



# Thornton Community Council

## Minutes of the public meeting held on

05.05.2025 @ 7pm

### Thornton Bowling Club

#### 1. Meeting Attendance:

<b>Community Councillors</b>	Euan Ross (Chair/Treasurer) (ER), Sal Henderson (Secretary) (SH), Jean Laird (JL), Christine Ross (CR), Gordon Mclay (GM), Lyn Murray (LM), Izzy Anderson (IA), Rae Duncan (RD)
<b>Fife Councillors</b>	Cllr Daniel Wilson (DW), Cllr Lynda Holton (LH)
<b>Community Police</b>	Sergeant Martyn Reidie
<b>Safer Communities</b>	Not in attendance
<b>Apologies</b>	John Laing (JoL), Dawn Taylor (DT), Cllr Derek Noble
<b>Absentees</b>	Safer Communities

#### 2. Declaration of interest

Nil

#### 3. Minutes & Actions

##### 3.1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

<b>Held on:</b>	07.04.2025		
<b>Proposed by:</b>	GM	<b>Seconded by:</b>	CR

##### 3.2. Review of Actions:

Action no.	Details	Owner	Target date	Details
24.01-3	Park lights fault	DN	Ongoing	No update Ongoing
24.01-6	Unadopted road at primary school	DN	Ongoing	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce and John Mitchell
24.07-2	Danger Presented by a large open drain of Strathore Road. Investigation and action required	DN	Ongoing	Roads and Transportation to follow up Request update from DN
24.08-2	Park Gardens ask for support from Fife Council Gardeners	DN	Ongoing	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce and John Mitchell

24.08-6	Liaise with Clean and Clear re park gate area	ER	Ongoing	No update
25.02-1	Fallen Trees at Park	DN	03/03/2025	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce and John Mitchell
25.02-2	Library sign to be removed	DN	03/03/2025	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce and John Mitchell
25.02-3	Park Place sign missing	DN	03/03/2025	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce and John Mitchell
25.02-5	Parking sign missing at Library	DN	03/03/2025	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce and John Mitchell
25.02-5	Auto Radar sign not working	DN	03/03/2025	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce and John Mitchell
25.02-6	Visual indicators on roads not clear – need repainted	DN	03/03/2025	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce and John Mitchell
25.02-7	Sponsorship of planters	TCC	03/03/2025	To be discussed and agreed at next meeting
25.02-9	Party in the Park	TCC	03/03/2025	To be discussed at next meeting
25.03-1	Christmas Lights-funding and manufacture of new additions	TCC	30/10/2025	To be discussed and agreed at next meeting

#### 4. Treasurer's Report (Appendix 1)

#### 5. Secretary's Report (Appendix 2)

#### 6. Community Police Update

<p>A number of local residents were in attendance to convey and discuss concerns around the prolonged alleged illegal activity in the Donald Crescent area which recently culminated in a significant dog attack causing serious harm to two members of the public and another dog, along with the arrests made in connection with the ownership of the dogs and drug offences. Sargeant Reidie specifically attended to take questions and provide answers where</p>	<p>Sergeant Martyn Reidie</p> <p>Further details of Police report Appendix 3</p>
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<p>possible regarding the situation and legal processes governing Police action.</p> <p>A member of the public who is directly affected (living in close proximity) by the alleged illegal activity was given floor time to provide full details and the context of residents issues regarding the goings on at the subject address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Police do not have the legal power to impound dogs unless there is an immediate threat to life.</li> <li>• PC Bryan Campbell has worked diligently on the issues experienced and put the necessary legal paperwork in place to obtain a warrant</li> <li>• Sgt. Reidie advised there was a meeting with the national team on 06.05.2025 to discuss the events that unfolded leading to the dogs being destroyed and arrests made.</li> </ul> <p>A member of the public raised a question around incessant dog barking. The Dog Warden can visit a property to ensure standards are being met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nuisance of illegal motorbikes and quads was raised. Sgt. Reidie encouraged everyone to report all instance to the safer communities and community policing team: <a href="mailto:safercommunities.team@fife.gov.uk">safercommunities.team@fife.gov.uk</a> and <a href="mailto:GlenrothesCentralThorntonCPT@scotland.police.uk">GlenrothesCentralThorntonCPT@scotland.police.uk</a></li> </ul> <p>Anti-social behaviour at Park – again advised to report all instances as above. There is work underway that will see repeat offenders lose their taxpayer funded travel card.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed there is no neighbourhood watch in the village and this would be a good idea to arrange. The Chair discussed that community spirit was lacking in the village and without more people prepared to get involved, it's unlikely much will change.</li> </ul>	
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## 7. Safer Communities Update

Non attendance	Public Hoilday
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## 8. Councillors Update

