



Thornton Community Council

Minutes of AGM held on

24.08.2026 @ 7pm

Thornton Bowling Club

Meeting Attendance:

Community Councillors	Euan Ross (Chair & Treasurer) (ER) Lyn Murray (Vice-Chair) (LM), Sal Henderson (Secretary) (SH), Gordon Mclay (GM), John Laing (JL), Avril Hutchison (AH), Margaret Heggie (MH), Sean Taylor (ST)
Fife Councillors	Cllr Daniel Wilson (DW)
Community Police	No update
Safer Communities	No update
Apologies	Christine Ross, Angela Paterson, Cllr Lynda Holton (LH),
Absentees	Bea Sofalvi

2 Declaration of interest

Nil

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Review of Actions:

Proposed – MH
Seconded – LM

4 Chair Person's Report (Appendix 1)

5 Review of independent examined accounts (Appendix 2)

6 Membership

- Resignation of Sal Henderson
- Resignation of Euan Ross as Chair
- Resignation of Sean Taylor
- Resignation of Christine Ross
- Resignation of Pauline Russell
- Resignation of Martin Smith

7 Appointment of Office Bearers

- Lyn Murray (Chair)

Proposed – GM
Seconded – AH

- Avril Hutchison (Secretary)

Proposed – MH
Seconded – GM

- Euan Ross (Treasurer) remaining for the time being, though has expressed his wish to relinquish the Treasurer role.
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Thornton Community Council has 7 elected members and 1 associate member

8 Review of Actions

Action no.	Details	Owner	Target date	Details
24.01-6	Unadopted road at primary school	DW	24.08.26	No response as yet – still following up
24.08-2	Park Gardens ask for support from Fife Council Gardeners	DW	24.08.26	Ground maintenance will carry out works – on programme
25.02-6	Visual indicators on roads not clear- need repainted	DW	24.08.26	Works has been started – noted backlog of works
25.06-3	Path Clearance	ER	24.08.26	To discuss works and way forward
26.05-1	Contact Clean & Clear to pressure wash park gates, railings and toilet block	ER	24.08.26	ER to contact to arrange
26.05-2	Branches from fallen tree at Park	LH	24.08.26	LH will take forward to contact Brian Taylor
26.05-3	Contact community payback team to repaint park gates, railings and toilet block	ER	24.08.26	Contact community payback to repaint
26.07-1	Play Park equipment	MH	24.08.26	Funding required to upgrade playpark

26.07-2	Park Fairy Garden	ST	24.08.26	Consultation required to erect fence
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9 Treasurer's Report – (Appendix 3)

10 Secretary's report – (Appendix 4)

11 Community Police update – no update

12 Safer Communities – no update

13 Fife Councillors Update

Waiting on more details regarding the support scheme for businesses that will be affected by the bridge closure, there hasn't been any further updates from Network Rail to date

14 Remembrance Sunday 8.11.26

Volunteers are required to support Remembrance Sunday. The pensioners hut has been booked for refreshments, and the wreath has been purchased. We are currently awaiting confirmation from the Minister regarding leading the service.

15 Play Park Equipment

The condition of the play park was discussed, with agreement that significant repairs and improvements are required to bring it up to the standard expected for local children. Fundraising opportunities were considered, and it was noted that Fife Council may be able to provide match funding to support the project. The Parent Committee of Thornton Primary School is currently exploring ways to raise funds for the park. It was also suggested that Thornton Community Council consider making a financial contribution towards the improvement works.

16 Memorials

An incident involving damage to memorial trees within the park was discussed. Members considered the permissions process for planting memorial trees and whether a designated area could be established for future memorial tree planting.

Cllr Wilson agreed to take this matter forward and explore potential options with the relevant services.

17 Train Station Renaming

JL attended a meeting with Jenny Gilruth MSP, John McGuire and Paul McKay from Network Rail. The meeting was reported as positive and constructive, with productive discussions taking place. Further information and updates arising from the meeting will be shared in due course.

18 AOCB

- Bank account signatory – Avril Hutchison

- ST advised that he is resigning from Thornton Community Council. He explained that he had invested a significant amount of time and effort in arranging the fencing project and obtaining the necessary permissions. He expressed disappointment that his request for funding towards fencing at the Fairy Garden had not been approved.

