



Thornton Community Council

Draft Minutes of the public meeting held on

07/02/2024 @ 7pm

In Thornton Pensioners Hut

1. Meeting Attendance:

Community Councillors	Dorothy Herd (DH) [Chair], Euan Ross (ER) (Treasurer & Vice Chair), Heather Paterson (HP) (Vice Chair), Jean Laird (Secretary) (JL), Christine Ross (CR), John Laing (JoL), Izzy Anderson (IA), Ray Duncan (RD), Dawn Taylor (DT)
Fife Councillors	Cllr Ross Vettraino
Community Police	Paul McGlashan
Apologies	Cllr Daniel Wilson
Absentees	Dllr Derek Noble

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Held on:	03/01/2024		
Proposed by:	ER	Seconded by:	HP

Review of Actions:

Action no.	Details	Owner	Target date	Completed/ongoing
24.01-01	Update on pavement repairs c/fwd	RV	Ongoing	ongoing
24.01-02	Contact N. Simpson for quote on Perspex notice board	DH	Ongoing	ongoing
24.01-03	Park lights fault	RV	Ongoing	ongoing
24.01-04	Defibrillators	ER	Ongoing	ongoing
24.01-05	Unadopted streetlights	RV	Ongoing	completed
24.01-06	Unadopted road at primary school	RV	Ongoing	ongoing
24.01-07	Print copies of constitution	JL	07/02/2024	completed
24.01-08	Update ER on Hibs and Playgroup events	JoL	07/02/2024	completed

24.01-09	Contact Bowling Club, J. Will (Town Hall) and update Calendar with regular events	ER	07/02/2024	completed
24.01-10	Contact School and Golf Club with request for calendar events	JL	07/02/2024	completed
24.01-11	Christmas lights storage and switch on event arrangements. Plus liaise with TR Band	JL & ER	Ongoing	ongoing
24.01-12	Community Event (June)-progress and set date. Liaise with TR Band and other community organisations.	Lead-DH +all TCC members	Ongoing	ongoing
24.01-13	Hanging baskets/tubs +community gardening. Establish price and progress search for sponsors	JL	Ongoing	ongoing
24.01-14	Tree planting in Memorial Park- complete Fife Council Application form	IA	07/02/2024	ongoing
24.01-15	Meet with DN to canvas his support on DDykes	HP	07/02/2024	completed
24.01-16	Contact Community Police	JL	07/02/2024	completed

3. Fife Councillor's Update:

- There were no updates from Councillors.
- ER raised issue of serious fly tipping at Doubledykes. RV noted this to follow up
- JL mentioned flood at South end of village and litter on verges due to un-netted lorries travelling from Fife Council depot towards Kirkcaldy. RV noted to follow up.
- CR mentioned Station Road flooding
- ER mentioned radar speed sign at South end has an intermittent fault. RV noted for follow up.
- HP mentioned bus stop opposite Fish Hoose is dangerous due to being hit by a bus. RV noted for follow up.
- Two Park lights are out RV noted for follow up.
- Bollard on traffic calming island on Strathore Road is missing. RV noted for follow up.

4. Community Police Update:

- Community Police Officer Paul McGlashan stated that things in Thornton were -not too bad. The dishonesty crimes Station Hotel & Bowling Club are

under investigation. The person responsible is known but not apprehended yet. No major issues with youth disorder. ER raised fire setting in park. No drug issues. Some road traffic incidents. Paul is moving on from this post and Craig will now be our contact.

5. Treasurer's Report

- See Appendix 1.

6. Secretary's Report

- See Appendix 2.

Matters arising from this were:

- Peter Grant and Jenny Gilruth to receive a response stating this solution is unsatisfactory and seeking further support and a more defined commitment from S. Gov. and Fife Council.

7. Planters & Community Growing

- Quote from FIB Horticulture for 2024 to be accepted and invoice paid for 2023.
- D. Macrae to be approached re painting the train and the planter at South End.

8. Community Event

- Date agreed Sat. 29 June.
- HIBS happy to host this event.
- Mark HIBS committee will assist.
- Encourage families to come along. Lets see what is possible.
- Sub committee to be formed.
- Questions- is it a free event?

9. Memorial Park-trees

- IA-Trees £390 for 6 trees.
- IA met groundsman from Fife council 2 groups of 3 to be planted at entrance to park and on tree line.
- Lawrence Adam to pay for one tree.
- Charge for planting £110 per tree (Fife Council).
- Possible discount for 6 trees.
- John Burt (Fife Council) to get back to Izzy.

10. Train Station Renaming -update

- J Gilruth update Rail holding Scotland meeting.
- Process not finalised.
- Possible costs £50000.
- Transport minister will decide.
- JoL Cost- £12000 was previously quoted for Dunfermline.

- Leven to Thornton line change later in the year-may be a lever in this discussion.

11. Mackie's Mill Bridge Update

- HP- FOI not conclusive
- Appears that Fife Council own it
- Various contacts made with Fife council and FCCT
- Ground Maintenance enquiry logged
- HP to continue to follow up.

12. Christmas lights Event

- JL date set Sunday 1st Dec.
- Tullis Russell band contacted-no response as yet.
- Arro lightning to quote for putting lights up next year

13. AOCB

- **Path clearance** -A Donald Has shared info on this and asks that TCC take this forward.
- TCC agreed and will contact A. Donald if any questions arise.
- **Beer delivery lorries at Bowling Club**- DH noted this was unsafe at school entry and exit times. Decision this was a matter for the bowling club and may be a one off.
- **HP Planning training**-this was informative and HP learned of policies that may support Doubledykes campaign.
- **HP attended OU training**-informative training which shows CCs generally seek more funding and engagement with local authorities.
- **RD & DH Doctors appointment line**-agreement that surgery will be written to again regarding inadequate phone system.
- **Ownership of park**-contact Flo re minute book held in pensioner's hut
- **Fife Wide Community Council Meeting** –a meeting will be held on 13th Feb regarding Fife Council support, funding and engagement with Community Councils. Update to follow.

14. Date of next meeting: 6th March 2024

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24.02-7	Fife Wide Community Council Meeting & possible formation of 'area group'	ER		

Appendix 2

Secretary's Report

Planning

Planning applications submitted	
Address	Application summary
Nil	

Planning applications approved	
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Nil	

Planning applications rejected	
Address	Application summary
Nil	

LPP

- Local Place Plan is progressing but still a work in progress.

Double Dykes

- There have been emails from Peter Grant MP & Jenny Gilruth MSP stating that talks with Transport Scotland are positive and that Fiona Hyslop is positive that a solution can be found. Funding is an issue though and it was stated that it could be several years before a bridge is put in place, as funding must be found first. Peter Grant acknowledged TCCs right to take legal action but stressed that this could also take several years.

Active Travel Consultations and Meeting

- TCC have been invited to attend a consultation on 21 Feb and to complete online surveys.

Correspondence from other Fife Community Councils

- A meeting is to be held with other Fife Community Councils to discuss the lack of funding, support and engagement from Fife Council.

Democracy Matters

- Government survey can be completed on this topic

Other general correspondence forwarded to all Community Councillors

- Nothing of relevance to report.