

Thornhill Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1845 on 21st October 2019,

The Friendship Club,

15 West Morton Street,

Thornhill, DG3 5ND

PRESENT:

Keith Watson (Chair)	KW
Jim Renicks (Secretary)	JR
Robert McGarva (Treasurer)	RM
Sheila Jones	SJ
David Formstone	DF
Corrina Harkness	CH
Alison Gordon (Member of Public)	AG

Sheila Renicks :-Community Council Gopher

Apologies for Absence:

- Wullie Lenza and Councillor J Dempster

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

Police Report:

PC Ian Harvey attended, reported in the past month 2 x Assault, 2 x Theft, 1 x Fraud, 3 x Road Traffic Offences and 1 x other.

Usual initiatives running re Dog Fouling and suspicious Vehicles/Persons.

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- **RM** advises no problems with account way it is
- **JR** advises Findlay's for invoice for weed killing arrived shortly after meeting **RM** confirms its paid
- **JR** E-Mailed Cara Hyles inviting her to November meeting. **Action:JR Follow up confirmation of attendance**

- JR contacted Wullie Prentice piper will be at Remembrance Day
- JR E-Mailed PC L Smith re traffic control Remembrance Day Police will be there we will require a TTRO **Action:JR to apply for TTRO**
- JR contacted Susan Rogers re Christmas Night she is not willing to play.
- JR letter to Bowling Club for Christmas Night sent
- JR contacted Buccleuch & Queensberry Hotel they will be holding Christmas Night same night, no to flyers.
- JR ANCBC forms completed and sent.
- WL contact Enhancement Group re River Clean up 2020, no update. **Action:DF will follow this up**

Treasurers Report:

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

Current Account balance	£230.63
Investment Account:	£ 3526.47
Legacy Account:	£189858.48

RM advises the books for the last year are back from the accountants. **Action:JR letter of thanks to Farries, Kirk & McVean**

Wind Farm Report

JR gave a brief overview of the Windfarms investments. Also 2nd member required for them, if anyone wishes to assist

Planning Applications:

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

Correspondence:

Email from Allison Gordon re Micro Grant funding for 1st Morton Rainbows to assist in purchasing mats for outdoor exploring and also help towards a trip and Christmas treat for the girls. Discussion by those present with a vote which was unanimous.

Letter received from Dumfries and Galloway advising that the Community Council has been successful in the funding application for the Dalswinton WindFarm Fund.

Letter of thanks received from 1st Morton Guides acknowledging the funding they received. Which allowed them to have a trip to the Tartan Gig the funding paying for the bus .

E-Mail received from Dumfries and Galloway Council re Waste & Recycling Community Conversations .Thornhill will have one on 30/10/2019 between 1500-1930 at Wallace Hall. **Action:JR poster on Facebook, Notice Board and Library**

Letter from 1st Morton Guides looking for the Community Council Support in an initiative they would like to try in Thornhill. They would like to make and install Dog Poo Bag dispensers around the village. All present thought this was a very good idea and wholeheartedly supported the initiative.

Any Other Business

JR reports that the British Legion are willing to let the Scouts use the Standards for Remembrance Day. Poppy Wreath has been got for Community Council, **KW** agreed to lay it.
JR has 2 ex-servicemen willing to help.

Christmas Festivities Night:

SJ confirms Special Feature has been booked. **RM** advises its been paid.

KW to sort out obtaining the hampers from Tarff

JR contact Keith Dickson re music and Moniaive Hand Bell Ringers.

JR Confirms that a number of stallholders have been booked with a few more to be contacted

KW confirms use of trailer.

Santa Claus required **Action:KW will contact Donald Carruthers who has previously done it.**

Prices of tables/pitch£10 table and Gazebo £15

CH advises she has been approached about the Christmas Window Competition Shields, shops not receiving them. **JR** advises that the shields are filled with no room left on them for winners names. Discussion regarding the cost of replacing the shields and type of replacement. It was agreed by all that there would be replacement shields obtained however they would not have the plaques with the winners name on them which would bring the cost down and there would be no need for replacing in years to come. It was also agreed that the shields would be given to the shop for month of December of the winning year and November of the following year as shields have been misplaced in the past.

Action:JR to source shields

Next Meeting: 1915 hours on Monday 18th November at Thornhill Friendship Club.