



Thornton Community Council

Draft Minutes of the public meeting held on

03/04/2024 @ 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), Izzy Anderson (IA), Ray Duncan (RD), Dawn Taylor (DT).
Fife Councillors	Cllr Ross Vettrains, Cllr Daniel Wilson.
Community Police	-
Apologies	Community Police & Cllr Derek Noble
Absentees	

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Held on:	06/03/2024		
Proposed by:	ER	Seconded by:	CR

Review of Actions:

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24.01-01	Update on pavement repairs & cleaning c/fwd	RV	Ongoing	Ongoing. RV has followed up on this
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24.01-06	Unadopted road at primary school	RV	Ongoing	ongoing
24.01-11	Christmas lights storage and switch on event arrangements. Plus liaise with TR Band	JL & ER	Ongoing	Lights are now stored. Event and - TR Band aspect ongoing
24.01-12	Community Event (29 June)-progress and set date. Liaise with TR Band and other community organisations. Subcommittee to be formed.	DH	Ongoing	Subcommittee have made progress and various event licenses and other arrangements are a work in progress.
24.01-13	Hanging baskets/tubs +community gardening. Establish price and progress search for sponsors	JL	Ongoing	Price agreed. Sponsor search to follow.
24.01-14	Tree planting in Memorial Park-complete Fife Council Application form	IA	Ongoing	Completed
24.02-1	ER raised issue of serious fly tipping at Doubledykes. RV noted this to follow up	Councillors	Ongoing	Completed
24.02-2	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.	Councillors	Ongoing	Ongoing. Volunteer litter picker has made a superb impact this month.
24.02-3	CR mentioned Station Road flooding	Councillors	Ongoing	Ongoing
24.02-4	ER mentioned radar speed sign at South end has an intermittent fault. RV noted for follow up.	Councillors	Ongoing	Completed
24.02-5	HP mentioned bus stop opposite Fish Hoose is dangerous due to being hit by a bus. RV noted for follow up.	Councillors	Ongoing	Reported again to Fife Council by JL but ongoing
24.02-6	Two Park lights are faulty (inc. car park) RV noted for follow up.	Councillors	Ongoing	Ongoing
24.03-01	Report smashed bus shelter	JL	03/04/2024	Completed
24.03-02	Alert public to rules on waste disposal	JL	03/04/2024	Ongoing

24.03-03	Contact FC re defibrillator siting Flutorum Ave.	DW	03/04/2024	Ongoing
24.03-04	Contact Community Police-re reports	JL	03/04/2024	Completed
24.03-05	Apply for King's Portrait	JL	03/04/2024	Completed
24.03-06	Contact TR band re summer party	JL	03/04/2024	Remove as now DJ and accordionist booked
24.03-07	Contact RoW group to ask for support with DD complaint	JL	03/04/2024	Completed

Other points made

- DW mentioned that the maintenance of parks has been decentralised and he will follow up and report back as to what this means.
- Park paths need attention, red blaze not applied as promised and damage to grass noted from vans accessing the park.
- DW requested the reference number for the report re damaged Bus Stop.

3. Fife Councillor's Update:

- DW advised that under the area roads programme traffic calming measures work is due to start this week.
- DW will investigate silt clearing for under the bridge at the North end of the village.
- JoL asked if any organisation can apply for Covid Recovery grants from the Fife Council Glenrothes Area committee. DW advised this was the case. HP suggested this might be good for Mackie's Mill Bridge repairs.
- DW would like advertising for community event in June to be shared with him so it can be shared further. HP to share poster.

4. Community Police Update:

See Appendix 3.

5. Meeting Venue

- The Community Council meeting venue is to be changed to Thornton Bowling Club. A vote was held to decide this, ER proposed this and JL seconded. This will mean a cost saving and includes free non-alcoholic refreshments. Building is already heated, so this is 'greener' and it may improve attendance from the public.

6. Treasurer's Report

See Appendix 1

7. Secretary's Report

See Appendix 2

The Local Place Plan draft was shared with everyone in attendance and was received positively.