Warm welcome of newly elected Cllr Lynda Holton (SNP)	noted
Cllr Wilson advised that he will be arranging a meeting with Fife Council – Safer Communities/ Housing within the month to discuss the issues that the community are facing regarding dangerous dogs and alleged drug dealing Alerting Service managers and Head of Housing	Cllr Wilson
Cllr Wilson encouraging the community to report any issues Information on community council website, Facebook and	Cllr Wilson

community Notice board – <a href="http://www.thorntoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk">www.thorntoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk</a>	
Lights at Park reported again	
Fly tipping at Strathore Road uplifted	Cllr Wilson

### 9. Path Clearance

Discuss at next meeting	noted
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### 10. Options of Community Memorial Bench

Discussed a bench that could receive multiple plaques to commemorate the contributions to our community of multiple people after their passing. Quote from Blacksmith to be advised	ER
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### 11. Train Station renaming

Response from Chief Executive of the Scottish Chamber of Commerce <b><i>I will immediately make contact with the CEO of the Fife Chambers of Commerce, seeking agreement and support. It seems logical to me, it has the support of the local community and providing FCOC back this local issue, then we shall support it as SCC</i></b> Jenny Gilruth (MSP) has also actively encouraged local businesses to show their support to campaign and gathered signatures	JoL
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### 12. Party in the Park

Wristbands will be issued on Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 12pm-2pm at the notice board on Main Street. Arrangements in place and insurance and licenses sought A further meeting before the event will be arranged Require donations for Tombola	All
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### 13. Sponsorship of Planters

Discussed approaching businesses and members of the public in the community for donations and in turn these business will be named on website/FaceBook/notice board	JL
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#### 14. Mackies Mill Bridge

Forward to next meeting	noted
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#### 15. AOCB

N/A	
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#### Actions:

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24.01-3	Park lights fault	DN	02.06.25	No update on going PMN – Cllr Noble states this item is in the council work programme to be undertaken
24.01-6	Unadopted road at primary school	DN	02.06.25	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce & John Mitchell PMN – Cllr Noble states this item is in the council work programme to be undertaken
24.08-2	Park Gardens ask for support from Fife Council Gardeners	DN	02.06.25	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce & John Mitchell PMN – Cllr Noble states this item is in the council work programme to be undertaken
24.08-6	Liaise with Clean and Clear re park gate area	ER	02.06.25	No update
25.02-1	Fallen Trees at Park	DN	Closed	Trees removed
25.02-3	Library Signs to be removed from Main Street	DN	02.06.25	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce & John Mitchell PMN – Cllr Noble states this item is in the council work programme to be undertaken

25.02-3	Park Place sign missing	DN	02.06.25	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce & John Mitchell PMN – Cllr Noble states this item is in the council work programme to be undertaken
25.02-5	Parking sign missing at Library	DN	02.06.25	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce & John Mitchell PMN – Cllr Noble states this item is in the council work programme to be undertaken
25.02-5	Auto Radar sign faulty (south end)	DN	02.06.25	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce & John Mitchell PMN – Cllr Noble states this item is in the council work programme to be undertaken
25.02-6	Visual indicators on roads not clear- need repainted	DN	02.06.25	DN awaiting info from Darren Pearce & John Mitchell PMN – Cllr Noble states this item is in the council work programme to be undertaken
25.02-7	Sponsorship of planters	JL/ER	02.06.25	Approach local businesses – alert on website
25.02-9	Party in the Park 7.6.25	TCC	02.06.25	Further meeting to be held
25.03-1	Christmas lights funding and manufacture of new additions	ER	02.06.25	Contacted Arro Lighting for costings – await reply
25.05-5	Issues in Village	DW	02.06.25	Hold a separate meeting with F/C – Safer Communities/ Housing
25.05-5	Issue wristbands for Party in the Park	tcc	Closed	Noticeboard on Main Street

## Appendix 1- Treasurers Report

### Thornton Community Council

Summary accounts to 06/04/2025

FPO = Faster Payment Out

FPI = Faster Payment In

INT = Interest

PAY = Fee payment

	Value	Chq. No.	Payee
Opening bank balance	£8,689.91		
Payments			
	-£10.00	FPO	Fife Council (PitP - Occ Licence)
	-£70.90	FPO	Wristbands online (PitP - Wristbands)
	-£31.42	FPO	Fife Council (Insurance extension)
	-£75.18	FPO	Welmedical (AED pads)
	-£4.25	PAY	Bank of Scotland (account fee)
	-£250.00	FPO	Microgrant
	-£35.00	FPO	Next (Flowers)
	-£218.00	FPO	Bookers (PitP - Goody bag contents)
Credits			
	£7.16	INT	
	£2,520.00	FPI	Foundation Scotland (Xmas light grant)
	£3,467.00	FPI	Foundation Scotland (PitP grant)
	£500.00	FPI	Foundation Scotland (Cost of living grant)
<b>Closing bank balance</b>	<b><u>£14,489.32</u></b>		
Opening petty cash balance	£0.00		
Payments	£0.00		
Credits	£0.00		
<b>Closing petty cash balance</b>	<b><u>£0.00</u></b>		
Pending transactions	Nil		
Reserved funds			
	-£1,650.64		Foundation Scotland (Microgrant fund)
	-£777.60		Foundation Scotland (Path clearing)
	-£2,520.00		Foundation Scotland (Xmas light grant)
	-£3,168.10		Foundation Scotland (PitP grant)
<b>Total committed funds</b>	<b><u>-£8,116.34</u></b>		