It was noted that Thornton Community Council had requested further consultation with the local community before any funding application could be considered, to ensure that the views of residents were taken into account prior to making a decision.

- Members discussed the potential use of speed cameras within the village as a means of deterring motorists from exceeding the speed limit and improving road safety for residents.

Councillor Wilson advised that the speed limit on Strathore Road has been reduced from 60 mph to 40 mph. It was also noted that speed limits have been lowered on routes approaching the village from the Kirkcaldy direction, with the aim of improving safety for all road users.

19 DONM 5.10.26

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	railings and toilet block			
26.07-1	Play Park equipment	MH	5.10.26	Funding required to upgrade playpark – PTP are looking at how to raise funds
26.08-1	Memorial Garden	AH	5.10.26	Cllr Wilson advised he would take this forward

Appendix 1 Independent examined accounts 24.8.26

Thornorton Community Council
Income & Expenditure Account for year ended 31 March 2026

		31/03/2026	31/03/2025
Income	Notes		
1 Fife Council	community council grant	£ 670.36	£ 710.36
2 Resident donations	Contribution to 2025 hanging baskets	£ 190.00	£ 125.00
3 Lightsource BP	Community Benefit grant (2-years)	£ 7,488.95	£ 3,545.23
4 Interest	32-day notice account	£ -	£ 216.51
4 Interest	Instant access savings	£ 87.00	£ 52.44
5 Foundation Scotland	Grant to CC for 2025 PitP	£ 3,467.00	£ 3,570.00
6 Foundation Scotland	Grant to CC for 2025 Xmas lights	£ 2,520.00	£ 2,804.40
7 Foundation Scotland	Grant to CC for path clearance	£ 422.40	£ 777.60
8 Foundation Scotland	Grant to CC for cost of living	£ 500.00	£ -
9 Various	PitP donations 2024 & 2025	£ 1,110.03	£ -
10 Diageo	Contribution to path clearance	£ 767.38	£ -
11 Thornton Bowling Club	Contribution to AED replacement	£ 500.00	£ -
12 Foundation Scotland	Microgrant contribution to 2025 hanging baskets	£ 800.00	£ -

£ 18,523.12 £ 11,801.54

Expenditure			
Stationery & Expenses	1	£ 13,269.67	£ 18,268.18
		£ 13,269.67	£ 18,268.18
Income Over Expenditure		£ 5,253.45	£ 6,466.64

Statement of Funds	31/03/2025	31/03/2024
Balance B/F at start of year	£ 8,689.91	£ 15,156.55
Income over Expenditure	£ 5,253.45	-£ 6,466.64
	£ 13,943.36	£ 8,689.91

Represented By		
Bank Account	£ 13,893.36	£ 8,689.91
Petty Cash	£ 50.00	£ -
Unrepresented Chqs:	£ -	£ -
	£ 13,943.36	£ 8,689.91

Notes		Reserved Funds	
1 Stationery & Expenses			
1 Xmas light expenses	£ 2,376.98	£ 359.43	Foundation Scotland (Microgrant fund)
2 Microgrant awards	£ 1,682.00	£ 1,200.00	Foundation Scotland (path clearance)
3 Bank account maintenance fees	£ 59.71	£ 767.38	Diageo (path clearance)
4 Goodwill gestures (flowers etc.)	£ 70.00	£ 180.00	Foundation Scotland (Xmas light grant)
5 Party in the Park	£ 3,336.21	£ 1,110.03	Community event donations
6 Meeting expenses	£ 135.00		
7 Village renovation activity	£ 1,451.78	£ 3,616.84	
8 Remembrance day	£ 121.16		
9 Digital enablement	£ 336.00		
11 Floral displays	£ 2,462.30		
12 Defibrillator programme	£ 1,075.18		
13 Insurance	£ 31.42	£ 13,893.36	Bank balance
14 Data Protection fee	£ 104.00	£ 50.00	Petty cash
15 Event sundries	£ 27.93	£ 3,616.84	Reserved Funds
		£ 10,326.52	Unreserved Funds

£ 13,269.67

Signature (Treasurer)

Date 31/07/2026

I certify that I have examined the accounts of "Thornorton Community Council". To the best of my knowledge and belief, and in accordance with the information and explanations given to me, the Accounts have been properly prepared from the records of the Community Council and are in agreement with these records.

