



Thornton Community Council

Minutes of Public Meeting held on

05.10.2026 @ 7pm

Thornton Bowling Club

Meeting Attendance:

Community Councillors	Lyn Murray (Chair) (LM), Euan Ross (Treasurer) (ER), Avril Hutchison (Secretary)(AH), Gordon McLay (GM), John Laing (JL), Margaret Heggie (MH), Angela Paterson (AP)
Fife Councillors	Cllr Lynda Holton (LH), Cllr Daniel Wilson (DW),
Community Police	Report sent
Safer Communities	Emma French Vicky Waterfield
1. Apologies	Bea Sofalvi
Absentees	Derek Noble

2 Declaration of interest (Nil)

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Review of Actions:

Proposed – GM
Seconded- JL

Action no.	Details	Owner	Target date	Details
24.01-6	Unadopted road at primary school	DW	04.05.26	No response LH suggested petition to go to area committee – still following up
25.02-6	Visual indicators on roads not clear-need repainted	DW	04.05.26	Works has been started – noted backlog of works
25.06-3	Path Clearance	ER	04.05.26	Unable to obtain access, funding to be returned - Completed
26.05-2	Contact Clean & Clear to pressure wash park gates, railings and toilet block	ER	06.07.26	ER to chase up

26.05-2	Branches from fallen tree at Park	LH	06.07.26	Safer Communities will take this forward.
26.05-3	Contact community payback team to repaint park gates, railings and toilet block	ER	06/07/26	Gates to be sanded down and prepared before contacting community payback team
26.07-1	Play Park equipment	MH	24.08.26	MH gave a summary of all fund raising events that will be taking place
26.07-3	Memorial Trees in War Memorial Park	DW	28.09.26	No limit to amount that can be approved
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 (Appendix 3)

7 Safer Communities No report of any antisocial behaviour.

8 Fife Councillors update

a) Network Rail has been contacted by DW for an update. No update been received. LH to pass onto another member of Network Rail for an update.

b) Foxton Drive - Cleared of broken barriers, LH to follow up as only part was cleared up.

c) Cameron Park parking – Continue to investigate a solution. Removal of Tree, transportation understaffed at present.

d) Double Dykes Campaign – Meeting held on 28/08/26 was not well attended. Thornton Community Council were not aware of the meeting. LH has suggested doing a petition.

9 Remembrance Sunday

Minister is booked. Was confirmed that there will be no football matches on at same time.

10 Play Park Equipment Upgrade

There is a play park statutory. Thornton is on the list for to be maintained not improvement. DW explained that the design Community will have to have input on the design. A few events are planned, Cocktail Party, Beetle Drive and Boxing Night Dance. Raffles at these events. Letters have been given out to all businesses requesting help with either donations or raffle prizes. A Crowdfund page has been made available for anyone wishing to contribute. DW suggested a race night and will investigate it.

11 Street Cleaner

New plans that involve the street cleaner being in Thornton for a week then away to other areas and not back for around 2 months. DW will investigate this.

12 Litter Over the Park

Youngsters have been leaving there sweet and chocolate wrappers which are not always empty. DW suggested arranging a litter picking morning with an incentive of Tea, Coffee and Bacon Rolls.

13 Train Station Renaming

JL is awaiting feed back from meeting which was held on 26 September 2026.

14 Burst Water Pipe

Underground burst water pipe which Scottish Water are unable to locate. If not located water might be cut off.

15 Library Sign/Parking Sign

It was noted that the library building has a notice on it – Up for let – LH is going to investigate why as this was not what was agreed when the sales was stopped, this need to be clarified

16 AOCB

a) Mackies Mill Bridge – A letter was handed into the community council with regards to this. This will go on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

b) Tullis Russell Band – Unable to attend on 27 November 2026 for the Christmas light switch on. ER will request if they have any availability for 28/29 November 2026.

c) ER will request Community Council email addresses for LM and MH.

a. DONM – 02/11/26

b. Microgrants (Nil)

Appendix 1 Treasurers Report 4.5.26

Thornton Community Council

Summary accounts to 05/10/2026

	Value	Chq. No.	Payee	Purpose
Opening bank balance	£19,283.53			
Payments	-£4.25	PAY	Bank of Scotland	Account fee
Credits	£7.01	INT	Bank of Scotland	
Closing bank balance	£19,286.29			
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	£9,612.34			

NOTES:

Appendix 2 Secretary's Report 4.5.26

Planning:

Planning applications submitted	
Address	Application summary
Land to South of Rothes Depo	Proposal of Application Notice for
Strathore Road	residential development of approx. 120
Thornton	dwellinghouse, industrial units, formation
	of vehicular access

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
Markinch Heritage Group	Talk about the History of the Royal Mail
Thornton Resident	Allotments available and cost

Appendix 3 Community Police Update 01/10/26

THORNTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Report prepared by

PC 501 Shelley Forbes

Antisocial Behaviour

There have been no reports of anti-social behaviour involving children around the area in some time.

Road Safety

Several persons have been reported to the procurator fiscal for driving offences. Community officers are continually liaising with the DVLA who organise days of actions to clamp cars without tax.

Acquisitive Crime

A £200 taxi fraud has been reported, the suspect is still to be traced.

There have been no reports of thefts by shoplifting since the last meeting.

Substance Misuse

A drugs warrant was executed at an address in Brown Crescent, whereby officers did seize class B drugs. A dangerous dogs warrant was also executed at the same address and an XL bully was seized.

Violent Crime

A child on child assault was reported in the area, the school have been made aware and the suspect child has been identified.

Overall Summary

Community police are pleased to report that the more ongoing issues with certain problem residents and the previous influx of anti-social youths is now no longer an issue.