Thornton Community Council

Minutes of Public Meeting held on

02.11.2026 @ 7pm

Thornton Bowling Club

Meeting Attendance:

Community Councillors	Lyn Murray (Chair) (LM), Euan Ross (Treasurer) (ER), Avril Hutchison (Secretary)(AH), John Laing (JL), Margaret Heggie (MH), Angela Paterson (AP) Bea Sofalvi (BS)
Fife Councillors	Cllr Lynda Holton (Report submitted)
Community Police	No attendance
Safer Communities	No attendance
1. Apologies	Gordon McLay (GM), Cllr Lynda Holton (LH)
Absentees	Derek Noble Cllr Daniel Wilson (DW)

2 Declaration of interest – None declared

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Review of Actions:

Proposed – AP
Seconded- MH

Action no.	Details	Owner	Target date	Details
24.01-6	Unadopted road at primary school	LH	04.05.26	From Glenrothes Area Committee papers 02/09/26: "Under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, a road must serve a minimum of five dwellings before it can be considered for adoption
25.02-6	Visual indicators on roads not clear- need repainted	DW	04.05.26	LH has been advised that Main Street is now being "prioritised" for road marking refurbishment. Any additional locations requiring attention

				should be reported so they can be added to the list.
26.05-2	Contact Clean & Clear to pressure wash park gates, railings and toilet block	ER	06.07.26	Clean & Clear are currently unable to undertake the work due to existing commitments. AP will investigate alternative providers and seek completion before Sunday.
26.05-3	Contact community payback team to repaint park gates, railings and toilet block	ER	06/07/26	Community Payback Team to be contacted once preparatory sanding work has been completed.
26.05-2	Fallen branches in the park.	LH	06.07.26	No update available as Safer Communities did not attend the meeting.
26.07-1	Play Park equipment	MH	24.08.26	MH provided an update. Louise Whyte is meeting with MG on 9 November to inspect the equipment.
26.07-3	Memorial Trees in War Memorial Park. Who do we contact to ask about limit.	DW	28.09.26	No update. No councillors attended the meeting.
26.07-4	Average Speed Cameras	DW	28.09.26	No update

4 Treasurers Report – (Appendix 1)

5 Secretary's Report- (Appendix 2)

6 Community Police update No report received

7 Safer Communities No report received

8 Fife Councillors update – (Appendix 3)

9 Remembrance Sunday

ER confirmed that the wreath has been obtained and will arrange collection of the key for the Pensioners' Hut to provide refreshments.

LM and AH will meet the minister at 10.00 am.

10 Christmas Lights

The cost of the Christmas lights has increased.

ER will investigate whether Foundation Scotland can provide additional funding to cover the increase. Alternative options will also be explored.

11 – Mackie's Mill Bridge

The Community Council is seeking an appropriate email contact to pursue the matter previously raised by Cllr Vettraino.
As no councillors attended the November meeting, this item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

12 Play Park Equipment Upgrade

The fundraising cocktail party raised **£484**.

The forthcoming Beetle Drive on **13 November 2026** is fully sold out.

Local businessman **Neil Simpson** has donated towards the project.

A Christmas raffle is being organised. A meat hamper has been donated, and AP has offered her singing services as a raffle prize.

A local DJ (SG) has agreed to provide entertainment free of charge for the Boxing Night Dance, and tickets are currently being printed.

BS suggested that the Community Council could potentially purchase and maintain the equipment directly. This proposal will require further investigation.

13 Train Station Renaming

JL is awaiting feedback from meeting which was held on 26 September 2026

14 AOCB

BS was voted on as a new member
Proposed: ER
Seconded: MH

Cluny Core Road, Path clearance

AD attended the meeting and proposed that the funding provided by Diageo for path clearance be transferred to Fife Coast and Countryside, who have indicated their willingness to undertake the work.

Railway Bridge

Concerns were raised regarding quad bikes using the pedestrian bridge over the railway line.
It was agreed that enquiries should be made to determine whether there is a weight restriction on the bridge.
Members also queried why no work appeared to have been carried out on Sunday 31 October or Monday 1 November. It was suggested that local newspapers be contacted regarding these concerns.

Shuttle Service

Concerns were raised about the drop-off point at Bankhead, particularly regarding passenger safety and comfort when waiting for connections in poor weather and having to cross a busy road.
It was also reported that a shuttle bus did not stop at Lochty View during darkness to allow a passenger to alight.

A question was raised as to why, if the Bay Bus can turn at the railway bridge, the regular service buses cannot do likewise and continue to operate to the normal timetable.

Christmas Lights Switch-On Event
The Town Hall is unavailable on **28 November 2026**.
It was suggested that children attending the event be provided with a goody bag. BS will investigate this proposal.

a. **DONM -** 07/12/26

b. **Microgrants (Nil)**

Appendix 1

Thornton Community Council

Summary accounts to 31/10/2026

FPO = Faster Payment Out

FPI = Faster Payment In

INT = Interest

PAY = Fee payment

DEP = Cash deposit

CHQ = Cheque

	Value	Chq. No.	Payee	Purpose
Opening bank balance	£19,286.29			
Payments	-£4.25	PAY	Bank of Scotland	Account fee
Credits	£7.01	INT	Bank of Scotland	
	£832.24	FPI	Fife Council	Community Council grant
	£512.86	FPI	Crowdfunder	Play park donations
	£484.00	FPI	Avril Hutchison	Play park donations (cocktail party)
	£100.00	CHQ	Neil Simpson	Play park donation
Closing bank balance	**£21,218.15**			
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)**
	-£725.00	**Additional Xmas light funding**
	-£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)
	-£1,096.86	Play park donations
Total commited funds	**-£11,545.81**	
		NOTES:
TOTAL UNRESERVED FUNDS	**£9,722.34**	

