

# Thornhill Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1600 on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020,

Drumlanrig Cafe,

Drumlanrig Street,

Thornhill,

### PRESENT:

David Formstome (Temporary Chair)	DF
Jim Renicks (Secretary)	JR
Robert McGarva (Treasurer)	RM
Wullie Lenza	WL
Sheila Jones	SJ
Corinna Harkeness	CH
Keith Watson	KW

### Minutes of the last meeting:

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

### Police Report:

Police report for the month e-mailed by Constable L Smith due to covid restrictions on officers attending. The Crime Stats for the month were Breach of the Peace x 1, Theft x 1, Road Traffic x 2 and others x 2.

Local crimes relating to Bogus Work Persons attending at addresses asking if they require work to be carried out on houses, roof, guttering, driveways etc. Police Scotland would strongly advise not to engage and refuse any such work to be undertaken and not to hand over any money. If you require any such work to be undertaken refer to the trusted traders who are reputable trustworthy companies.

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

### Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

With Regards to the format of future meetings if Covid Restrictions go up a level or a Lockdown happens. **JR** advises the Council are unwilling for business to be conducted via email due to there being no provision for the public to participate in meetings and contribute on issues of local concerns to the community. All present agreed to continue with the physical meetings observing Covid Guidelines

**JR** advises letter sent to Poppy Organisers re payment for electricity. Mr Fusi has submitted an invoice for the cost, **RM** paid the bill at the end of the meeting.

**JR** advises that the post thanking the Street Volunteers went onto the Community Group on 02 November there was no one who intimated that they did not wish to continue help if required.

**JR** advises enquiries made regarding the Church Clock not working and there has been damaged caused to the clock and its workings when work has been carried out on the church building.

Replacement batteries and pads for the defibrillators **JR** has prices the batteries are £250 each and the pads are between £35 and £50 dependent on the supplier. **Action JR** to examine all defibrillators to see if they all require to be replaced at once or if they can be staggered.

#### **Treasurers Report:**

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

Current Account balance	£6256.90
Investment Account:	£3530.91
Legacy Account:	£185269.33

**RM** has been in contact with the Bank of Scotland with regards to Internet Banking paperwork he has received and requires signatures from 2 Office Bearers. **DF** and **RM** signed relevant paperwork.

The books have been submitted to the accountant.

#### **Wind Farm Report:**

Received payment from Dalswinton Wind Farm through Dumfries and Galloway Council for this years funding.

ANCBC end of year report submitted for the Community Grant.

#### **Planning Applications:**

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

#### **Correspondence:**

Email received from Margaret Marchbank with regards to disabled crossings in the village **JR** advises that he has spoke with Mrs Marchbank and advised her that the some of the crossings will be addressed with the footway in East Morton Street.

Email received acknowledging the Scotland Loves Local funding application.

Email received from Street Cleaning Gang regarding funding for equipment this was included in the application to Scotland Loves Local so if the application is successful there is funding available for them.

#### **Footway East Morton Street:**

**JR** contacted via email was made with the engineer on the 30th October with the request for a site meeting at the school time starting when the street is busy and congested.

The engineer could not accommodate this request and eventually stated that site meetings could not take place at this time due to Covid 19.

The residents of East Morton Street were contacted regarding the proposed Footway and agreed to park their vehicles on the proposed line for one morning this was carried out on 23 November photographs of the result of the parking were sent to the engineer for their information who is wishing more dialogue and more photographs. They did agree that there was congestion the whole length of East Morton Street.

**JR advises** that he has also been in contact via telephone with the Head of Wallace Hall regarding the proposed plan and he intimated that he was not in favour of the proposal.

A general discussion with all present with regards to the Footway it is agreed that a the plan that has been

proposed is not the best plan. It was also agreed the Community Council requires to put forward an alternative to the plan proposed by the Council.

The parking of the vehicles the length of East Morton Street was also discussed. However as long as the vehicles have valid documentation there is nothing that can be done with regards to the parking.

Discussion of the vehicles in the bus bay and in Manse Road also took place. It was noted that the Police are blatantly ignoring the parking in this area.

**Action** JR to make further contact with engineer with regards to a site visit and options that are available.

### **Christmas Festivities:**

**SJ** advised that herself and **CH** have been working together and all the gifts and selection boxes have been purchased. **SJ** advises she has secured premises for the gifts to be stored and this can be utilised to wrap them. **SJ** asks that she could do with help wrap the presents which will have to be done social distancing. The gifts require to be with all the schools 72hours prior to the children receiving them due to Covid quarantine.

**JR** would like that recognition be shown to **CH** and **SJ** who have acted promptly in getting the gifts and in doing so have made a substantial saving.

**KW** advises that the hampers have been obtained. **JR** has spoken with Mr Fusi who has agreed for them to be displayed in the window of his shop.

**KW** enquired if the Buccleuch & Queensberry Pipe Band could be contacted to see if they would be willing to play in the village around the Festive time. Discussion by all when it was noted that due to Covid Restrictions this would not be permitted also it may encourage people to gather in groups which is not advised. **JR** also informed the meeting that the Pipe Band and Pipers have advised they would not be doing this for the above reasons.

### **Any Other Business**

Discussion with regards to adopting the Telephone Kiosk, however due to it being a new style box it would require to be used for housing a Defibrillator. To move any of the ones in the village to this location would require planning permission due to the proximity to The Cross ( Conservation Area). It was agreed by all that it was not worth going ahead.

Thornhill Community Council E-mail who should have access to the account. Members agree that only one person should have access to the account. **DF** requests that he gets copies of any relevant correspondence. This is to be reviewed in 6 months.

**Next Meeting:** TBA