



Thornton Community Council

Minutes of Public Meeting held on 06.04.2026 @ 7pm Thornton Bowling Club

Meeting Attendance:

Community Councillors	Euan Ross (Chair & Treasurer), Lyn Murray (Vice Chair)(LM), Sal Henderson (Secretary) (SH), Christine Ross (CR), Gordon Mclay (GM), John Laing (JL), Avril Hutchison (AH), Margaret Heggie (MH), Pauline Russell (PR), Martin Smith (MS), Angela Paterson (AP)
Fife Councillors	Cllr Lynda Holton (LH), Cllr Daniel Wilson (DW), Jenny Gilruth (JG), Richard Barker MP (RB)
Community Police	Report sent
Safer Communities	Andy Hutchison
1. Apologies	Nil
Absentees	Cllr Derek Noble (DN)

2 Declaration of interest (Nil)

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Review of Actions:

Proposed – LM
Secoded- JL

Action no.	Details	Owner	Target date	Details
24.01-6	Unadopted road at primary school	DW	02.03.26	No response as yet – still following up
24.08-2	Park Gardens ask for support from Fife Council Gardeners	DW	02.03.26	Will take forward
25.02-5	Auto Radar sign faulty (south end)	DW	02.03.26	Take forward although was noted its because of the climate advised to report fault

25.02-6	Visual indicators on roads not clear- need repainted	DW	02.03.26	Works has been started – noted backlog of works
25.02-7	Main Street Floral display	ER	02.03-26	Applying for funding – submitted however no funding left until April 26
25.06-3	Path Clearance	ER	02.03.26	Funding received ER to arrange works
25.09-1	Christmas lights funding and manufacture of new motifs	ER	02.03.26	On hold – FC policy on street lighting to be understood. Applying to various funds to meet costs
25.12-02	Issues with new lamp posts	LH/DW	02.03.26	ongoing
26.03-01	Party in The Park 6 th June 2026	TCC	06.04.26	Form a sub-committee ensure all tasks/volunteers in place

4 Fife Councillors Update - Cllr Lynda Holton

a) Network Rail planned electrification works/road closure

Cllr Wilson and I first found out about this upon being contacted by the Community Council 19/03. We were not consulted or informed about these works by Network Rail or Fife Council and had no role in approving them.

On hearing the news, we immediately contacted Network Rail and Fife Council's Roads & Transportation Service. We asked for representatives of both to attend the CC meeting 06/04 but both said they were unavailable.

b) Parking at Cameron Park

Cllr Wilson and I had site visit with Housing Officers on 05/02/26 to consider options to increase parking on north side. Discussed further during walkabout on 24/02/26 and four options now being considered.

Petition to exempt Cameron Park from the Pavement Parking Ban (signed by 147 residents) heard at Glenrothes Area Committee meeting 18/03/26 and approved. Agreed that there will be no parking enforcement until exemption in place.

c) Speeding at Redford, Strathore Road

Petition to reduce speed limit to 40mph (signed by 73 residents) heard at Glenrothes Area Committee meeting 18/03/26 and approved.

d) Proposed sale of old library on Strathore Road

Case heard at Cabinet Committee 02/04/26 – Cllr Wilson and I requested to speak to ensure voices of the community heard. SNP Cllrs voted to reject the proposed sale but other Cllrs voted by a majority to postpone the sale until following Cabinet meeting on 30/04/26 with more information to be provided by Property Services.

e) Road marking refurbishment

I have been chasing up road marking refurbishment across the ward for several months, including for Main Street, Thornton. Have now received confirmation that these roads are on the programme and should be done “over the summer months”.

I asked questions on this at last full council and now have the Head of Service looking into it.

f) Pothole on unadopted school road

As road is unadopted there is no specific service responsible for maintaining it. Community Manager has asked for a quote from a contractor and is trying to source funding for it to be repaired.

g) Corner shop/planned HMO on Main Street

I queried the planning permission for an HMO at this site as it the works were due to start by March 2023. Enforcement officers investigated and have since advised that the applicant is aware that their planning permission has lapsed and they would therefore need to re-apply should they wish to proceed a proposal for an HMO.

h) Christmas decorations on lampposts

Asked question on this at last full council 19/03. Also tried to submit urgent question but rejected. Key points:

- Briefing note issued to Cllrs 12/03 advising that Roads & Transportation will be contacting community groups and assessing their needs for attachments on street lighting columns, and that they expect to have completed this work by “late summer”.
- I questioned timing as doesn’t allow sufficient time for bespoke orders in particular.
- Two days prior to the briefing note being issued, certain community groups and organisations had been instructed by the service to remove any existing decorations **within four weeks**. Also that the Council would no longer be installing or removing any festive lights. Neither mentioned in the briefing note.
- I requested urgent meeting of elected members with the service and the four-week deadline to be rescinded whilst the assessment is underway. Administration transportation spokesperson agreed to both requests.

i) Railway Bridge

Note: Richard Baker MP and Jenny Gilruth, SNP candidate for Glenrothes & Mid-Fife attended to specifically address this issue

Discussions took place regarding the proposed 14-month closure of the railway bridge. Councillors highlighted the significant impact this closure would have on the village, including effects on local businesses and residents.

It was noted that no consultation had taken place with residents or businesses, other than a letter outlining the works and proposed timeline, which was issued to all households during the week commencing 30 March.

