



Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the public meeting held on

3.3.25 @ 7pm

Thornton Bowling Club

1. Meeting Attendance:

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

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Held on:	3/2/25		
Proposed by:	GM	Seconded by:	CR

2:1 Review of Actions:

Action no.	Details	Owner	Target date	Details
24.01-3	Park Light Faults	RV	Ongoing	ongoing
24.01-6	Unadopted road at Primary School	RV	Ongoing	ongoing
24.4-7	Update on Doctors appointment system complaint	RD-ER	03/03/2025	ER has a response and this is being worked on by the GP practice
24.05-1	Pursue Speed Watch joint initiative with Milton & Coaltown of Balgonie CC	ER		Fife Community Council & Giffordtown CC liaison underway No update – remove from actions meantime
24.07-2	Danger presented by a large open drain on Strathore Road. Investigation and action required	DW & RV	03/03/2025	Roads and transportation to follow up
24.07-6	Planter to be altered and base improved	JL		Ongoing- remove from actions meantime due to large number of projects
24.08-2	Park Gardens ask for support from Fife Council Gardeners	DN	03/03/2025	DN to report back
24.08-6	Liaise with Clean and Clear re park gate area	ER		ongoing
24.11-5	SH to be added as bank account signatory	ER	03/03/2025	ongoing
24.12-1	JL to arrange baskets and	JL	03/03/2025	-ongoing

	planters for 2025 with FIB Horticulture			
25.02-1	Fallen trees in park	DN	03/03/2025	IA has liaised with Fife Coast & Countryside who will attend to this
25.02-2	Library sign to be removed	DN	03/03/2025	<u>DN to update</u>
25.02-3	Park Place sign missing	DN	03/03/2025	DN to update
25.02-4	Parking sign missing at library –	DN	03/03/2025	DN to update
25.02-5	Auto Radar sign not working (speed sign) – <u>South end</u>	DN	03/03/2025	DN to update
25.02-6	Visual indicators on roads not clear – need to be <u>repainted</u>	DN	03/03/2025	DN to update
25.02-7	Sponsorship of planters	TCC	03/03/2025	Discuss further
<u>25.02-8</u>	Christmas Light competition	CR SH	03/03/2025	CR SH to Judge - winners were Grace P1/2 Archie P4/5
25.02-9	Party in the Park 7.6.25	TCC	03/03/2025	Discuss further

Topic	
A tribute to Ross Vettraino	The meeting began with a tribute to Ross Vettraino who has sadly passed away. Ross attended almost every meeting of

	<p>Thornton Community Council in his time as Ward Councilor. He was dedicated and always ready to help the people of Thornton with issues that they had. He did a tremendous amount of work on behalf of our community, and he will be sorely missed. TCC sent flowers to Ross's wife as a mark of respect and our Chairperson ER will attend Ross's funeral on Friday 7th March,</p>
Treasurer's Report	See Appendix 1
Secretary's Report	See Appendix 2
New Community Councilor	We welcome Lyn Murray as a Community Councilor. Proposed by GM seconded by SH.
Councilor's Update	<p>DW began by paying tribute to Ross Vettrano. DW shared that so many people had shared with him that Ross had supported or helped them in some way and that it was clear that Ross was very well respected by our community. Ross had been on his laptop working on behalf of the communities he served while in his hospital bed. DW has a huge amount of work to attend to as he is taking on much of Ross's existing caseload but asked that Ross's projects be passed onto him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DW to meet with Jenny Gilruth and Transport Secretary re Doubledykes • GAC will discuss train station renaming at next meeting • JL & GM raised serious fly tipping issues. JL declared a personal interest in this matter.

