**Minute of Meeting of Stepps & District Community Council**

**7.30-9.30pm, Monday 16th December 2019**

**Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrews Way**

**Present:** Councillors Ken Maxwell (Chair), Iain MacGregor (Vice Chair), Sameeha Rehman (Secretary), Campbell Provan (Treasurer), Gerard Campbell, Craig Cowan, Tom Forrester, Marvyn Mackay, Alice Morton and Paul Noble

**In attendance;** NLC; Lorraine Kerr, Parents’ Council, Stepps Primary School.

**Public:** 12 persons

**Apologies:** Councillors Ewan Graham and Carol Graham, NLC Cllrs Lynne Anderson and John McLaren, Problem Solving Officer, Police Scotland.

1. **Opening Remarks/Introductions**

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

**2.0 Apologies**

2.1 Apologies were received as noted above

**3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

3.1 Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with no amendments. Proposed by Marvyn Mackay, seconded by Tom Forrester.

**4.0 Community Police**

4.1 Sameeha advised that no report had been received by the Police despite reminding them to send one. Residents reported that there had recently bene police presence at the railway line with reports of young people running on the tracks. It was also reported that police had been seen interviewing locals with incidents of windows on Cumbernauld Rd being hit with BB gun pellets.

**5.0 Immediate Concerns - Stepps Primary School Temporary Move**

5.1 Ken Maxwell advised that a meeting had taken place with Sameeha Rehman, Alice Morton and Paul Noble representing the community council, with representatives of NLC, NLC Leisure and Ward 5 Councillors McLaren and Anderson, to discuss the temporary move of Stepps Primary School. Subsequently, there was a site visit on 9th December to answer further questions with regards to the effect on the local roads and residents. Paul Noble presented a report to the meeting of the most recent updates;

* A monthly progress update will be produced, uploaded to the website and distributed to a range of stakeholders including the community council
* Once the contractors mobilise, the burn beside the pitches will be checked to ensure that there are no obvious above ground obstructions, any that are discovered will be removed)
* Work has been authorised at pitches/changing rooms at St Josephs and NLC are liaising with the local football teams
* The intention is to ensure that the community areas remain operational throughout the defect remediation works however, there is a toilet within the community area adjacent to the library which we are currently discussing with TSNL with regards to the least disruptive way in which to carry out the remedial works in this area
* Further site investigation works are going to take place, to establish the suitability of the ground for vibro piling foundations for the temporary accommodation. We were given reassurance that the vibro rigs would not extend into the playing fields beyond the development area. (works are provisionally programmed for the 12th & 13th of December, NLC will confirm the dates. The drilling equipment will stay within the curtilage of the development area
* The access lane and the car parking area around the pavilion, on completion of the works, would be improved and resurfaced and paved with macadam
* Full site plans and drawings will be available for us to view in January, subject to the information being available at that stage
* Charles McCabe discussed the plans related to capacity issues and advised that the proposal is to provide temporary accommodation to see the school through for the next 5-10yrs until the longer term planning permissions around housing are tested further.  The owners (TSNL) have been tasked with providing the council with plans of how this could be accommodated on the campus with an instruction that the accommodation should be linked to the main building to allow free flow of pupils.

**6.0 Other Matters Arising**

6.1 Planning Applications Update

Ken Maxwell reported that there were no new planning applications in the last month. The change of use of the bank building to a chemist had been approved. The planning application for the dog walking area off of the Crowwood Roundabout has been withdrawn.

No change to report for Whitehill Farm.

The first stage of the planning process for Craigendmuir Farm is underway, with the public consultation events having taken place. Ken submitted arguments on behalf of the community council to make known that we do not believe it is the correct site for housing and will continue to oppose any such plans in future. Alice Morton noted that she has made contact with the community council in Ward 21 and suggested that they should be consulted in this matter due to their proximity to the Dorlin Rd site. It was reported by a resident that a land search of the area was carried out with Land Scotland and they have been unable to determine who specifically owned the land. Ken further reported that Seven Lochs were unaware of the developers plans for the site and had not been consulted formally in any respect.

6.2 Roads, Parking, Flooding and Drainage

Residents reported that there is still flooding on Lenzie Rd, at the left hand side of the lights, as well as flooding on Frankfield Rd. Both issues have been raised with NLC.

The matter of the florist parking on the pavement at the shops on Cumbernauld Rd was also reported to the police but they have said this is not an issue.

6.3 Car wash on Cumbernauld Rd

The car wash has been raised as an issue as there was no planning permission to use the site. NLC have now raised a Section 33(a) notification and are investigating the matter.

6.4 Local Development Plan

The status of the updated plan remains unknown and Ken will contact NLC in January regarding the hold-up on this.

**7.0 Community Council Reports**

7.1 Communications Strategy Team

Craig Cowan gave a report on behalf of the newly formed communications sub-committee of the community council. The team, which also includes Alice Morton, Campbell Provan and Sameeha Rehman, identified that communication channels for the council require to be updated to showcase the achievements of the community council and create a structured way of presenting community news. An action plan has been formed, looking at adapting the current website to expand its uses, increasing the use of social media and ensuring content is relevant to what is desired by local residents.

* 1. Treasurer’s Report

Sameeha read the report on behalf of Ewan Graham.

Bank balance at 16th December 2019 is **£1,147.97** - £83.50 lower than the November balance of **£1,231.47**-  three cheque payments totalling £83.50 were made since the last update. The highest value payments in recent months have been to Community Links Scotland, so far totalling £9,169.20, utilising the £9,810.00 ‘Awards for All’ grant received on 5th April 2019. Total usage of the grant to date is £9,462.20, leaving £347.80 remaining.

Ewan agreed with Campbell Provan at the last SDCC Meeting on 18th November that he will formally hand over full Treasurer duties to Campbell at the January 2020 SDCC Meeting, by which time Campbell should be set up as a cheque signatory.

7.3 Secretary’s Report

Sameeha Rehman reported that NLC had confirmed a representative would be present at the next meeting of the community council in January to answer any queries regarding the temporary move of Stepps Primary School.

**8.0 Date and time of next meeting: Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.30pm in Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrews Way, Blenheim Avenue**