

Thornhill Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1845 on 18th November 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
David Formstone	DF
Corrina Harkness	CH
Alison Gordon	AG
Councillor Andrew Wood	
Sheila Renicks :-Community Council Gopher	

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor J Dempster

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

Co-opted Community Councillor:

Co-Opted Councillor: Alison Gordon, South Rowantree House, Gatelawbridge, Thornhill DG3 5EA

Proposer David Peter Formstone, Greenbank, Corstorphine Road, Thornhill

Secunder Robert McGarva, 7 Townhead Street, Thornhill, Dumfries, DG3 5NL

Alison agreed to adhere to the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Dumfries and Galloway and was unanimously voted on.

Police Report:

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

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

All Community Councillors voiced their concerns regarding the blatant parking on all the Double Yellow Lines locations in Thornhill PC Harvey advised he would raise this with his supervisors. He was also asked to raise awareness of speeding in Dalgarnock Place/Townhead Street area and the practice of parking on pavements in various locations in the Village causing pedestrians to walk on the roadway.

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

JR confirmed that Cara Hyles was attending however an email was received at 1600hrs cancelling

KW Poppy Wreath laid for Remembrance Day and it was agreed by all present at the Cenotaph that there was a good turn out, everything went smoothly.

JR advised that TTRO had been applied for along with a Parades Licence which was requested by Police Scotland, however the Council had already applied for them.

JR letter sent to Farries, Kirk & McVean on 22.10.19

JR a post was placed on Facebook and posters placed in Library and Notice Board re Waste & Recycling Community Conversation

JR Shields for Christmas Competition are in handed and he has been assured will be there for the night

DF has contact Enhancement Group re River Clean up 2020, which they are happy to be involved in and will assist with coordinating. **Action: JR reply to Nith Fishery e-mail**

Treasurers Report:

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

Current Account balance	£3913.84
Investment Account:	£ 3526.47
Legacy Account:	£189858.48

RM advises that he has made enquiries regarding online access for the Bank of Scotland Account which would appear not to be a problem, **KW** will be the 2nd name on the account.

AG requests that there is more details in the minutes given regarding where money has been spent or received from. This was agreed.

Wind Farm Report

JR advises that there is a recording form due to be submitted to Clyde next week

All present had a short discussion regarding a Trust being formed. It was agreed that more information is required in relation to Trusts as to there benefits and cost of setting one up.

Action:JR to make enquiries regarding Trusts.

Planning Applications:

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

Correspondence:

Letter of thanks received from Thornhill and District Rotary acknowledging the continuous support and generous donation of £300 for the Thornhill Community Firework Display .

Confirmation from ANCBC confirming the Annual Grant of £2,000.00 for Established Community Council's in the ANCBC benefit area.

VE Day Celebrations 2020:

Discussion by all present as to what could be done in Thornhill. Suggestion that we should clarify with Dumfries & Galloway Council if there will be any celebration for VJ Day as there was a number

of local servicemen involved in the war in the Far East. **Action: JR to ascertain.**

Christmas Festivities Night:

KW advised Hampers had been obtained, **JR** stated that they were on display in the Tom Meredith's office window.

KW confirmed that Lloyds hospitality caravan will be in attendance. **Action: JR letter of Thanks to Lloyds, Dumfries**

JR confirmed stallholders all contacted and confirmed attendance.

JR confirmation letter received from Nithsdale Singers.

DF confirms that The Friendship Club will be open with stalls and beverages and Home baking.

Any Other Business

DF informed that it is hoped early in 2020 there will be a meeting in relation to the Village (who already all carry out work at various parts of the village) and members of the community, would become involved to work together to improve the Village. **JR** raised that some members of the Enhancement Group are seen to be not wearing the High-Vis jackets when out on a Sunday. **Action DF and AG will speak to Laura from the Enhancement Group.**

DF gave a brief update on The Old school project which has been purchased and are about to employ a Development Officer. They are hoping to have an Open Day in the summer for the community.

Thornhill Transport Study **DF** advised that the Consultation in January had 300 people and 600 forms filled in. The Train Station has been successful and it is now through to the next stage.

The Friendship Club have moved to the next stage of the face lift which is the Garden. **DF** gave an update that a local gardener is assisting them. It will be accessible for everyone with ramps and raised beds along with a new summer house.

AG mentioned that if a Trust was established then it may be that the Regional Arts Fund may be another avenue of income.

Next Meeting:

AGM will be held at 1900hrs on Monday 9th December at Thornhill Friendship Club

Ordinary Meeting :1915 hours on Monday 20th January at Thornhill Friendship Club.