It was agreed that residents and councillors would attend the information drop-in session at Thornton Town Hall on Thursday 9 April at 5:00 pm. In addition, it was agreed that an online petition would be launched to explore alternative options to help alleviate the impact of the closure on the village.

5 Old Library (Car Parking)

It was noted that the car park at this site is used frequently. In line with the Local Place Plan, the proposed sale has therefore been postponed until the Cabinet Committee meeting on 30 April. Should the sale proceed, suitable alternative parking arrangements should be identified and proposed.

6 Lamp-Posts

Full details on the weight and size of the motifs have been supplied to determine whether a Christmas light display can proceed this year. It was also agreed that hanging baskets can be installed.

7 Planters (Main Street)

Application for funding sent to DW to take forward

8 Treasurers Report (Appendix 1)

Appendix 1

9 Secretary's Report (Appendix 2)

Appendix 2

10 Community Police Update (Appendix 3)

Appendix 3

11 Safer Communities Update

Frequent patrols have been carried out throughout the village, addressing anti-social behaviour and incidents of fly-tipping. Targeted patrols have also taken place around park areas to tackle dog fouling. To date, eight off-road bikes have been seized. Residents are encouraged to continue reporting concerns to help support ongoing enforcement efforts.

12 Path Clearance

On hold pending growth of vegetation and landowner permissions.

13 Train Station renaming

No update from Previous meeting (JL)

14 Party in The Park – 6.6.26

Volunteers for various tasks were discussed and reviewed the list of items that still need to be organised or confirmed.

15 AOCB

We are pleased to welcome Sean Taylor as an Associate Member of Thornton Community Council. His appointment was unanimously approved by all Community Councillors.

16 DONM – 4.5.26

17 Meeting closed

18 Microgrants – closed session.

Nil

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Appendix 1 Treasurers Report 6.4.26

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Summary accounts to 04/04/2026

FPO = Faster Payment Out

FPI = Faster Payment In

INT = Interest

PAY = Fee payment

DEP = Cash deposit

	Value	Chq. No.	Payee	Purpose
Opening bank balance	£10,562.49			
Payments	-£500.00 FPO -£4.25 PAY		Thornton Hibs Bank of Scotland	Microgrant Account fee
Credits	£3.94 INT £10.00 FPI £3,821.18 FPI		Bank of Scotland Goldscrafts GSII Lightsource	Interest PitP - Stall fee Community benefit grant
Closing bank balance	<u>£13,893.36</u>			
Opening petty cash balance	£50.00			
Payments	£0.00			
Credits	£0.00			
Closing petty cash balance	<u>£50.00</u>			
Pending transactions	Nil			
Reserved funds	-£359.43 -£1,200.00 -£180.00 -£1,100.03 -£767.38		Foundation Scotland (Microgrant fund) Foundation Scotland (Path clearing) Foundation Scotland (Xmas light grant) Community Event donations Diageo contribution to path clearing	
Total committed funds	<u>-£3,606.84</u>		NOTES:	

Appendix 2 Secretary's Report 06.04.2026

Planning:

Planning applications submitted	
Address	Application summary
Rowanlea Station Road	Dormer Extension
Glenrothes with Thornton Train Station	Prior notification for the redeck of road bridge over Railway

Planning applications approved	
Address	Application summary

Planning applications rejected	
Address	Application summary

From/To	Subject
NFP workshops	Training days
Fife Funding Search	Funding updates and news
Cllr Lynda Holton and Chair Euan Ross	Railway Bridge Closure
Lisa Waugh	Interest in Joining TCC
Rebeka Cunningham	Proposal of free library
Paul Hocking (FC)	Street Lighting Columns
Jenny Gilruth	Advised written to Chief Executive of Network Rail

Appendix 3 Community Police Update 06.04.2026

Report prepared by

PC Bryan Campbell

Antisocial Behaviour

There have been a small amount of anti social behaviour to Police since the last community meeting.

The issue of off road bikes being used in the area illegally remains an issue and work continues to identify offenders. There has been significant success since the past meeting with seizure of off road bikes and reporting offenders to the PF.

With the summer and better weather hopefully approaching this issue will likely continue but officers are working hard on this issue.

A vehicle had its window smashed on Donald Crescent and enquiries are ongoing to establish the circumstances and the person responsible.

Several noise complaints were received from an address on Brown Crescent and a female was dealt with by way of a fixed penalty notice.

Road Safety

There have been 6 persons reported to the PF for a variety of Road Traffic offences since the last meeting. These include dangerous driving, careless driving, speeding and using a mobile device whilst driving.

Unipar deployments have been carried out by Community Officers and these will continue.

A speedwatch initiative is still ongoing in Coaltown of Balgonie with volunteers carrying out Unipar deployments. This is something which remains available to residents of Thornton if there would be the appetite for it. Training is provided by Community Police Officers.

Substance Misuse

There have been no incidents related to substance misuse in the area since the last meeting.

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.

There has been a change to the email address for this and is below.

fifecommunitypoliceglenrothes@scotland.police.uk

Violent Crime

Two Chow Chow dogs were shot by a farmer after they were chasing livestock on a farm near to Balbeggie Avenue.

The owner of the dogs were contacted and informed of the incident.

No other incidents were reported of a violent nature.

Overall Summary

Continued marked mobile patrols to combat Anti Social Behaviour.

Robust action regarding the illegal use of off road bikes.

Continued Unipar deployments.

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.