Appendix 2 Secretary's Report 2.11.26

Planning:

Planning applications submitted	
Address	**Application summary**
Land to South of Rothes Depo Strathore Road Thornton Applicant Dealership Developments Ltd Unit 3 Barford Exchange Wellesbourne Road Barford Warwickshire	Proposal of Application Notice for residential development of approx. 120 dwellinghouse, industrial units, formation of vehicular access Agent DM Hall LLP 27 Canmore Street Dunfermline KY12 7NU
Applicant – Mr Mike Catignani 1 Balbirnie Burns Markinch Agent Michael Spence Abbey Hill Precinct Street Coupar Angus PH13 9DG	Listed Building Consent for internal and external works to property, including erection of external staircase and installation of entrance door 11B Main Street Thornton KY1 4AF Ref - 26/02716/LBC

Planning applications approved	
Address	**Application summary**

Planning applications rejected	
Address	**Application summary**

From/To	**Subject**
Cllr Holton	Memorial Trees in War Memorial Park
Cllr Holton	120 Houses
Cllr Wilson	Street Cleaner

Appendix 3 - Fife Councillors update

Thornton CC Meeting 02.11.26
Update from Cllr Lynda Holton

Thornton issues I have been dealing with since the last meeting:

1. **Cameron Park**
   Daniel and I are still pursuing the creation of additional parking on the north side of street. After two site visits with Council Officers earlier in the year we have identified four potential areas for additional parking. However, Roads & Transportation had no capacity to provide quotes at the time. We raised this again with the Head of Roads & Transportation more recently and he is looking at it again.
   I have chased the implementation of the exemption from the Pavement Parking Ban on the south side of the street several times, and to date no timescale has been provided.

   After it was raised at the last meeting, I have sought an update on the decaying tree outside #49-67 – it has since been assessed by an arborist and there is a significant amount of deadwood and decay; however, the tree is still producing berries. As it's on Housing land, it's up to them to decide whether to have it removed.
2. **Overgrown hedges at Memorial Park (west side)**
   At the last meeting, Community Cllrs advised that these hedges had previously been maintained by Fife Council but they have not been touched this year. I raised this with Grounds Maintenance and the response was as follows:

   "If there are branches coming through to the park from private properties then this would fall down to the property owners to cut this. We have cut a lot of areas in the past that we no longer cut as we only cut what belongs to our service or paid work from housing."

3. **Roadworks detritus near Lochtyview roundabout/Foxton Drive**
   I have been pursuing this for several weeks as several discarded barriers, bricks and associated items were left behind after the new footpath was laid. Most of this has now finally been removed, excluding a pile of base blocks.

4. **Road markings**
   After chasing an update, I have been advised that Main Street is now being "prioritised" for road marking refurbishment. I also asked Roads & Transportation how long road markings should be expected to last. Response was as follows:

   "Regarding the durability of relatively newly laid locations. This has been identified as an issue which we are monitoring. Where the lines fall below an acceptable standard they will be re-lined with a more durable longer lasting product. Feel free to make me aware of any other locations and they will be added to the list."

   I have informed them about Strathore Road. Please let me know if there are any other locations like this.

5. **Adopted roads**

From Glenrothes Area Committee papers 02/09/26:

"Under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, a road must serve a minimum of five dwellings before it can be considered for adoption."

6. **Planning application public consultation event**

I attended the first of these drop-in events (relating to the Proposal of Application Notice for around 120 houses off Strathore Road) and advocated for provisions to be put in place to address the potential impact of the proposed development on local GP services, the primary school and the environment.

There is a second drop-in event at the Bowling Club on Thursday 12th November 4-8pm. You can also submit your views online here: https://www.glenetiveprojects.co.uk/strathore-thornton?fbclid=IwY2xjawVS4KtleHRuA2FlbQIxMABwZG9mAWJyaWQRMFFqWjdhRHhnTGJYaUtUbUtzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEf5MpbcDVt9BbhKS94x7-LZVWqszJZ27wFgg64tBXMqAQVIjQbVZT6Mmlxw9s_aem_4UM2Pisv0Iy1vj2YuJS7-Q

7. **Railway bridge replacement works/road closure**

Several issues have been raised with me since the road closed:

• Taxis: information on how to book taxis should have been issued to all homes within the zoned area (south of the bridge) in advance of the closure. Clarified that taxis will be provided free of charge for residents in that zone to their allotted destinations.

• Fife Bus: confirmed that Fife Bus service will continue as normal throughout the closure period. I have been advised that the road closure is built into the back-office system which automates the routing; the system knows not to go via the normal route but to take the diversion route and it builds in the appropriate amount of time needed.

• Shuttle buses: I have raised concerns about shuttle buses parking in residential areas during layovers, delays between connecting services, and lack of wheelchair access.

• Businesses: Daniel and I have been checking in on businesses, some of which are now receiving a grant through the Business Resilience Support Scheme. 2 Impact of the road closure so far has varied, but clear that the financial support is vital.

• Signage: concerns were raised about the lack of detail on signage on the approach to the village to indicate the exact location of the closure and that businesses are still open. I raised this with Roads & Transportation and received assurances that extensive signage has now been installed on all approaches, as well as in Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy, and on the A92.

• Overgrown hedges/foliage on approach to the bridge making it difficult for wheelchair access: I raised this as soon as the bridge closed and the foliage has now been cut back by Grounds Maintenance

Other:

Daniel and I have our next drop-in surgery coming up from 1pm on Thursday 19th November at Café Chocca Latte.