

Thornhill Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1915 on 20th January 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
Corinna Harkness	CH
Councillor JDempster	
Councillor A Wood (joined meeting)	
Sheila Renicks :-Community Council Gopher	
Fiona McMillan Scottish National Sheepdog Trials	

Apologies for Absence:

David Formstone

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

Police Report:

PC Ian Harvey attended, reported the local Crime Stats for the past month 6 x Road Traffic Offences, 3 Anti-Social Behaviour, 1 x Drug Offences and 1 x Vandalsim.

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

PC Harvey advised that reporting suspicious persons/vehicles had a good outcome of late when a report was received of an animal trailer having been reported sitting by the roadway Police attended and it transpired when the owner was contacted the trailer had just been stolen.

PC Harvey advised that 1 of the Road Traffic Offences was for parking on Double Yellow Lines. A discussion with all those present regarding the blatant disregard of the Double Yellow Lines by drivers in the Village and that for a month 1 person reported would not discourage this behaviour. Community Council to write to the Area Commander for Nithsdale Police Area regarding this matter.

Action: JR letter to Area Commander for Nithsdale Police Area

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

JR confirms that Nith Fishery had been E-Mailed re the Spring 2020 Clean Up.

KW & RM confirm Bank need to chased up re 2nd Signature. **Action: RM to chase Bank**

JR reports having spoke with David Smith re setting a Trust up this can be costly. However monies can be transferred to an existing trust.

JR confirms that the Council were E-Mailed on 20.11.2019 re VJ 2020 Celebrations no reply to date
Action: JR to contact Council re this

JR letters sent 03.12.2019 to Lloyds Ltd, D Watson, T Meredith and I Renicks for their support for the Christmas Festivities

JR advises Recording Form to Clyde has been submitted. However they had a change to their system and also required a Bank Statement, this has now been sent to them

DF & AG no update re Enhancement Group not wearing High Visible Clothing for their safety. DF had given his apologies and Alison Gordon has since resigned from the Community Council **Action: Defer to March Meeting**

Treasurers Report:

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

Current Account balance	£3562.45
Investment Account:	£3528.23
Legacy Account:	£190003.20

RM advises that the Christmas Festivities Night has been paid out of the Current Account.

Wind Farm Report

JR advises nothing to report.

Planning Applications:

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

Correspondence:

20.11.2019 E-Mail received from The Singalongs which is a singing-for-pleasure group, the aim of which is to combat loneliness, lift spirits and stimulate musical memory for those suffering mild demetia. They were enquiring if the Community Council were aware of any funding that they would be eligible for. All present agreed to giving the Group a £250 grant.

05.12.2019 E-Mail received from Mr Jan Dobie regarding how she was treated on the Christmas Festivities Night by a member of the Community Council. Due to the premises for the Craft Stallholders not being open on time. An open discussion took place by all present as to how it had been dealt with, it was agreed that the members had all learnt from it. However due to feedback from the all stallholders who were present on the night it would appear that the venue is not suitable for such an event. **Action: KW to report back to Mrs Dobie**

10.01.2020 E-Mail received from Wallace Hall Parent Council Development Committee requesting funding for the WHA Tercentenary Funding. Agreed by all present that further information was required and that an invitation to attend the Febuary meet be made to answer questions the Community Councillors have. **Action: JR to email invite to attend the February meeting.**

11.01.2020 E-Mail received from Councillor Dempster who had received a complaint from Mrs Jackie McKeand with regards to Timber Lorries using the Boat Brae. Damage has previously been caused to her property and vehicle. Councillor Dempster informs that he has contacted the Council this is not a recognised route for timber lorries. Constable I Harvey asked if he could check the previous 6 months of any reports of road traffic incidents on Boat Brae. Councillor Dempster happy to facilitate

a meeting with Council Road Officers, Police Road Safety and Community Council regarding the use of Boat Brae. **Actions: Councillor Dempster make contact with relevant parties re meeting. Constable Harvey check re Road Traffic incidents past 6 months.**

VE Day Celebrations 2020:

Still awaiting reply from Council regarding VJ Day 2020 celebrations **Action: JR to ascertain.**

Christmas Festivities Night:

It was agreed that once again it was well attended and enjoyed by all. Feedback from 10 stallholders within the Bowling Club was that they would probably prefer to be on the street in future.

Any Other Business

18.01.2020 E-Mail received from Alison Gordon resigning from the Community Council forthwith. **Action: JR to notify Dumfries & Galloway Council and remove from the Community Webpage.**

Fiona McMillan joined the meeting and advised that the Scottish National Sheep Dog Trial 2020 would be held at Dressertland, Closeburn between 19-22 August over the 4 days there would be in the region of 400-600 people attending. The Headquarters for this event would be in the Buccleuch and Queensberry Hotel, Thornhill.

All present acknowledged that although the location of the event is outwith Thornhill, the economic impact there will be to the businesses in the surrounding area is positive and all agreed that they supported the event and would assist the organisers where the Community Council can.

WL reports that the edge of the road round the Joseph Thomson Memorial, Manse Road/Station Road is in total disrepair. Councillor Dempster stated he would contact the relevant department regarding this. **Action: Councillor Dempster contact Council**

CH raised concerns over the waste bins in Drumlanrig Street and East Morton Street being filled to capacity and overflowing after the school kids had been at lunch time. **Action: JR contact street cleaner**

WL wishes it noted that there is a huge improvement in the streets and road verges in the village since the Big Green Machine and Road Sweeper have started coming back to the village. All agreed. **Action: JR to contact council to show appreciation of this service.**

20.01.2020 E-Mail received from TPE who are working with KPT Development Trust in regards to the Penpont to Thornhill Path inviting Thornhill Community Council be part of the Design Working Group. As such requesting a contact for same. **KW** agreed to be the contact through the Community Council E-Mail. **Action:JR to reply to the E-Mail**

Next Meeting:1915 hours on Monday 17th February at Thornhill Friendship Club.