8. Community Event

Mark Bruce has contacted World of Parties for quotes. Mid Balbeggie /Foundation Scotland have been sent an application for funding. ER has made an insurance enquiry, and an entertainment license enquiry to Fife Council. Ice cream is proposed to be free for every ticket holder (one per person). Races and prizes for children are proposed to be held. The Pensioner's Hut will be hired. A skip will be hired to deal with recycling/rubbish. First aiders and community police to be contacted by JL. Next step is for ER to apply for licence and for this to progress details of play equipment to be used needs to come from the supplier. HR shared that numbers and ticketing is under discussion but there will be no more than 500 attendees. Local suppliers were proposed for catering needs and this will be discussed further. A member of the public proposed that the Emergency Services be contacted to see if they can do some community liaison, for example bringing a fire engine and police car to show the public. Advertising TCC on the back of the ticket was also suggested. These were felt to be excellent suggestions and will be followed up.

9. DoubleDykes

On behalf of TCC, HP has raised a complaint against Fife Council regarding Fife Council's role in the Levenmouth Rail Link project. This relates to the current closure of the right of way at DoubleDykes. This complain covers many points including the lack of consultation. HP shared that Fife Council have responded and have denied any reason for the complaint. The complaint will be progressed by HP, who will contact the ombudsman and Fife Council will be challenged on their response.

On behalf of TCC, HP has raised a complaint against Transport Scotland regarding their role in the Levenmouth Rail Project and the resulting closure of the right of way at DoubleDykes. Transport Scotland have disputed TCC's grounds for our complaint. The complaint will be progressed by HP, who will contact the ombudsman if necessary and Transport Scotland will be challenged on their response.

DW shared that he believes political pressure needs to be applied as Cllr Altany Craik and Transport Scotland reported positive talks at the end of 2023 but have provided no further details regarding the issue of DoubleDykes.

10. Memorial Park-trees

Thanks to Community Councillors Izzy Anderson, Dawn Taylor and Heather Paterson for completing the tree planting project. The ornamental flowering cherry trees are in place in Memorial Park and look fantastic. A project well managed and executed.

Rae Duncan has funded the cost of one of the trees in memory of her husband Eddie Duncan. Lawrence Adams has also funded the cost of one of the trees in memory of family members.

11. Train Station Renaming Update

JoL gave an overview of the correspondence he has had with Transport Ministers, MSPs, Network Rail, Scotrail and many more. This correspondence from this lengthy campaign reveals a catalogue of broken promises. However, TCC are assured that MSP Jenny Gilruth is supporting us and the Station Renaming Pilot Process should be available to us by end of April 2024.

12. Mackie's Mill Bridge Update

HP continues investigations with Fife Council and knowledgeable locals regarding responsibility and ownership of this bridge. Ownership is still unclear, but evidence is weighted towards Fife Council being responsible. Glenrothes Area Committee Covid Fund may be an avenue worth exploring to move this project forward.

13. Path Clearance

JL to give this project attention prior to May meeting to suggest next steps and move things forward.

14. AOCB

- Doctor's surgery appointment system failings continue. DH will instigate a complaint personally and TCC will be kept updated.
- ER has developed Microgrant application forms launched.
- Microgrant criteria need to be firmed up. Possible parameters will be discussed at our next meeting. It was agreed that the parameters for the main fund should be adhered to.
- A Safeguarding policy and a Data Protection Policy are to be developed and implemented.
- It was suggested that a proportion of the Lightsource solar farm grant of £3000 be shared and allocated to other official community groups in the village. This will be discussed further.
- HP to share DoubleDykes story with the Scottish Federation of community Councils Publication.

15. Date of next meeting: 1st May 2024

16. Microgrant

A microgrant application was discussed in a closed session and this was awarded.

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24.04-1	Contact Fife Council for further details and impact of Parks decentralisation	DW	01/05/2024	
24.04-2	Sare reporting number for damaged bus stop with DW	JL	01/05/2024	
24.04-3	Follow up on silt clearing from Lochty Burn	DW	01/05/2024	
24.04-5	Share Party in park poster with DW	HP	01/05/2024	
24.04-6	Follow up on path clearance next steps	JL	01/05/2024	
24.04-7	Update on Doctor's appointment system complaint	DH	01/05/2024	
24.04-8	DoubleDykes story to be shared with SFCC	HP	01/05/2024	

