

Thornhill Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1915 on 18th October 2021,

The Friendship Club

15 West Morton Street,

Thornhill, DG3 5ND

Present: Wullie Lenza (Chair), Robert McGarva (Treasurer), Jim Renicks (Secretary), Corinna Harkness, Keith Watson, Councillors A Wood and J Dempster., S Renicks (Admin)

Members of the Public Present: Julie McKie, John Martin, Belinda Morrison, Adam Zdravkovic, Sharon Hodkinson, Edward Smith (Head Boy WHA) and Louise Cochrane

Apologies for Absence:

Olivia Andreasen (Head Girl WHA)

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

Police Report:

Police report for the month e-mailed by Constable L Leslie. The Crime Stats for the month were 2 Vandalisms, 6 Breach of the Peace, 1 Theft, 1 Licensing Offences 7 Road Traffic 5 Anti-Social Behaviour and 2 Civic Government Offences.

Constable Leslie is now the Community Officer for Thornhill there is also a new Community Sergeant fort Upper and Lower Nithsdale Sergeant C Dalgliesh-Little who will be based in Sanquhar Station.

Several proactive stops of motor vehicles in the Thornhill area have resulted in 4 drivers being charged with driving without insurance. In the run up to Christmas proactive stops will continue with drink driving being the main focus.

A complaint had been received regarding the dangerous and inconsiderate parking in the area of Manse Road/Coo Lane at school drop of and collection times. Police have carried out patrols and spoken with motorists discouraging such parking. These patrols will continue.

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

RM reports that further paperwork should be received this week regarding 2nd signature for bank account.

JR advises that he is still awaiting a detailed breakdown of the delivery costs and actual weights of the bike garages to see if the Community Council can source a cheaper delivery. He also reported on

this matter that there Shift Grants available for Community Councils to promote cycling in the local community through Transport Scotland and delivered by Cycling UK. He will investigate further and apply if the bike garages fit the criteria.

JR confirms in relation to the vandalism at the Community Centre contact has been made with Maryanne regarding CCTV, which they are looking at having installed they are awaiting quotes.

JR advises a letter was sent to D Formstone for his time on the Community Council an acknowledgement was received.

With regards to Planting a tree for the Queens Diamond Jubilee **JR** informed the meeting that on looking into the application further a grid reference was required for the location of the tree. No decision had been made at the last meeting as to the location of the tree. Discussion by all members with Community Centre if the CCTV was in place or Defiance Wood Buccleuch Estates would have to be approached regarding this location. **Action JR to make enquiries**

Treasurers Report:

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

Current Account balance	£5270.14
Investment Account:	£3531.27
Legacy Account:	£185,287.81

RM advised that the accounts have been prepared and sent to Farries Kirk and McVean, Chartered Accountants to be audit in preparation of the AGM.

Road Safety East Morton Street:

Louise Cochrane Chair of Wallace Hall Parent Council joined the meeting. Louise along with **WL** had attended a meeting with representatives of the Roads Department regarding Road Safety in East Morton Street especially with regards to children walking to school. The result of this meeting the Roads Department have agreed to the following:

replace the speed bumps; Replace the missing no waiting sign outside the Bowling Club

repaint the Double yellow lines overhanging bushes and trees required cut back of signage, however Community Council should make approach to private householders first.

They agreed that "Flashing Speed Lights" would assist in making drivers more aware of pedestrians, however there is no money in the Council budget for these and they are not a statutory requirement. They would be willing to assist in sourcing the signs and installation of same. They suggested that Wallace Hall Parent Council should source the money through the Community Council.

A discussion with all members and members of the public present it was agreed that there is Road Safety issues in East Morton Street. **JR** explained that there were 2 avenues for funding through ANCBC and Clyde Wind Farm, details of both to be given to Louise, who was also requested to obtain quotations for buying/installing and also regarding upkeep. **Action: JR to furnish Louise with details of Funding**

Head Boy/Girl:

Contact had been made with the Community Council from the Head Boy Edward Smith and Head Girl Olivia Andreasen of Wallace Hall Academy to see if there was a way for the Community Council and

School to work together on some projects.

Edward was present for the meeting he had no projects in mind at this time. **JR** asked in relation to the Road Safety Issue in East Morton Street if they would be willing to carry out a survey relating to the number of children who walk/use school transport/ driven to school. As the figures may help the funding application. **Action: Edward/Olivia carry out survey**

Wind Farm Report:

The annual forms for ANCBC and Dalswinton have been submitted and approved monies should be paid within the next few days.

With regards to the Dalswinton Wind Farm Fund **JR** reports that he has been informed that we have an underspend, this has been due to the actual sum allocated to the Community Council has increased nobody had notified the Community Council. It was agreed that the underspend would be drawn down and used for the Fireworks and Christmas Festivities Night.

Planning Applications:

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

Correspondence:

Members were advised of 3 invitations received:

to join an online event with the Lord Lieutenant for Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.

for online training session for Let's Get Ready for Winter.

DGHP Community Engagement Officer for Thornhill for an event she is holding in November

Remembrance Day:

JR confirms that the wreaths have been ordered that all members would be required to attend on Sunday 14th November to gather in East Morton Street at 1045hrs with service commencing at 1100hrs. **Action JR to contact Minister and Piper.**

Christmas Festivities Night

KW advises that the trailer is in use at the moment, but he will know by the November meeting if it is available for the night.

SR advises that there is 15 stalls coming along with Reids Amusements who are also bringing a sweet/toy stall and a donut one.

Usual 3 hampers to be ordered **Action:KW to order at Tarff**

Entertainment requires to be arranged **Action WL & Edward to make contact with musicians SR to contact Nithsdale Singers.**

Any Other Business

WL has been approached with regards to the new steps within the cemetery there is no handrail at them **Action: JD is going to make enquiries with the appropriate department re same**

Next Meeting: 15th November 2021