

# Thornhill Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1900 on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021,

The Friendship Club

15 West Morton Street,

Thornhill, DG3 5ND

### PRESENT:

David Formstome (Temporary Chair)	DF
Jim Renicks (Secretary)	JR
Robert McGarva (Treasurer)	RM
Sheila Jones	SJ
Corinna Harkness	CH
Keith Watson	KW
Sheila Renicks :-Community Council Admin	

### Apologies for Absence:

Wullie Lenza

### Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting approved by CH and seconded by DF

### Police Report:

Police report for the month e-mailed by Constable L Smith. The Crime Stats for the month were Assault x 2 (1 person charged and enquiries continue in relation to 2<sup>nd</sup> assault), Fixed Penalty Issued for Road Traffic Offence and Section 57 (which is in or on premises with the intent to steal) one person charged

The usual initiatives are ongoing and the public are asked to report any of the following, suspicious activity, drug dealing, drink drivers and anti-social behaviour.

Speed Gun checks and joint patrols with Community Safety Team are being carried out by local officers

### Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

With regards to the footway in East Morton Street JR reports that the Engineer from Dumfries & Galloway Council reported that they were going to pause the current development and to investigate other possible options seeking for the best solution to improve the existing situation for the footway and road users. To date there has been no further correspondence from the Council with regards to same. It was agreed by all members present that the a letter to the Council Roads Department was required regarding the near non-existent Double Yellow Lines and the condition of the road including the junction with Manse Road which is a "Safe Route to School" **Action - DF to compose correspondence**

**RM** advises that still awaiting forms to be completed for 2<sup>nd</sup> Signature regards to Banking **Action - DF to sign forms**

**JR** advises that the batteries for all 3 defibrillators and pads require to be replaced due to age. Agreed by all members to go ahead with same. **Action - JR to go ahead with purchase**

All agreed that the feedback from residents of the village in relation to the Christmas Parcels for the Children, Santa's Sleigh and Easter Flowers was positive and supportive. **DF** on behalf of the Community Council wished to thank **SJ** and **CH** for their hard work to make both these events happen.

Scotland Loves Local the Community Council was successful in the application for the grant. The Enhancement Group have been given money from the fund to purchase new equipment. There will be a newspaper advert in the local paper advertising the village is open for business.

#### **Treasurers Report:**

The Treasurer (**RM**) provided a review of the Accounts, as they are now:

Current Account balance	£6222.60
Investment Account:	£3531.09
Legacy Account:	£185278.56

The books have been audited and returned from the accountant.

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

**JR** advises that the latest applications from the village to Clyde Windfarm were both granted.

The closing date for the next applications for Clyde is the 5<sup>th</sup> July

Twenty Shilling Windfarm is going ahead the present position at the discussion stage as to how the funding can be managed.

#### **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 The Enhancement Group with regards to the condition of Boat Brae. **RM** also advised that he has been approached by a resident of Dalgarnock Place/Townhead Street with regards to the speed of vehicles using the Boat Brae and travelling into Dalgarnock Place/Townhead Street. A discussion with all present and it was agreed that the Road Department Dumfries & Galloway Council should be contacted with the request for a site visit to Boat Brae.

Email received from Principal Teacher of Physical Education, Home Economics and Health and Wellbeing at Wallace Hall Academy regarding how they can further develop WHApples ( a community orchard located in Thornhill). At this time they are re-establishing a board of trustees and looking at creating strong links with the community. Are hoping that the Community Council may be willing to get actively involved in the project with representation on the board/advice/guidance. Those present discussed the matter however due to the location of the WHApples Orchard and the fact that Amey who own the ground to access the Orchard do not allow the public access to same. It was agreed by all that the Community Council at this time the Community Council would not become involved due to the problem with the access. **DF** advised it may be more beneficial to the residents of the village and

Pupils if approach was made to the Old School who are intending on having a community garden which would be accessible to all parties **Action - JR inform of the decision**

### **Any Other Business**

KPT Foot/Cycle Path **DF** stated that from the Social Media Campaign there were now 5 representatives from Thornhill on the project. It was decided that if possible a member from the Path Project be invited to June meeting to give the members an update. **KW** advised that he was the nominated liaison for Thornhill Community Council for the Path however due to work commitments he could no longer fulfill **RM** stated he would take over. **Action JR to invite a representative to the next meeting and advise the Trust of the change of contact.**

**JR** stated that with the above Path coming into the Thornhill he thought it may be prudent of the Community Council to install 2 x Bike Racks and 2 x Bike Garages in the village for cyclist to be able to park there cycle more securely whilst visiting the village and also if they require to carry out any maintenance. All present agreed this was a good idea **Action - JR to make enquiries with property owners re siting of them and also obtain costs.**

Railway Bridge road closure in July/August. A discussion by those present with regards to the condition of the diversion roads and that Buccleuch Estate intend carrying out a Timber Harvest in mid July. It was agreed that the Roads Department should be contacted with regards to the concerns - **Action DF**

**Next Meeting: 21 June 2021**