



**Thornton Community Council**

**Minutes of the public meeting held on**

**4.11.24 @ 7pm**

**Thornton Bowling Club**

**1. Meeting Attendance:**

<b>Community Councillors</b>	Jean Laird (Secretary) (JL), Euan Ross (Chair/Treasurer) (ER), Christine Ross (CR), Izzy Anderson (IA), Ray Duncan (RD), Sal Henderson (SH). Gordon Mclay (GM) Christine Ross ( CR) Dawn Taylor (DT)
<b>Fife Councillors</b>	Cllr Derek Noble, Cllr Daniel Wilson, Cllr Ross Vetriano
<b>Community Police</b>	Apologies
<b>Safer Communities</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
<b>Apologies</b>	John Laing (JoL), Rae Duncan & Dawn Taylor

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

<b>Held on:</b>	7/10/24		
<b>Proposed by:</b>	GM	<b>Seconded by:</b>	SH

**2:1 Review of Actions:**

<b>Action no.</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Target date</b>	<b>Details</b>
24.01-03	Park lights fault	RV	Ongoing	Ongoing No update

24.01-06	Unadopted road at primary school	RV	Ongoing	Ongoing Noted that FC was carrying out repair work
24.01-11	Christmas lights storage and switch on event arrangements. Plus liaise with TR Band	JL & ER	Ongoing	Ongoing
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24.02-6	Two Park lights are faulty (inc. car park) RV noted for follow up.	Councillors	Ongoing	Ongoing
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
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 -EU	01/05/2024	Ongoing
24.05-1	Pursue Speed watch joint initiative with Milton & Coaltown of Balgonie CC	ER	03/06/2024	Ongoing Action to get contact regarding ceased 31.9.24
24.07-1	Attend to pavement accessibility due to	DW & RV	05/08/2024	Ongoing Bushes cut back

	overgrown vegetation at Chewton Road, Ford Crescent and Park Place			
24.07-2	Danger presented by a large open drain on Strathore Road. Investigation and action required.	DW & RV	05/08/2024	Ongoing Action to write to Scottish Water
24.07-3	GAC-question to be formulated and asked regarding closure of DDykes crossing and ongoing talks.	DW	05/08/2024	Ongoing-future invite for Transport Lead FC
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 and petition started.	JoL & ER	05/08/2024	Ongoing
24.08-1	Contact Police and Fife Council regarding anti-social behaviour and criminality	JL, DN & RV	02/09/2024	Contacted but ongoing issues
24.08-2	Park Gardens ask for support from Fife Council Gardeners	DN	02/09/2024	Ongoing
24.08-3	Tree planting	IA	01/10/2024	Ongoing
24.08-4	Flooding -contact DW to ask for support	JL	02/09/2024	Officer to attend next meeting
24.08-5	Contact GP Practice Manager	JL	02/09/2024	Er in correspondence
24.08-6	Liaise with Clean & Clear re park gate area	HP	02/09/2024	Ongoing
24.09-2	Planter at end of Donald Crescent / Beech Avenue. To be removed	RD-JL		Ongoing
24.09-2	Team training opportunity Community Councillors	JL- EU	28.10.24	Completed

24.10-7	TCC purchase merchandise to generate more interest of TCC	JL		Completed
24.10-7	Possible action to arrange litter picking at Thornton Park and surrounding area	Check for interest from TCC members		Ongoing

<b>Topic</b>	
Treasurer's Report	See Appendix 1
Secretary's report	See Appendix 2
Remembrance Sunday	Arrangements in place. Minister will lead service, bugler is booked and Public Hall booked. Teas and coffees are in hand.
Food Hygiene Training	Jean, Sal, Christine and Izzy to complete.
Christmas Lights Event	TR Band will attend. Merchandise to be gifted has arrived. JL to purchase food and some decorations.
Primary School Links	JL will attend primary school on 14 Nov to distribute competition and Christmas gifts for children. Will also distribute invites to Christmas lights celebration.
Tree Planting	IA has found contact challenging and not getting date for planting large trees IA to fwd email contact to JL
Train Station Renaming	No update
Mackies Mill Bridge	Awaiting Quote
Flooding	DW shared that Fife Council refusing flood pod for Thornton as they need data. FC Officer asked to attend next meeting of TCC.

