



Thornton Community Council

Draft Minutes of the public meeting held on

05/08/2024 @ 7pm

In Thornton Bowling Club

1. Meeting Attendance:

Community Councillors	Euan Ross (ER) (Treasurer & Chair), Heather Paterson (HP) (Vice Chair), Jean Laird (Secretary) (JL), John Laing (JoL), Christine Ross (CR), Izzy Anderson (IA), Ray Duncan (RD), Sal Henderson (SH).
Fife Councillors	Cllr Ross Vettraino, Cllr Derek Noble
Community Police	
Apologies	Community Police, Dawn Taylor (DT), Cllr Daniel Wilson
Absentees	

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Held on:	01072024		
Proposed by:	RD	Seconded by:	JoL

3. Review of Actions:

Action no.	Details	Owner	Target date	Details
24.01-03	Park lights fault	RV	Ongoing	Ongoing
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	Ongoing
24.02-2	JL mentioned flood at South end of village and litter on verges	Councillors	Ongoing	Ongoing. Flood sign remains in place.

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24.03-2	Alert public to rules on waste disposal	JL	03/04/2024	Ongoing
24.04-3	Follow up on silt clearing from Lochty Burn	DW	01/05/2024	Ongoing SEPA Contacted & Fife Council RV. Concerns re Westfield plans raised.
24.04-6	Follow up on path clearance next steps	JL	01/05/2024	Ongoing
24.04-7	Update on Doctor's appointment system complaint	RD	01/05/2024	Ongoing RD to take over.
24.04-8	DoubleDykes story to be shared with SFCC	HP	01/05/2024	Ongoing
24.05-1	Pursue Speed watch joint initiative with Milton & Coaltown of Balgonie CC	ER	03/06/2024	One Thornton resident now trained. ER to advertise further.
24.07-1	Attend to pavement accessibility due to overgrown vegetation at Chewton Road, Ford Crescent and Park Place	DW & RV	05/08/2024	Ongoing
24.07-2	Danger presented by a large open drain on Strathore Road. Investigation and action required.	DW & RV	05/08/2024	Ongoing
24.07-3	GAC-question to be formulated and asked regarding closure of DDykes crossing and ongoing talks.	DW	05/08/2024	Ongoing

24.07-4	Contact Community Police	JL	05/08/2024	Completed
24.07-5	LPP to be altered and this communicated to Fife Council	JL	05/08/2024	Completed
24.07-6	Planter to be altered and base improved-speak to Peter Duncan	JL	05/08/2024	Ongoing
24.07-7	Station Renaming form to be submitted	JoL	05/08/2024	Ongoing

4. Fife Councillor's Update:

People from the local community are very concerned, angry and upset about anti-social behaviour, including drug taking, drug dealing, threatening behaviour, visible carrying of weapons, vandalism and theft. Members of the public asserted that Fife Council tenants are involved in these criminal and antisocial behaviours. The streets they mentioned as affected worst are Brown Crescent and Donald Crescent. We will request that someone from Safer Communities and Community Police attends the next Thornton Community Council meeting to address the community's concerns. People are frightened and angry and asserted to us that they have reported incidents to various authorities. Our Ward Councillors pledged to be in contact with Police Scotland and Safer Communities and Fife Council Housing.

HP raised that gardeners from the Fife Council team are seen around Fife but not in Thornton. Derek Noble to follow up.

ER raised the absence of chute after it was vandalised DN agreed to follow up.

5. Treasurer's Report

See Appendix 1.

6. Community Police Update:

Not available

7. Secretary's Report

See Appendix 2.

8. Defibrillator

It was agreed to use Community Council funds to replace town hall defibrillator at a cost of around £1000. The Bowling Club will raise funds to replace their defibrillator.

9. Fife Community Councils –no update-minutes ER to complete survey.

10. Flood pods and flooding JL to contact Cllr Daniel Wilson to ask for support with this. HP raised other issues regarding flooding relating to the Lochty Burn and referred to properties on Main Street.

11. AOCB

- Gordon McLay expressed an interest in joining us as a Community Councillor this interest is warmly welcomed. JL to send on appropriate forms to Gordon.
- Clear and Clean to clean park gates and adjacent areas HP to arrange.
- JL to contact GP Practice manager to ask them to attend our next meeting re various concerns around their appointment system.
- Tree planting -IA to meet with Fife Council representative at sites of proposed planting and to arrange to replace the broken trees at the North End of the village.
- Date of next meeting: 2/9/24

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24.08-1	Contact Police and Fife Council regarding anti-social behaviour and criminality	JL, DN & RV	02/09/2024	
24.08-2	Park Gardens ask for support from Fife Council Gardeners	DN	02/09/2024	
24.08-3	Tree planting	IA	01/10/2024	
24.08-4	Flooding -contact DW to ask for support	JL	02/09/2024	

