

# Thornhill Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1915 on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021,

The Friendship Club

15 West Morton Street,

Thornhill, DG3 5ND

### **PRESENT:**

Wullie Lenza (Chair)	DF
Jim Renicks (Secretary)	JR
Robert McGarva (Treasurer)	RM
Keith Watson	SJ
Corinna Harkness	CH

### **Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor A Wood

### **Minutes of the last meeting:**

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

### **Police Report:**

Police report for the month e-mailed by Constable L Smith. The Crime Stats for the month were 2 x Section 38 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Breach of the Peace) enquiries ongoing with 1 and 1 person cautioned & charged in the other 1 Ebay Fraud

Police ask that the members of the public be made aware of Suspected Fraud in relation to online dating and money being requested to be transferred to other accounts. Please be very careful as this is a regular occurrence whereby innocent members of the public are fraudulently scammed out of thousands of pounds. If anyone is concerned about this and feel they are being scammed or attempts have been made, then call the Police to seek advice or report the circumstances.

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.

### **Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:**

**RM** reports that the paperwork has been signed and sent to the bank to date there is no reply.

**JR** advises that campaign for new members correspondence has been sent to the Bowling Club, Golf, Club and Squash Club looking for members. Posters have been made will posted round the village and on Facebook.

**JR** reports that an e-mail was sent to the Roads Department in relation to East Morton Street/Safe Route to School and also the proposed Footpath previously raised by the Roads Department Engineers. **Action:JR: email Roads Department to arrange date which WL will attend.**

**JR** advises that an e-mail was received from Alice Smith with an update on the play area at Thornhill Community Centre. The work has commenced with the repair and use of recycled materials. Much of the repair work has been completed, seating has been made and installed and tyres have been placed in situ. Painting has commenced along with woodchip put down. The Community Payback are assisting with the overhaul and Carronbridge Sawmill kindly donated the woodchip.

A discussion by members present regarding the recent vandalism to the new works and it was agreed that an email to the Community Centre Committee to see if the Community Council can assist to help deter any further vandalism. **Action: JR email to Community Centre**

**JR** states he has spoken to staff at the Buccleuch & Queensberry Hotel regarding the parking. Persons parking on the pavement are not always customers of the hotel. However, they will ensure that the patrons of the hotel do not obstruct the pavement.

**JR** the bike garage the delivery costs still require to be clarified. **Action:JR contact the companies and clarify the delivery costs.**

**JR** that the laptop has not been purchased at this time.

#### **Treasurers Report:**

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

Current Account balance	£5525.13
Investment Account:	£3531.27
Legacy Account:	£185287.81

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

**JR** advises there has been a round of funding for Clyde Windfarm there was an application made to the Thornhill Fund it was for upgrading the lighting at the Sam Moffat Sports Court (aka Muga).

Recording Forms will be submitted this week to ANCBC for Thornhill's yearly allocation

#### **Planning Applications:**

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

#### **Correspondence:**

Email received from Derek Hextall, Ward Officer, Dumfries & Galloway Council. Advising that Nithsdale Area Committee are currently procuring a new contract for the Christmas Lights in the village. They have extended the Christmas Light Design competition to local Primary Schools to submit entries. Would Thornhill Community Council be willing to provide a judge to join the panel and also to offer a small prize to the winners. **Action: JR to reply that prizes will be provided, and WL will assist in the Judging**

Letter also received from the Head Boy at Wallace Hall Academy to see if the Community Council would be interested in working together with the school. **Action: JR to email back with an invitation to a meeting and ascertain how they see the School and Community Council working together.**

A Thank You was also received from Thornhill WI for the Mini Grant they received.

Resignation was received from David Formstone from the Community Council **Action: JR letter to David Formstone for his time.**

### **Christmas Festivities Night**

Christmas Festivities Night on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December should be able to go ahead as previously if the situation remains as is just now agreed that the stalls require to be spaced out more. Discussion by those present and various parties to be contacted. Funding has been obtained to hold the event.

### **Any Other Business**

**JR** with regards to Scotland Loves Local the appropriate paperwork was submitted and acknowledged

Queen Elizabeth II -Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022 Community Councils are being asked to support and mark the occasion. There is 3 planned events from October 2021 through to June 2022.

Between October 2021 and March 2022 Queens Green Canopy is a tree planting initiative. Communities are encouraged to become part of QGC.

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 Lighting of Beacons the long and unbroken tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, weddings and Coronations of lighting a beacon.

5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Big Platinum Jubilee Lunch to gather as many residents as possible to share in an afternoon of food friendship and fun.

It was agreed by all that this is something that the Community Council would like to celebrate with residents. It was also agreed that the June celebrations can be discussed in January meeting. An application should be made for a sapling for the Queens Green Canopy if successful with the application **Action:JR Application for a Sapling and defer rest till January meeting**

**WL** advises that he has been approached by several persons regarding the church clock still not working. This was previously raised in November 2020 when it transpired that damage had been caused when building works had been carried out. **JR** confirms that a specialist company have been and uplifted the broken parts.

**Next Meeting: 18th October 2021**