Tree Planting	IA shared that there is a broken tree FCCT to replace.
Train Station Renaming	JoL to meet with Jenny Gilruth this Friday.
Mackies Mill Bridge	DW to take this project on.
Community Police and Safer Communities Update	Community Police Report in Appendix 3
Paths	Extra money granted for path clearance from Wind Farm Fund
Planters	JL to pursue sponsorship and possible signage
Party in the Park	Things coming together well between Thornton Hibs and ER has again put in a lot of effort with extra meetings and applications for licenses. There will be wrist bands instead of tickets music and afternoon teas will be served in the pensioner's hut. There will be games bouncy castles DJ and a singer. Stall holders and food vendor will also be on site. Tickets may be distributed at set time from Town Square. SH to liaise with school parent council re food/goody bags and possible distribution of wristbands. The opportunity for the parent council to fundraise will also be shared. IA will organise and lead the races and games for children on the day.
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensing application for the Fish Hoose- no comment to be made • Consultation on Markinch Power Station –no comment to be made • Walk abouts JL to look for email • Christmas lights- Winners were judged by SH and CR to be - Grace P1/2 Archie P4/5. This needs to be progressed re funding and manufacture.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public shared unhappiness regarding GP appointment system and ongoing problems.
Microgrants	None

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25.03-1	Christmas lights-funding and manufacture of new additions	TCC	30/10/2025	Discuss further

Appendix 1

Treasurer's Report

(The following table is a scan of a handwritten financial report and contains faint, illegible text. The structure is summarized below.)

Item	Amount	Notes
Existing bank balance	£11,800.00	
Income		
- £1,000.00	Lighting	
- £500.00	Planters	
- £200.00	Light Land (Sponsorship)	
- £100.00	Light Land (Sponsorship)	
Expenditure		
- £100.00	Bank of England	
Existing bank balance	£10,000.00	
Existing party bank balance	£5.00	
Income		
- £10.00		
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Existing bank balance	£10.00	
Income		
- £1,000.00	Christmas Lights (Sponsorship)	
- £500.00	Christmas Lights (Sponsorship)	
- £100.00	Christmas Lights (Sponsorship)	
Total bank balance	£10,000.00	

Appendix 2

Secretary's Report 03032025

Secretary's Report 03 March 2025

Planning

Planning applications submitted	
Address	Application summary
Balbeggie bothy, Balbeggie Ave.	Certificate of Lawfulness-change of use of stables to dog day boarding.
Thornton	
Ky1 3NS	

Planning applications approved	
Address	Application summary
Nil	

Planning applications rejected	
Address	Application summary
Nil	

Correspondence

- Lyn Murray contacted us with an interest to join as a Community Councillor.
- North Glen CC shared invitation to join climate change conversation
- Response from Rothes Medical Practice-some action on Phone line issues

- Mid Balbeggie have added additional funds for path clearance
- Bank issues continue re adding Sal as a signatory
- Various invites to events and newsletters received
- FIB horticulture to provide and care for floral displays again this summer
- Jenny Gilruth sent updated rail petition
- Free PAT course on 12th March
- Fife Council community benefit form sent through
- ICO invoice received
- Licensing The Fish Hoose
- Markinch Power station variation to pollution prevention and control
- West and Central Planning Committee papers
- Parent Council meeting invite (forwarded to Sal)

Appendix 3



THORNTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT 03/03/2025

Report prepared by

PC Craig McGowan

Antisocial Behaviour

Reported anti-social behaviour and crime has been extremely low in the Thornton area over the past month.

YOUTH DISORDER

There have been no reports of youth disorder or large gatherings reported.

PC's Campbell and Forbes are asking that if members of the community have any concerns to please report these concerns to police.

Road Safety

There have been several reported road traffic offences in the area for several different offences including driving under the influence, no insurance and MOT and dangerous driving and speeding offences. All these offences have been detected with several persons being reported to the courts.

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. Over the last month there has been one recorded call to police regarding off road vehicles in the Thornton area.

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

Acquisitive Crime

There were no shopliftings or residential thefts reported to police in the last month.

Local officers continually make efforts to identify repeat offenders and report them to the Procurator Fiscal. Reporting of crimes of this nature is encouraged.

Opportunists continue to try car doors and property doors with the intention of stealing items so continued vigilance is advised.

Substance Misuse

INTELLIGENCE

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

Several enquiries are currently ongoing regarding this.

Other

PC McGowan has changed role and is no longer part of the community team, PC Shelley Forbes is now in that role alongside PC Campbell.

PC's Forbes and Campbell are aware of the request regarding police attendance at the community Party in the Park event on Sat 7th June in Thornton Memorial Park and will respond as to their availability in the near future.