**NOTES:**

Annual accounts submitted for audit to FVA

**TOTAL UNRESERVED FUNDS £6,372.98**

## Appendix 2 - Secretary's Report 05.05.2025

### Planning:

Planning applications submitted	
Address	Application summary

Planning applications approved	
Address	Application summary

Planning applications rejected	
Address	Application summary

Correspondence		Action
Safer Comm re dog mess	Emailed footage	
Euan – info to Ross Syme re Christmas decoration competition	Sent for pricing	
Markinch Heritage event	April 2025	
Lyn Murray declaration of acceptance	acknowledged	
Various Training Opportunities	noted	
Alex Donald re Path clearance	Prices from Pearsons	
Small Grants info	information	
St Andrews open learning	Botanic Gardens 24.4.25	
Various correspondence re Party in the Park	n/a	
Jenny Gilruth actively pursuing Doubledykes issue	acknowledged	
Amey is undertaking overnight surfacing improvements on the A92 in Glenrothes between Preston Roundabout and Tullis Russell Roundabout from Tuesday 6th May to Tuesday 20th May	Noted and on Thornton Face Book	
Correspondence re Dog attack in village	Sergeant Martyn Reidie attending meeting re concerns	

## **Appendix 3 - Police Report**

### **THORNTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT 05/05/2025**

#### **Report prepared by**

PC Bryan Campbell

#### **Antisocial Behaviour**

There have been reports of anti social behaviour to Police since the last community meeting mainly involving youths who have been observed throwing items at vehicles. Several youths were traced and identified.

The issue of off road bikes being used in the area illegally remains an issue and work continues to identify offenders. It is expected to continue due to the better weather and Police will continue to work to identify offenders and seize bikes.

Memorial Park and Main Street continue to be used in relation to this and it is requested residents continue to report this to Police.

Further success has been made in relation to bike seizures in the wider Glenrothes area and we are working to have this continue.

#### **Road Safety**

There have been 33 persons provided with endorseable tickets and also been reported to the PF for a variety of Road Traffic offences since the last meeting.

Reports have been received of inconsiderate and careless parking outside Thornton Primary School at drop off and pick up times. Community Officers will be in attendance in the coming days/weeks to offer advice and deal with this issue more robustly where required.

Unipar deployments have been carried out on the Main Street and surrounding areas.

#### **Acquisitive Crime**

Several persons have been identified for theft by shopliftings with reports to the PF and Recorded Police Warnings issued where eligible.

There remains reports of suspect persons within the curtilage of properties and it is requested residents remain vigilant reporting any suspicious behaviour to Police.

One person was taken into custody and reported to the PF for Robbery and will appear in court in due course.

#### **Substance Misuse**

A warrant was executed in the Donald Crescent area of Thornton on 02/05/2025 and a substantial amount of Class A and Class C drugs were recovered with one male being reported to the PF and the Council will be informed regarding this.

Officers continue to build and act on intelligence received regarding controlled substances within the area and it is requested that residents utilise the community inbox facility on the Police Scotland website.

3 reports of possession of Class A substances has been received with the persons traced and enquiries ongoing.

## **Violent Crime**

Since the last meeting 2 persons have been reported for possession of a bladed article in a public place and 1 person for assault to injury.

1 female has been reported to the PF for carrying a knife in a public place and threatening and abusive behaviour.

3 persons have been reported to the PF for threatening and abusive behaviour and 1 person for robbery.

## **XL Bully dogs – Donald Crescent, Thornton**

One the evening of Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April a report was received of a XL Bully dogs off leads and without muzzles on in a public place. A dog was attacked and suffered quite severe injuries as a result as did the dogs owner attempting to protect her dog.

With help from the local community the person in charge of the dog was established and traced and has been charged with numerous offences relating to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 and a report has been sent to the PF.

The XL Bully dogs were destroyed as a result of this incident.

## **Overall Summary**

Continued marked mobile patrols to combat Anti Social Behaviour.

Robust action regarding the illegal use of off road bikes, warrants applied for, individuals identified and bikes seized where possible.

ParkSafe initiative to be continued at Thornton Primary School.

Marked mobile patrols during the days and in the hours of darkness to deter opportunistic individuals.

Further intelligence gathering and warrants applied for and executed.

Unipar deployments to continue.