Community Police and Safer Communities Update (including anti-social behaviour update)	Not in attendance. See updates/reports in Secretary's report.
Anti-social behaviour update	Councilors to speak with Safer communities. We are to ask people to email their councilors.
Fife Councillor's Update	DDykes transportation spokesperson invited to attend TCC by DW. However, may need to set up separate meeting.
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SH to be added as bank account signatory</li> <li>• JL to send map of paths to ER</li> <li>• ER to contact Stagecoach re busses being cancelled and re service to Edinburgh from Thornton.</li> <li>• Jl to fwd RSoc Edinburgh Email to Coaltown CC.</li> </ul>

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24.11-01	Food Hygiene and allergy training to be completed	JL, SH, CR & IA	09/12/24	
24.11-02	Events -JL to purchase food & decorations	JL	09/12/24	
24.11-03	Tree planting contact to be shared with JL	IA	09/12/24	

24.11-04	Flood pod-FC Officer to be invited to attend TCC meeting	DW	09/12/24	
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# Appendix 1

## Treasurer's Report

### Thornton Community Council Summary accounts to 23/09/2024

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

	Value	Chq. No.	Payee
Opening bank balance	£13,297.84		
Payments	-£75.00	FPO	Fife Voluntary Action (Accounts audit)
	-£45.00	FPO	Thornton Town Hall (Remembrance Day)
	-£90.00	FPO	Thornton Bowling Club (Meeting Hire)
	-£48.00	FPO	Geosphere Ltd (Online mapping)
Credits	£4.85	INT	
	£2,804.40	FPI	Foundation Scotland (Xmas lights 2024)
<b>Closing bank balance</b>	<b>£15,849.09</b>		
Opening petty cash balance	£0.00		
Payments	£0.00		
Credits			
<b>Closing petty cash balance</b>	<b>£0.00</b>		
Pending transactions	Nil		
Reserved funds	-£2,800.64		Foundation Scotland (Microgrant fund)
	-£1,482.20		Green Fingers funding
	-£2,804.40		Xmas lights
<b>Total committed funds</b>	<b>-£7,087.24</b>		
			NOTES: 3-year award for Xmas lights granted from FS Funding for path clearing approved
<b>TOTAL UNRESERVED FUNDS</b>	<b>£8,751.85</b>		

## Secretary's Report

### Planning NIL

Planning applications submitted	
Address	Application summary
NIL	

Planning applications approved	
Address	Application summary
Nil	

Planning applications rejected	
Address	Application summary
Nil	

### Correspondence

Remembrance Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minister and Tullis Russell Bugler to attend.</li><li>• Teas in hall and teapots and urns available</li></ul>
Food Hygiene Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invoice generated and logins to follow High Speed Training</li></ul>
Christmas Lights Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Merchandise purchased</li><li>• Tullis Russel Band to play</li></ul>
Primary School Links <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secretary visited school this week</li><li>• Sal &amp; Jean to join Friends of Thornton</li><li>• Jean to present gifts and light switch on competition forms at assembly 14 Nov.</li><li>• John to arrange further links with Thornton Hibs</li><li>• Volunteers sought for travel Plan liaison and reading project</li></ul>
Tree Planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stakes and ties purchased</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Izzy will update</li> </ul>
<p>Train Station Renaming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application resubmitted and awaiting response</li> </ul>
<p>Mackies Mill Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engineering firm to supply a quote for repair/replacement.Road Closure</li> </ul>
<p>Flooding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both bridges in the village dredged</li> <li>• Progress with Flood Pods?</li> </ul>
<p>Microgrants-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One application not within the parameters so applicant was signposted elsewhere.</li> </ul>
<p>West and central Planning Committee Papers shared</p>
<p>Path Clearance</p> <p>More from Alex Donald who is following up with Amey re A92 paths. Local paths GM gardens not responding so Secretary has sought other contacts for quotes/ work. Deadline 14/11 fast approaching.</p>
<p>Fife Council</p> <p>Seek ideas for Fife Development Plan</p>
<p>Generating Opportunity</p> <p>Warm sleep project-request to share info</p>
<p>Richard Baker MP</p> <p>Interest in attending our meeting</p>
<p>Chris Mieztis Fife Council &amp; Gosia Kolomanska University of Stirling</p> <p>Interest in attending TCC meeting</p>
<p>Les &amp; senga Milne</p> <p>Report anti social behaviour in Memorial Park</p> <p>Good evening, Bryan, over the past few weeks there has been a spate of glass bottles being broken on the path leading from the main gate to the exit opposite the bowling club, this morning while walking my dog he was in the grass at the side of the path and cut his paw badly, the neck of a bottle had deliberately been pushed into the ground with the broken end barely showing but out enough to do damage, I cleared up the large pieces and disposed of them in the skip, After talking to our nephews daughter she explained that a small group of female teenagers aged 13 to 14 are travelling from the Coaltown of Balgonie to meet other females Friday and Saturday evenings and drinking alcohol in the play area and the pagoda shelter next to the basketball court and it is these girls that are smashing the bottles, not wanting to spoil others enjoying the park there is football for under 11s and other junior ages every weekend and I hope that nobody falls and gets seriously hurt on broken glass, can you have a look into this on behalf of the community.</p>
<p>Brian from Community Councils Scotland</p> <p>We would be happy to arrange a visit to chat with community councils to see and hear about their projects and work with them to develop case studies for publication on the Community Councils Scotland website.</p>
<p>Euan Ross (chair)</p>

Following up with specific examples of failing with Medical practice appointment and contact system.

