

# Thornhill Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1915 on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019,

The Friendship Club,

15 West Morton Street,

Thornhill, DG3 5ND

### PRESENT:

Keith Watson (Chair)	KW
Jim Renicks (Secretary)	JR
Robert McGarva (Treasurer)	RM
Wullie Lenza	WL
Sheila Jones	SJ

Sheila Renicks :-Community Council Gopher

### Apologies for Absence:

- No Apologies

### Minutes of the last meeting:

- The minutes of the last meeting approved by **JR** and seconded by **SJ**

### Police Report:

PC Lee Smith attended, very little crime in the past 3 months 2 x Assault, 1 x Theft, 2 x Fraud, 6 x Road Traffic Offences and 1 x other.

Usual initiatives running Community Wardens still re Dog Fouling and Litter.

PC Smith advises that the Community Wardens are happy to receive photographs of persons allowing their dogs to defecate. Or of persons dropping litter, as long as the picture is accompanied with the name of the person.

PC Smith intends to keep her Police Surgeries going with approximately 4 in a year.

Follow up from June meeting the Camera Safety Unit can not be used in the Manse Road area however the speed gun can and has been used and will continue to be used

### Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- **KW** advises that the invoice has been obtained from Signcraft and **RM** advises its been paid.
- **KW** and **RM** have got one of the bank accounts 2<sup>nd</sup> Signature done one left to do. **Action: RM & KW get 2<sup>nd</sup> Signature**
- **SJ** reports she attended the Brownies Garden Party which was an enjoyable evening.
- **JR** letter was delivered to Spar regarding the Christmas Bag, response back is that they now have a policy that the Carrier Bag monies are given to Registered Charities.
- **JR** letter to Thornhill Collective re their funding was delivered
- **JR** the road closure for the Gala Parade was put on the Facebook a week before the Parade
- **JR** Fire Service Questionnaire competed and returned
- **JR** application for funding for Christmas Festivities was applied for and was successful.
- **JR** attended Wind Farm meetings in June and September update in Section 6
- **WL** has spoken to the Thornhill Enhancement Group re the wearing of Safety Clothing

### Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer provided a review of the Accounts, as they are now:

Current Account balance	£4008.63
Investment Account:	£ 3526.47
Legacy Account:	£204858.48

**RM** advises the books for the last year are with the accountants.

**RM** reports he is still waiting for the invoice from Findlay's in respect of the Weed Killing. **Action:JR to chase up.**

### Wind Farm Report

**JR** attended a meeting in June for the Twenty Shilling Wind Farm, reports that it is going forward with grid connections.

**JR** also attended the Foundation Scotland Meeting in September there was no applications for Thornhill Community Council fund. The closing date for the next application is 20/01/2020. The Community Council has received funding for another year.

### Planning Applications:

Weekly Planning Applications lists checked as they came in to the E-Mail nothing of significance relating to the village.

### Correspondence:

E-Mail received from Dumfries and Galloway advising that the Community Council has been successful in the funding application for the Christmas Festivities.

E-Mail received from Cara Hyles Youth Issue Worker for Mid & Upper Nithsdale requesting to attend a meeting to introduce herself and explain her role. **JR to reply and invite to November meeting.**

Letter received from Thornhill Collective acknowledging the funding and request to attend meeting to update on their position. **JR** advises they will attend later this meeting

E-Mail received from Thornhill Rotary re Remembrance Day and that the British Legion Branch in Thornhill is no longer running. **JR** advises he has been in touch with Retired Armed Forces personnel who reside in Thornhill who are willing to assist the Community Council with the Parade. **Action:** JR to contact Wullie Prentice with regards a piper .An E-Mail to PC Smith re traffic control in East Morton Street on the day.

### **Any Other Business**

E-Mail received from Community Safety Enforcement advising they will be holding an Engagement Day on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September between 9am and 12.30pm in Drumlanrig Street. **Already Placed on Facebook Page and Digital Notice Board.**

E-Mail received from Scottish Community Councils indicating that Community Councils throughout Scotland are taking the lead on celebrations marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day on the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020. **All agreed there should be some celebration in the village. Everyone tasked with coming back in November with ideas for the celebration.**

E-Mail from Nith Catchment Fishery Trust who are planning to co-ordinate a Litter Pick along the River Nith corridor to be conducted in the Spring of 2020. They are currently, at the planning and feasibility stage and are trying to gauge interest in this project. **WL** going to advise Thornhill Enhancement Group see if they would be interested .

Christmas Festivities Night: **SJ** is making enquiries with regards to having a Special Feature **JR** advises that he has one band booked and will contact another person with regards to music. The Amusements have been booked.

Letter required to request the use of The Bowling Club.

Post onto Facebook Pages to for Stallholders

The meeting was joined by members of the Thornhill Collective (Alison McLeod, Sam Sparrow Tom Meredith and David Smith) with a progress report on The Old School Project which is now an established charity.

It is anticipated that The Old School will be purchased in October.

They will be advertising shortly for a Project Manager with the hope to have them in place in November.

They outlined the purpose of the The Old School:

- To advance citizenship and community development
- To advance education, particularly within the Community
- To advance the arts, heritage and culture
- To advance the provision of recreational facilities

**Next Meeting:** 1915 hours on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at Thornhill Friendship Club.