the overdue AGM be carried out at the next meeting.

10.0 Next meeting

AGM Zoom meeting to be held on 22nd October 2020 at 7.30pm. Sameeha to send out details in due course.