Sal Henderson shared

*Karen Brown and Norma Aitkin are Fifers For The Community. they were here at my office to sign vulnerable tenants up with SP Energy Networks, that they will get extra support during a power cut, this would be, blankets, food , generators if the tenant was on oxygen or if they had a hospital bed. THEY ARE NOT CHANGING ENERGY SUPPLIERS, it does not matter who their supplier is they will benefit from extra support during a power cut.*

*Karen and norma cover all fife, here are their email addresses and phone numbers*

*[Karen.brown1503@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.brown1503@gmail.com) 07736978754*

*[Normaaitkin2018@gmail.com](mailto:Normaaitkin2018@gmail.com) 07706970273*

Fife Council shared -

Complimentary conference places at Mackay Hannah events

Fife Council survey on Resillience issues-do we complete? Who wants to volunteer.

Thornton Primary School

Cashpot for schools letter-to be shared.

The [Royal Society of Edinburgh](#) with the generous support of the [Williamson Trust](#) reopened a fund aimed at supporting community-led research projects focused on climate, nature, and food for a healthier planet and healthier people.

### **Safer Communities report-**

Safer Communities Officers deal with low level anti-social behaviour, just now we have no youth disorder public space complaints for Thornton.

Our Investigation Officers deal with private space complaints (tenancies) because of GDPR I am restricted in what I can disclose.

I can say that my Officers are currently monitoring areas and addresses of specific concern in the Thornton area, we would encourage members of the public to continue to report any instances of anti-social behaviour either to Police Scotland or/and Fife Council.

Brian Westwater

Lead Officer- Safer Communities Officers.

Halbeath Depot

## **Community Police Report**

### **THORNTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT 20/08/2024**

#### **Report prepared by**

PC Craig McGowan

#### **Antisocial Behaviour**

##### **BROWN CRESCENT**

At the last community council meeting several residents were in attendance regarding anti-social behaviour in the Brown Crescent area of Thornton.

Back in July 2024, there have been 8 recorded crimes in Brown Crescent, this has resulted in 7 being detected and several persons being reported to the Procurator Fiscal regarding these incidents.

Since the last community council meeting, PC's McGowan and Campbell have carried out hi visibility patrols of the area to deter and prevent any anti-social behaviour. Officers have also contacted several concerned residents of the area regarding the recent incidents to gain intelligence and offer reassurance. The last month has seen a marked reduction in calls to the area and there has been no recorded crimes in the area since the last meeting.

Officers continue to patrol the area and any information regarding anti-social behaviour or activity relating to the use and or sale of controlled substances is welcomed by officers.

Police are working closely with Fife Council Housing and safer communities to ensure the safety and well-being of residents and the community. This allowed two properties in the area to be secured to prevent persons frequenting them.

##### **YOUTH DISORDER**

Police are not aware of any specific areas within the area involving large gatherings of youths. Officers are keen to hear if there are any areas that residents feel are an issue.

## **Road Safety**

There have been no significant road traffic offences reported in the area.

Speeding vehicles in areas will continue to be monitored, officers will continue to deploy with the speed gun in areas led by intel to deter and detect road traffic offences.

Police are currently liaising with Coaltown Community Council and residents of Thornton to add areas in Thornton the Coaltown Community Speed Watch Program. This is hoped to be finalised soon.

## **OFF ROAD VEHICLES**

Off road vehicles including trail bikes and electric motorbikes continue to be an issue across Glenrothes. PC's McGowan and Campbell are gathering intel regarding any incidents involving off road vehicles and all offenders are dealt with robustly. Recently PC Campbell reported a male to the Procurator Fiscal, which resulted in two off road vehicles being seized, 6 penalty points and a £400 fine for the offender.

## **Acquisitive Crime**

Shopliftings within the area continue to be reported, local officers continually make efforts to identify repeat offenders and report them to the Procurator Fiscal.

There have been isolated thefts of items from outbuildings and continued vigilance is encouraged regarding the locking and securing of outbuildings and vehicles.

Opportunists continue to try car doors and property doors with the intention of stealing items, one such person was recently apprehended in the Thornton area in the early hours

of the morning. The male was held in custody and appeared at court regarding this incident the following morning.

### **Substance Misuse**

#### INTELLIGENCE

Officers continue to act on intelligence received regarding controlled substances within the area.

Several enquiries are currently ongoing regarding this.