

Thornhill Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1915 on 18th November 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, S Renicks (Admin)

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

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Jim Dempster

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

Police Report:

Constable Leslie the new Community Officer for Thornhill attended the meeting and gave the report the Local Crime stats for the month 2 x Thefts 6 x Road Traffic 2 x Anti-Social Behaviour and 4 Advice Calls.

A notable crime was a large quantity of heating oil stolen from Drumlanrig Street. Between 31/10/2021 and 01/11/2021, approx. £250.00 worth siphoned from domestic oil tank. Believed to be part of wider fuel thefts due to similar incidents in Dumfries & Galloway and neighbouring parts of Scotland. PC Leslie requests if anyone see anything suspicious to contact Police.

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

RM and **WL** advised paperwork re 2nd signature for banking was received with mistakes, new paperwork has been obtained and has been signed to be submitted this week.

JR reports contacting the supplier for the Bike Garage re cost of delivery they confirmed the cost of £400 on the quotation was correct. **JR** thereafter contacted local hauliers regarding the cost of uplifiting and delivering the bike garages the cost was £59 + Vat. The local company has been contacted to carry out pick up presently awaiting confirmation of date.

JR still struggling to find a location, there was a tree removed from West Morton Street recently, contact was made with the Forestry Department of Buccleuch Estates re planting the sapling in this location, however they are unwilling to remove the stump that is left in case damage is caused to the tarmac. **JR** asks if there is a possibility of it being planted through at the school where other trees have been planted. **Action ES to make enquiries**

Funding details were passed to Wallace Hall Parent Council.

ES advises that the survey regarding travelling to school is ongoing.

JR advises Minister and Piper were contacted for Remembrance Day which went well. Photograph and resume should be in the current edition of Nithsdale Times.

KW Christmas Hampers obtained and being displayed in the OST Office, Drumlanrig Street. Community Group on Facebook has details regarding the raffle and where tickets can be obtained.

WL, ES both are having difficulty in finding musicians for the Christmas Night. **JR** informs that he has made enquiries regarding a Fairground Organ to play Christmas music. **JR** gave brief details and cost of the Organ in discussion by members who agreed to have it at the night.

Treasurers Report:

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

Current Account balance	£6,889.14
Investment Account:	£3,531.27
Legacy Account:	£185,287.81

RM advises that the audit account have been returned from Farries Kirk and Mcvean

Wind Farm Report:

JR advises nothing to report closing dates are the middle of December and January.

Planning Applications:

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

Correspondence:

An Email was received from Louise Cochrane Chair of Wallace Hall Parent Council updating members with regards to the Road safety in East Morton Street.

Louise was present at the meeting and advised that she has been in contact with Road & Infrastructure at the Council a survey/site visit is required which will hopefully take place in December. Vehicle Activated Signs cost in the region of £4k-£5k each to buy and install. Nothing more can be done until this survey/visit takes place.

In the email from Road & Infrastructure it was noted that if the local community group/ council proceed to self-finance the purchase and installation of Vehicle Activated Signs, the ownership and future maintenance/ repair of these sign will be their responsibility

An email was received from the Maryanne Lethardy Admin Assistant at the Community Centre which had the quotation attached with regards to the installation of a CCTV system. The total amount would be £3,347.09.

Discussion by members regarding how to fund as all were in agreement that CCTV should be installed at the Community Centre to hopefully deter the wanton vandalism taking place there. **JR** to make contact with Council to see if there is any funding via the Area Committee or if the Council itself would be prepared to assist. If that fails all 5 members agreed to the Community Council funding the CCTV. **Action JR to make enquiries re funding from the Council.**

Christmas Festivities Night

Sheila Renicks advised that there were 17 stalls selling along with 5 stalls from local clubs, all the stalls who are sellers have agreed that due to no fee being taken for the pitch they will donate to the raffle.

The Fire Service have been permitted to attend, Rotary have also confirmed attendance. Community Wardens have not committed at this time but will be contacted the week before. Blood Bikes require to be contacted **Julie McKie** offered to contact them as she is a volunteer.

The Fairground Rides are confirmed, he will also be bringing stalls with him, As previously mentioned the Fairground Organ "Susan" is also confirmed to be attending which will hopefully provide music on the night.

Email has been received from Derek Hextall at the Council with regards to the Christmas Light Design Competition for the schools, there are 2 winners whose designs are going to be projected onto a building in the village. Agreed by all that both winners will receive a £15 Argos Gift Voucher

All the shops in the village have been approached with regards to opening and if they wished to donate a prize for the raffle, they have also been advised that there will be a Christmas Window Competition. Fiona Daubney Ward Officer has agreed to judge this.

Members discussed the possibility of giving the first three winners a small award that they keep as the cost of getting the shields engraved is expensive and they require to be replaced. Sheila Renicks showed a small glass award and members agreed to this.

Any Other Business

CH has noticed that the islands at The Cross on Drumlanrig Street do not have any illumination to show the kerbs. **Action JR check and see if there has been lights**

JR advises that the PA system which is presently being stored by Buccleuch & Queensberry Arms Hotel requires to find another home. It must be stored in a dry and warm place. **Action CH going to speak to Sheila Jones re possibly in the Community Centre Office**

WL advises he has been approached by several locals regarding the lack of a podiatrist at the Health Centre. **Action JR enquiries to be made.**

Next Meeting: AGM 24th January 2022 1900hrs
Ordinary Meeting to follow