24.08-5	Contact GP Practice Manager	JL	02/09/2024	
24.08-6	Liaise with Clean & Clear re park gate area	HP	02/09/2024	

Appendix 1

Treasurer's Report

Thornton Community Council Summary accounts to 31/07/2024

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

	Value	Chq. No.	Payee
Opening bank balance	£17,739.57		
Payments	-£300.00	FPO	Mr. Softy Fife (PitP)
	-£39.60	FPO	Lady Haig's Poppy Factory
	-£80.00	FPO	Accordian Player (PitP)
	-£25.00	FPO	Flowers for Dorothy Herd
	-£29.90	FPO	Winner hats (PitP)
	-£46.63	FPO	Megaphone (PitP)
	-£250.00	FPO	Individual Microgrant
	-£500.00	FPO	Microgrant to Thornton Hibs
	-£420.00	FPO	Microgrant to Thornton Under 5's
	-£75.00	FPO	Smithy's Crafty Creations (PitP)
Credits	£710.36	FPI	Fife Council (community council grant)
	£7.67	INT	Interest
Closing bank balance	<u>£16,691.47</u>		
Opening petty cash balance	£0.00		
Payments	£0.00		
Credits			
Closing petty cash balance	<u>£0.00</u>		
Pending transactions	Nil		
Reserved funds	-£2,800.64		Foundation Scotland (Microgrant fund)
	-£411.50		Foundation Scotland (Xmas lights remaining funds)
	-£900.00		Foundation Scotland (1st aid training)
	-£1,492.20		Green Fingers funding
	-£567.20		Foundation Scotland (PitP Funding)
Total committed funds	<u>-£6,171.54</u>		
			NOTES:
			Total PitP expenditure £3,002.80
			Grant for Xmas lights to be applied for
TOTAL UNRESERVED FUNDS	£10,519.93		

Appendix 2

Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report 05082024

Planning

Planning applications submitted	
Address	Application summary
Land to the South of Riverside	Planning permission in principle for the erection of 5 dwelling houses and associated access (renewal of planning permission in principle)
Thornton	
Scrap A Car Scotland Strathore Road Strathore Thornton Kirkcaldy Fife KY1 4DF	Formation of new access and associated works.

Planning applications approved	
Address	Application summary
Nil	

Planning applications rejected	
Address	Application summary
Nil	

LPP

- Now registered with Fife Council. This means we should be authentically involved in planning decisions affecting our community.

Double Dykes

- Complaints ongoing

Mackies Mill Bridge

- Surveyor's report to follow as survey now complete.

Road Closure

Temporary Road Closure Lochtyview Way, Thornton

WHERE? Thornton, Lochtyview Way – From jct. Corthan Court to jct. Kinellar Place. The alternative route for vehicular traffic is via Corthan Court. Access for emergency services and pedestrians will be maintained.

WHEN? From 09:00hrs on 23/08/24 to Midnight on 24/08/24, or until earlier completion of the works.

WHY? To allow ironwork repairs to be carried out in safety.

WHO? Contraflow Ltd. is responsible for these works and can be contacted on the telephone number below:- Contact Telephone No. 01236 862400

Correspondence regarding Fife Community Councils

- Survey ER to complete? ER also to outline update

Lochty Burn

- Fife Council aware of potential flood risk due to silting up at Thornton. SEPA cannot monitor volumes of water released only water quality.

Other general correspondence

- Interest expressed in becoming a Community Councillor from Susan Vines.
- Newsletter from Fife Climate Action
- Greener Kirkcaldy invite us to be involved in a fruit tree for every garden project in autumn. More information to follow.
- Email Scott McGibbon re drug misuse and antisocial behaviour
- Email from Community Police re contact around drug issues and anti-social behaviour- Regarding members of the community attending due to concerns over criminal and suspicious activities, re you able to provide a little more information on this? When I look at calls received for the Thornton area the volume is very low and there appears to be no patterns or significant incidents over the last couple of months.
- Boar Hills CC wish us to comment on planning issue?
- Various newsletters and professional learning opportunities (CC members interested should raise this with Secretary)
- A92 works Location 1 - From Sunday 14th July to Thursday 1st August, work will take place on the A92 overbridge near Cardenden.

Location 2 - From Sunday 14th July to Thursday 15th August, work will also take place between the off and on slips at the A92 Chapel Junction at Kirkcaldy.

Traffic Management

Work to upgrade the barrier restraint system on both sections will take place overnight from Sunday to Thursday each week between 7.30pm and 6.30am

- Brian Gould-Thornton Parish Church-kindly agreed to display flowers
- Cleaning of public areas- many thanks to Clear & Clean for an excellent job!