Signature (Independent Examiner)

Date 31/07/2026

IE Name Neil Martin
IE Address
IE Contact Number

Appendix 2 Chairpersons report 24.8.26

Thornton Community Council – Year at a Glance (Aug 2025 → Aug 2026)

Governance & Membership

- Membership challenges highlighted late 2025; recruitment drive launched.
- Five new members elected (Mar 2026).
- Sean Taylor appointed Associate Member (Apr 2026).
- One resignation (Nov 2025).
- Membership continues to be a challenge

Major Issues & Campaigns

- **Train Station Renaming:** Full Council support secured; awaiting ScotRail decision.
- **Railway Bridge Closure:** 14-month closure proposal triggered significant community concern; petition launched; councillors and MP engaged. Closure reduced to 5-months
- **Old Library / Surgery Car Park:** Proposed sale challenged and halted
- **Parking & Road Safety:** Cameron Park pavement-parking exemption approved. Redford speed-limit reduction petition approved.

Community Safety

- Persistent issue with illegal off-road motorbikes; multiple seizures and enforcement actions.
- Major drug warrants executed (Nov 2025 & Feb 2026) removing controlled substances and weapons.
- Regular Unipar deployments and road-safety enforcement.
- Neighbourhood disputes monitored and resolved with Police/ Safer Communities.

Village Improvements

- Memorial bench installed to remember notable members of our community. Plaque for late Cllr Ross Vettraino added.
- Planters and floral displays partially funded by Ward councillors discretionary fund.

Events & Community Engagement

- Remembrance Sunday.
- Christmas Lights Switch-On held.
- Ongoing uncertainty over future Christmas lighting due to lamppost policy review.
- Party in the Park 2026 delivered successfully. Planning supported by new volunteers.

Planning & Development

- Multiple domestic planning applications reviewed.
- Middle Balbeggie windfarm extension considered.
- Prior notification lodged for redecking the railway bridge (Apr 2026).

Key Themes

- Strong collaboration with councillors LH & DW.
- Repeated infrastructure delays (road markings, signage, unadopted roads).
- High community engagement on petitions and safety concerns.

- Council resilience despite fluctuating membership.

Appendix 3 Treasurers Report 24.8.26

Thornton Community Council
Summary accounts to 05/07/2026

FPO = Faster Payment Out
FPI = Faster Payment In
INT = Interest
PAY = Fee payment
DEP = Cash deposit

	Value	Chq. No.	Payee	Purpose
Opening bank balance	£19,326.42			
Payments	-£4.25	PAY	Bank of Scotland	Account fee
	-£4.25	PAY	Bank of Scotland	Account fee
	-£48.00	FPO	Lady Haig PF	Remembrance wreath
Credits	£6.14	INT	Bank of Scotland	
	£7.47	INT	Bank of Scotland	
Closing bank balance	£19,283.53			
Opening petty cash balance	£50.00			
Payments	£0.00			
Credits	£0.00			
Closing petty cash balance	£50.00			
Pending transactions	Nil			
Reserved funds	-£359.43		Foundation Scotland (Microgrant fund)	
	-£1,200.00		Foundation Scotland (Path clearing)	
	-£2,825.00		Foundation Scotland (Xmas light grant)	
	-£1,500.00		Fife Council (Grant toward hanging baskets)	
	-£548.96		Reserved funds for hanging baskets	
	-£2,030.29		Community Event donations	
	-£767.38		Diageo contribution to path clearing	
	-£492.89		Foundation Scotland (PitP)	
Total committed funds	-£9,723.95			
TOTAL UNRESERVED FUNDS	£9,609.58			

NOTES:
PitP total cost: £3,007.11

Appendix 4 Secretary's Report 24.08.2026

Planning:

Planning applications submitted	
Address	Application summary

Planning applications approved	
Address	Application summary

Planning applications rejected	
Address	Application summary

From/To	Subject
Martin Smith	Resignation from TCC
Pauline Russell	Resignation from TCC
Cllr Holton	Playpark Strategy
Funding News	Funding updates
Jennifer Whyte	Art & Music Festival Tayport
Brooke Welsh	Climate adaptation fund