

Thornhill Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1600 on 29th October 2020,

Drumlanrig Cafe,

Drumlanrig Street,

Thornhill,

PRESENT:

David Formstone(Temporary Chair)	DF
Keith Watson	KW
Jim Renicks (Secretary)	JR
Robert McGarva (Treasurer)	RM
Wullie Lenza	WL
Sheila Jones	SJ
Sheila Renicks :-Community Council Admin	

Apologies for Absence:

Corinna Harkness

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

Resignation of Chair Person:

KW advised that he submitted his resignation as Chair of the Community Council however was happy to remain as a member of the Community Council.

DF advised he would take on the Temporary Chair until an AGM could be held. Agreed unanimously by all present **DF** advised that he would not be standing for Chair at the AGM.

DF then presided over the meeting as Temporary Chair and thanked **KW** for his tireless work as Chair of the Community Council. A show of appreciation was made by all present.

Secretarial Duties:

DF thanked Sheila Renicks for assisting with the Community Council's Admin Duties over the past year and enquired if she was willing to continue. Sheila Renicks indicated that she was.

Future Meetings:

A discussion with all present taking part about the format that future meetings should be. The minimum number of elected members required for a meeting is 5. There is only 4 who are willing to

take part in virtual meetings. It was agreed that if Government Guidelines permit then physical meetings with just Community Council Members present should take place. **Action:** Sheila Renicks to contact Ward Officer and ascertain if Dumfries & Galloway Council will accept minutes of E-Mail based meetings .

Police Report:

No Police attendance due to Covid 19 and no report e-mailed

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

Nothing outstanding as matters had been dealt with through e-mail correspondence

Treasurers Report:

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

Current Account balance	£1333.25
Investment Account:	£3530.91
Legacy Account:	£185269.33

Wind Farm Report:

JR advised that construction has commenced on Twentysilling and the Community Benefit Package would commence in 2021.

Consultation had begun in relation to South Daer

The Clyde Wind Farm fund open application to be submitted by 15th January 2021

Planning Applications:

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

Correspondence:

Mrs V Inglis sent a Thank You Card and donation in relation to the Street Volunteers expressing her heart felt Thanks for the assistance she has had from them.

Letter from the Poppy Appeal Area Organisers, advising that no door to door collections are taking place this year however they had secured a Shop in the village which had been given to them the only cost they will have is for the electricity. They were enquiring if the Community Council would give a donation for this cost. It was agreed by all that the Community Council would pay for the Electricity used. **Action JR to write and inform the Area Organisers.**

The 3 Lord Lieutenants of Dumfries & Galloway sent a card Thanking the Community Council for its contribution made to the Community during these extraordinary and challenging times.

E-mail received from R Baniulyte, Engineer with Dumfries & Galloway Council advising of works to create a missing footway link in East Morton Street including a crossing upgrade. A copy of the General Arrangement Engineering Design was shown to all present.

The following concerns were raised:

1. will it make East Morton Street narrower
2. where are the residents to park their vehicles
3. is the work to be done outwith term time

It was agreed that a request for a site meeting with members of the Community Council and representatives of the Engineering Design of Dumfries & Galloway Council. **Action JR to e-mail R Baniulyte and request a site meeting.**

DF_apologised for being remiss and passing this e-mail on to a 3rd party.

DF advises he has submitted the Dumfries & Galloway Council Road Survey on behalf of Thornhill Community Council in relation to the state of the village roads.

Thornhill Community Covid-19 update: Everyone agreed that the Street Volunteers had done a tremendous job throughout this unprecedented time. **Action JR to put a Post on Community Group Thanking the Street Volunteers and enquiring if required would they be willing to assist again.**

Any Other Business

proposed Federation of Nithsdale Community Councils **No further update since Community Councils News in July 2020**

review of scheme of establishment for Community Councils **All members received an e-mail copy and DF outlined the changes in brief**

future of Thornhill hospital **No further update**

Removal of telephone box **-No update brief discussion agreed that a post on Facebook asking for views on its removal and JR to make contact to see if too late to adopt.**

Penpont-Thornhill footpath - speaker? **No update as it was agreed for speaker when there no was no Covid restrictions**

Thornhill station - update + renewal of rail bridge **DF gave a brief update that there may be possible routine maintenance on the Bridge in November nothing on the replacement of same. DF also advised that with regards to the station re-opening bid, they should hear shortly if it has made the short list**

Climate Emergency Training - feedback & next steps **DF advised that it was good training from Scottish Government and Keep Scotland Beautiful. Looking ahead each Community would have a responsibility for Climate Change in their area possibly with Climate Change Groups.**

Armistice Day **JR advises that the wreaths have been purchased and as requested by Legion Scotland that the numbers are kept to a bare minimum with attendance being restricted to Wreath Layers, Piper, and a Minister at most. There will be NO Road Closure due to this. Councillor A Wood will be attending and laying the wreath for Dumfries & Galloway Council. DF laying wreath for Thornhill Community Council. KW and RM attending to assist in the area**

Christmas Festivities this year can not take place in the normal fashion. A discussion as to how Santa can deliver present to the children of the area was had by everyone. **JR had made contact with the Wallace Hall to see if he could maybe pay an external visit to the children, this was being put to a Managment Meeting.**

It was agreed that Wallace Hall Primary, Closeburn Primary and Penpont Primary children and Nursey Children at the theses schools would receive a present from Santa.

JR asked if the Christmas Hampers could be done for adults, with no tickets being purchased and all the houses in the Community Council area being eligible and an independent person from outwith Mid Nithsdale would make a selection of 3 addresses. Unanimously agreed.

WL asked if the Church Board can be approached with regards to the Clock not working **Action JR to make contact**

JR advises that all 3 defibrillators in the village will be requiring new batteries and pads. **Action JR to obtain prices for same**

Next Meeting: Monday 2nd December 2020 1600hrs Drumlanrig Cafe