

Thornhill Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1915 on 24th January 2022,

The Friendship Club

15 West Morton Street,

Thornhill, DG3 5ND

Present: Wullie Lenza (Chair), Robert McGarva (Treasurer), Jim Renicks (Secretary), Corinna Harkness, Keith Watson, Councillor J Dempster

Members of the Public Present: S Renicks (Admin) Belinda Morrison, Adam Zdravkovic, Sharon Hodgkinson, Edward Smith, Christopher Craig and Heather Maxwell

Apologies for Absence: Councillor A Wood and John Martin

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

Police Report:

The Police Report was e-mailed by PC L Leslie with the hope that if duty permitted an officer would attend no officer attended.

The local Crime Stats for the month 2 x Breach of the Peace, 2 x Assault, 3 x Thefts 3 x Road Traffic Offences 1 Anti-Social Behaviour 2 Advice Calls.

Other Significant Incidents/Occurrences:

Between the 03/12/2021 and 04/12/2021 persons unknown have, tried to gain entry to a parked car near to Blackrig, Thornhill. It is believed tools were used; however, the suspects were unsuccessful.

On the 20/12/2021 two males are believed to have stolen a wheel and its metal alloy from a van parked to the rear of Drumlanrig Street. Police are still trying to identify the suspects.

The Winter Drink Drive Campaign concluded at the end of December with no recorded incidents in Thornhill.

Speed Checks have been carried out and will continue to be carried out in Thornhill area.

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

The CCTV for the Community Centre is being or may have been purchased with the Community Council paying part of the costs.

With regards to lights on the traffic islands on Drumlanrig Street to highlight the kerbs, this has been highlighted to Amey who are looking into the matter.

There is no room at the Community Centre for the PA system to be stored. **Action:WL will make enquiries to see if it can be stored at the Bowling Club.**

Treasurers Report:

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

Current Account balance	£9099.85
Investment Account:	£3531.36
Legacy Account:	£185292.43

RM advised that the dual signature for the Bank Account had now been authorised.

Wind Farm Report:

JR stated that there had been a Zoom meeting with regards to TwentyShilling Windfarm the main point from the meeting that ideas were being looked at how the Community Funds could be setup.

With regards to Clyde Windfarm **JR** advised that applications were now closed and there was a large application made to it.

Planning Applications:

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

Correspondence:

An e-mail was received from Dalgarno Singers requesting a Grant to assist running the Choir. They normally hold concerts throughout the year to self-finance themselves however due to Covid they have not been able to hold concerts. All members agreed to give a Mini-Grant of £250.

An e-mail was received from Natalie Hamblin who is in the process of setting up a Netball Club in the village. Dumfries & Galloway Council have supported the first 4 weeks taster block. Natalie was looking to see if the Community Council would support a further 4 weeks which she is hopeful by the end of the eight weeks to have funds built up from participants attendance. All members agreed to give Mini Grant of £125 for the 2nd four weeks block and if the club proved to be a success and was continuing then a further Mini Grant of £125 would be given.

Any Other Business

Christopher Craig thanked the Community Council for the contribution to the Improvement Group. He also advised that along with **Heather Maxwell**, they had met with representatives of DGHP with regards to several areas in Thornhill including Cairnkinna Crescent, West Morton Street New

Court that they wished to improve and maintain the plots at the locations.

A meeting was also arranged with the Head Gardner from Dumfries & Galloway Council regarding receiving plants for the village and to look at what could be done with the borders at the Community Centre.

Heather Maxwell asked a letter of Thanks could be sent to Dumfries & Galloway Council to show the villages' appreciation of Iain Johnstone and David West who have kept the streets relatively leaf free. **Action: S Renicks to send letter of thanks to relevant Council Department**

S Renicks asked if there was any feedback from the Christmas Festivities Night. The feedback from the stallholders was a good night however some found it dark under the gazebos. **CH** felt the night had been a success.

Adam Zdravkovic advised that the Santa Grotto location was good, and it was well laid out there was no hold ups.

Sharon Hodkinson thought for the selling of the raffle ticket it would help there had been a table.

All agreed the organ was good but not something to be there every year.

The Christmas Lights were discussed it was disappointing that the projection of the Christmas Light Design was not there for the night and that it was only one design at time. It was agreed by all that the projection was very good and feedback from the residents was supportive of it. All agreed that the Community Council are willing to discussions early in the year with regards to next years display to avoid a repeat.

Discussion by all present about possibly moving the event to an afternoon possibly Saturday or Sunday. **Action: JR to speak to shop owners and get thoughts.**

JR informed those present that an invitation had been received for Community Council Members to visit the Old School Project and have a tour of the premises and receive an update. They have been given a grant of 1.1million to help with the project. All members of Community Council agreed to attend.

East Morton Street traffic problems. **S Renicks** advised that there had been no update from Parent Council with regards to the Council meeting in December. **Action S Renicks to check with L Cochrane if meeting has taken place**

A general discussion with all present at the meeting regards to the problems in East Morton Street, Manse Road and Station Road. **KW** advised that speeding was a common occurrence in Station Road, **Heather Maxwell** confirmed this advising that the Golf Course straight was used to test roadworthiness of vehicles this was done at speed turning at the Station Yard and heading back towards the village. **Sharon Hodkinson** advised that Manse Road was also used to avoid the traffic calming measures in Station Road and due to there being only one pavement it was quite hazardous walking in Manse Road. **Action: S Renicks to contact Tony Topping with regards to the cost of flashing speed signs.**

Councillor **J Dempster** was surprised that Amey had no installed flashing speed signs at north and south entrance to the village. **Action Councillor J Dempster contacting Amey with regards to the installation of flashing speed signs.**

Edward Smith advised that next year Wallace Hall Academy would be 300yrs old. In May 2023 there will be events (which are in the very early stages of planning) held at the current Wallace Hall Mr Graham (Rector) was hoping that the Community Council would assist towards the funding of this. The events would be for pupils and the community. Community Councillors agreed that they would like to assist however further information was required as to what was being planned and how much funding was being asked for. **Edward will liaise and once more details are known will update the Community Council.**

CH the Gala Committee are wondering if they can help with whatever is going to be held for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All present at the meeting discussed possibilities of what could be done and it was decided to ask the residents of Thornhill Community Council area how they would like to celebrate.

S Renicks advised that the Plant a Tree when looking into it further the smallest amount that could be applied for was 30 saplings, however a tree could be bought and planted **Edward Smith** has already spoken with relevant parties at Wallace Hall and there is a location that a tree could be planted, suggest that a tree should be sourced locally this was agreed. **Action: S Renicks to put a post on the Community Group**

Date of Next Meeting: 21st February 2022 at 7.15pm