

Thornhill Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1915 on 19th July 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
Sheila Renicks :-Community Council Admin	

Apologies for Absence:

Wullie Lenza_Keith Watson

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

Police Report:

Police report for the month e-mailed by Constable L Smith. The Crime Stats for the month were Vandalism x 1 graffiti in the village

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:

DF reports writing to the Roads Department with regards to the various road defects in the Village. No reply has been received. The potholes in the village have started to be filled this week and it was noted on the weekly road work report that for week commencing 19th July the potholes are to be addressed.

RM informs that there has been no further action on the 2nd Signatory for the bank. **Action - RM to chaser this up**

JR advises that he has contacted the Company who supplied the Defibrillators and the batteries for all 3 defibrillators and pads have been ordered.

JR informs that he has 2 quotations from companies with regards to the Bike Garages however the cost of delivery from both companies appears to be extortionate. All present were shown the quotations and agree with regards delivery. **JR** to clarify what the delivery charge actually entails. **JR** suggests that the purchase of the Bike Racks go ahead through the Community Council applying for Mini Grant. All present agreed. - **Action JR to clarify the delivery costs of the Bike Garages**

DF advises that he wrote to the Roads Department re the closure of the Railway Bridge and the condition of the diversion route. He states that prior to the closure the potholes on the diverted route had been repaired.

Treasurers Report:

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

Current Account balance	£5395.63
Investment Account:	£3531.18
Legacy Account:	£185283.19

RM advises that there is still problems trying to access the online banking. He will contact the bank

Wind Farm Report:

JR advises that the closing date for Clyde is past and there is 1 application for funding that will be requested to Thornhill Community Council he is awaiting the paperwork to come through.

Planning Applications:

CH queried that steeple being removed from the church at the top of West Morton Street. **JR** advises he had made enquiries with the Planning Department it is outwith the Conservation area and it is not a listed building.

Correspondence:

Email received from David Hurdle DipTP, MA, MRTPI, FCILT Transport Planning Consultant regarding a proposed book he is publishing on the Life of Kirkpatrick McMillan and references to Thornhill. With the request check that the wording under the images is correct, and that the Village Committee no longer exists. **Action DF proposed to give to the end of the month for Council members to read and identify any errors then contact the Author**

Any Other Business

Senga Greenwood from KPT Foot/Cycle Path attended the meeting and gave a brief presentation of the Foot Path and the current status of it at this time.

Community Centre Park and the maintenance of same. **JR** advises he has spoke with a representative who received funding a number of years ago to update the play park at the Community Centre. **JR** has been advised that the matter is now getting the full attention it requires. All Community Council members agree that contact should be made requesting an email with the timescale of the refurb of the park. **Action request a timescale play park refurb**

DF reports that after several correspondence it has been agreed that the Post Office at Spar will shut on 12 August . Re-opening on 16th August at the Library. The hours will be Monday and Wednesday 11am to 2pm both days. All present agreed that it is better than nothing and residents

should be encourage to use this facility in the hope that the more it is used the Post Office may realise that more hours are required. Unless someone comes forward who is willing to take the Post Office on in the village.

Secretarial Post Sheila Renicks informed the members that she had been employed by the Community Council to carry out administration for the Community Council since June 2019 this was working well however, recently this has not been happening and administrative tasks were being carried out by a Community Councillor which is pointless when she is being paid to carry out such tasks. A discussion with all present at the meeting however the issue was unable to be resolved and as such Sheila Renicks advised the meeting that she was resigning and left the meeting.

Sheila Jones submitted her resignation from the Community Council.

Next Meeting: 16 August 2021