Appendix 1 Treasurer's Report

Thornton Community Council
Summary accounts to 31/03/2024

FPO = Faster Payment Out
FPI = Faster Payment In
INT = Interest

	Value	Chq. No.	Payee
Opening bank balance	£15,472.32		
Payments			
	18-Mar -£376.69	FPO	Izzy Anderson - Trees for Memorial Park
	18-Mar -£0.08	FPO	Arro Lighting - Balancing payment
	30-Mar -£1,100.00	FPO	Fife Council - Xmas lights
Credits			
	29-Feb £20.98	INT	32-day notice account
	11-Mar £5.37	INT	Instant saver account
	31-Mar £20.29	INT	32-day notice account
Closing bank balance	£14,042.19		
Pending transactions	Nil		
Reserved funds			
	-£4,070.64		Foundation Scotland (Microgrant fund)
	-£411.50		Foundation Scotland (Xmas lights remaining funds)
	-£900.00		Foundation Scotland (1st aid training)
	-£235.00		Simpson's Smiddy (Station Road notice board)
	-£500.00		Thornton Community Food Support (pending Microgrant)
	-£1,492.20		Green Fingers funding
Total committed funds	-£7,609.34		
Petty cash balance	£12.19		
TOTAL UNRESERVED FUNDS	£6,445.04		

NOTES:

2023-24 accounts submitted to FVA for audit
Grant application submitted to FS for Party in the Park

Appendix 2

Secretary's Report 03042024

Planning

Planning applications submitted	
Address	Application summary
Address: Eastlea 39 Strathore Road Strathore Thornton Kirkcaldy Fife KY1 4DY	New applications on 2024-03-07 Application reference: 23/02084/NMV1 Proposal: Single storey extension to front of dwellinghouse (Non Material Variation for change to external cladding from dry dash roughcast to Cedral horizontal cladding to 23/02084/FULL)
Address: Wester Strathore Bungalow Strathore Road Strathore Thornton Kirkcaldy Fife KY1 4DG	New applications on 2024-03-30 Community Council: Thornton Application reference: 24/00601/FULL Proposal: Change of use from agricultural land to private garden ground and siting of ancillary residential accommodation (Retrospective)

Planning applications approved	
Address	Application summary
Nil	

Planning applications rejected	
Address	Application summary
Nil	

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LPP

- Local Place Plan -statutory consultation draft ready for TCC approval.
- Seek feedback
- Attend Milton & Coaltown of Balgonie
- Contact all statutory consultees
- Paper copies deposited in key place?
- Canvas feedback and support of our elected members.

Double Dykes

- Network Rail request to attend our meeting on 1st May. How do we wish to respond?

Correspondence from other Fife Community Councils

- Second meeting to be held 9 April 2024.

Path Clearance

- Various correspondence. This needs to be a focus and be concluded.

Other general correspondence forwarded to all Community Councillors

- National Lottery Survey- Grant 1994-2018. Does anyone have awareness of this?
- Markinch heritage Society- do we want to display posters in Community Notice Board?
- SEPA Flood Survey- complete by 24 June.
- Community Speedwatch volunteers. Do we seek volunteers again?
- Annual Grant must be claimed by 31 Dec 24
- King's portrait appears to be unobtainable.

Appendix 3 Community Police Report



Ward/ Community Council

Thornton Community Council

Report prepared by

PC's Craig McGowan and Bryan Campbell

Antisocial Behaviour

There have not been many reports of youth disorder in the area.

There have been two reports of crimes of violence resulting in one person being reported to the PF.

There have been two reported incidents involving vehicles being on fire. These are not considered to be related and enquiries are ongoing.

Road Safety

Two persons have been reported to the PF for road traffic offences.

Speed of vehicles continues to be an ongoing issue through the village. Officers are in contact with Fife Council transport department regarding any future plans and initiatives to combat the issue.

Discussions are ongoing regarding the set up of a community speed watch initiative.

Acquisitive Crime

There has been one report of theft from a local business. Enquiries are still ongoing to identify those responsible.

Opportunists continue to try handles of doors on cars and properties during the hours of darkness across Glenrothes. Continued vigilance is required regarding the locking of doors to properties, vehicles and out buildings.

Substance Misuse

No persons have been reported regarding controlled substances.

Officers continue to build and gather intelligence regarding the sale of controlled substances in the local area.

Overall Summary

Overall reported crimes and incidents have been low in the Thornton area.

Kind regards

Craig

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