



Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the public meeting held on

9.12.24 @ 7pm

Thornton Bowling Club

1. Meeting Attendance:

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

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Held on:	4/11/24		
Proposed by:	GM	Seconded by:	CR

2:1 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	Complete	
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	Litter addressed ongoing and FC officer attended 09122024 re flooding.
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	Complete
24.04-3	Follow up on silt clearing from Lochty Burn	DW	01/05/2024	Complete
24.04-6	Follow up on path clearance next steps	JL	01/05/2024	ER to pursue quote in correct format

24.04-7	Update on Doctor's appointment system complaint	RD -EU	01/05/2024	ER awaiting further response
24.05-1	Pursue Speed watch joint initiative with	ER	03/06/2024	Fife Community Council &

	Milton & Coaltown of Balgonie CC			Giffordtown CC liaison
24.07-1	Attend to pavement accessibility due to overgrown vegetation at Chewton Road, Ford Crescent and Park Place	DW & RV	05/08/2024	Complete
24.07-2	Danger presented by a large open drain on Strathore Road. Investigation and action required.	DW & RV	05/08/2024	Roads and transportation to follow up
24.07-3	GAC-question to be formulated and asked regarding closure of DDykes crossing and ongoing talks.	DW	05/08/2024	To be pursued in 2025
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	Complete
24.08-1	Contact Police and Fife Council regarding anti-social behaviour and criminality	JL, DN & RV	02/09/2024	Complete
24.08-2	Park Gardens ask for support from Fife Council Gardeners	DN	02/09/2024	DN to report back
24.08-3	Tree planting	IA	01/10/2024	
24.08-4	Flooding -contact DW to ask for support	JL	02/09/2024	Complete
24.08-5	Contact GP Practice Manager	JL	02/09/2024	Complete
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	09/12/24	Complete -not overturned
24.10-7	Possible action to arrange litter picking at Thornton Park and surrounding area	Check for interest from TCC members	09/12/24	Complete-no take up
24.11-01	Food Hygiene and allergy training to be completed	JL, SH, CR & IA	09/12/24	JL & SH completed- IA & CR ongoing
24.11-02	Events -JL to purchase food & decorations	JL	09/12/24	Complete
24.11-03	Tree planting contact to be shared with JL	IA	09/12/24	Complete
24.11-04	Flood pod-FC Officer to be invited to attend TCC meeting	DW	09/12/24	Complete
24.11-05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH to be added as bank account signatory 	ER	09/12/24	Ongoing
24.11-06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL to send map of paths to ER 	JL	09/12/24	Complete
24.11-07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ER to contact Stagecoach re busses being cancelled and re service to Edinburgh from Thornton. 	ER	09/12/24	Ongoing
24.11-08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JI to fwd RSoc Edinburgh Email to Coaltown CC. 	JL	09/12/24	Complete

Topic	
Treasurer's Report	See Appendix 1
Secretary's report	See Appendix 2
Christmas Lights Event	A successful well attended switch on was held. In 2025 there will be more liaison with TRMB and the Public Hall will be used for a joint event. 100 further @Thornton Mugs' to be purchased for fundraising purposes ER to pursue purchase and distribution.
Primary School Links	JL & SH to attend Friends of Thornton Primary School meeting in January. JL attended the November assembly and handed out gifts and invitations for Christmas Lights Switch on. JL to collect Christmas light competition entry forms before Christmas break.
Tree Planting	IA shared that most trees are now planted, but some larger trees remain unplanted. H Paterson has kindly offered to plant these trees on her land as they will have more chance of growing successfully if they are planted this winter. There was unanimous agreement for this.
Train Station Renaming	JoL shared that there was no response as yet to new application with letters of support and petition.
Mackies Mill Bridge	JL shared quote. It was agreed to pursue this with RV at the next meeting.
Flooding	Bill Liddell from Fife Council attended and shared that he felt Thornton was not best suited to Flood Pods and that there was not data to support installation of flood pods. He shared that it was better to tackle the issues or problems causing the flooding. This is

	<p>to be discussed further as JL felt that Thornton should have the flooding issues tackled and have the benefit of Flood Pods for emergency situations. Bill offered sandbags to residents who feel they would like a stock for emergencies.</p>
<p>Community Police and Safer Communities Update (including anti-social behaviour update)</p>	<p>Police Report-see Appendix 3 Safer communities-Amanda Maxwell from Fife Council attended and shared that any issues in the park might be picked up by daytime patrols. Glass or other dangerous litter will be removed by Safer communities Officers if they come across it. Amanda also shared that antisocial and other issues in Thornton will continue to be monitored but people must report everything they can. She outlined the use of the Crime Stoppers website, 101 and Fife council online forms. ER mentioned theft in the shops that is not being reported. JL outlined issues with off road bikes and scooters-particularly on Sundays. DW shared that the GAC has a good relationship with the Police and that Amanda and other Safer Communities Officers should share any issues with the Councillors if they need support with their relationship with the Police.</p>
<p>Fife Councillor's Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Full Council meeting will be online as usual. DW attended Switch on event. DW also advised and supported residents from Lochty View who had attended TCC meeting- re flooding concerns.

AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Party in the park date is 7/6/24 • Baskets and planters to be arranged by JL with FIB Horticulture and business sponsorship pursued in the New Year. • £50 donation was given to TRMB for supporting our Christmas lights switch on. • Pictures are sought of Coaltown of Balgonie for their monthly Calendar-email secretary CMCC.
Microgrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Microgrants approved

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24.12-01	JL to arrange baskets and planters for 2025 with FIB Horticulture	JL	03/02/2024	

Appendix 1

Thornton Community Council Summary accounts to 09/12/2024

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

	Value	Chq. No.	Payee
Opening bank balance	£15,849.09		
Payments			
	-£46.92	FPO	Jean Laird (Tree supports)
	-£1,204.77	FPO	Jean Laird (TCC branded merchandise)
	-£33.40	FPO	Izzy Anderson (Tree supports)
	-£216.00	FPO	High Speed Training (Food hygiene training for 4 members)
	-£404.40	FPO	Arro Lighting (Xmas tree lights - advance payment)
	-£21.24	FPO	Milk jugs
	-£20.00	FPO	TRMB (Donation for bugler)
	-£88.82	FPO	Jean Laird (Stephen's cakes)
	-£48.97	FPO	Jean Laird (Xmas light switch on sundries)
	-£28.69	FPO	Euan Ross (Extra cakes)
	-£4.99	FPO	Euan Ross (Timer for Xmas tree)
Credits	£4.42	INT	Interest
Closing bank balance	£13,735.31		
Opening petty cash balance	£0.00		
Payments	£0.00		
Credits			
Closing petty cash balance	£0.00		
Pending transactions	Nil		
Reserved funds			
	-£2,800.64		Foundation Scotland (Microgrant fund)
	-£1,492.20		Green Fingers funding
	-£2,400.00		Xmas lights
Total committed funds	-£6,692.84		NOTES:
TOTAL UNRESERVED FUNDS	£7,042.47		

Appendix 2

Secretary's Report 09122024

Planning

Planning applications submitted	
Address	Application summary
Nil	Nil

Planning applications approved	
Address	Application summary
Nil	

Planning applications rejected	
Address	Application summary
Nil	

- Food Hygiene Training- Four courses for food hygiene and allergy training purchased. Jean and Sal have completed their courses.

Primary School

- JL visited the school to distribute Christmas gifts for each child and shared competition to design Christmas lights. Invitations to the Christmas light switch on were also shared.

Christmas Lights

- A successful free event was held with a huge turnout and all free food and mugs were distributed/used up. Our Councillor Daniel Wilson attended and our MSP Jenny Gilruth.

Correspondence regarding Fife Community Councils

- ER to outline update

Path Clearance

- A quote is required to progress this

Mackies Mill Bridge

- Quote from Beaver Bridges of more than £50 000 to replace the bridge. This is for a bridge that would last for approximately 100 years.

Other general correspondence

- Shared Lives Fife -presentation
- Research questions shared for University of Stirling
- West and Central Planning Committee Report was shared
- White Ribbon Pledge
- Reclaim the night event
- Friends of Thornton Primary School next meeting 22/1/2024
- Requested invoice for hanging baskets

Appendix 3



THORNTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT 02/12/2024

Report prepared by

PC Craig McGowan

Antisocial Behaviour

In general, the calls regarding anti-social behaviour and criminality in the Thronton area over the past month have been low with no significant incidents being recorded by police.

YOUTH DISORDER

PC's McGowan and Campbell have received reports regarding youths gathering in Memorial Park, specifically near to the basketball court and playpark. These reports include underage consumption of alcohol and bottles being smashed and discarded in the area.

Officers have attended in the area and spoken with members of the public regarding ongoing issues. Continued patrols of the area to deter and prevent anti-social behaviour.

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.

OFF ROAD VEHICLES

The colder weather has seen a reduction in the number of illegal off-road vehicles being reported in and around the area, however officers are aware the problem still exists and continue to gather intel and detect any criminality.

The reporting of offenders and seizing of these vehicles continue to be a priority.

Acquisitive Crime

There has been only one reported person shoplifting within the Thornton area, enquiries continue into this incident.

Local officers continually make efforts to identify repeat offenders and report them to the Procurator Fiscal.

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

On 30/11/2024, a search warrant was executed in the Thornton area, this resulted in a 41-year-old male being reported to the PF for several separate charges regarding controlled substances and other offences.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Several enquiries are currently ongoing regarding this.