

# Thornhill Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1915hrs on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022,

The Friendship Club

15 West Morton Street,

Thornhill, DG3 5ND

**Present:** Jim Renicks (Secretary), Robert McGarva (Treasurer) Corinna Harkness, John Martin, Belinda Morrison, Councillor J Dempster

**Members of the Public Present:** Sheila Renicks

**Apologies for Absence:** Wullie Lenza (Chair), Keith Watson (Vice Chair), Adam Zdravkovic, Sharon Sharon Hodkinson, Councillors Andrew Wood and Tony Berretti

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

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

### **Police Report:**

Sergeant Dalgleish-Little attended.

**Local Crime Stats for the month:** 2 x Thefts, 1 x Civic Government Offence and 3 x Advice Calls.

### **Other Significant Incidents/Occurrences:**

Nothing significant for Thornhill however theft by housebreaking occurred at Williamson's Yard, Closeburn between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May. Police are appealing for witnesses.

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

**JR** invited Sergeant Dalgleish -Little with regards to CCTV in Thornhill.

Sergeant Dalgleish -Little who was present advised that from a Police point of view it would assist in relation to travelling criminals who pass through the village and also with Missing Persons from the village as there is no cameras between Sanquhar and Dumfries on the A76. He also acknowledged that over the past 2 years there has been very little anti-social behaviour in the village. **Action:** Sergeant Dalgleish -Little going to obtain stats from Police Analysts. Councillor Dempster going to approach the Council, see what their stance is on CCTV in the village.

**JR** has spoken with some not all of the shopkeepers regarding the Christmas Festivities, those spoken to are happy that it continues in the village and are willing to continuing supporting the event. **Action:** Christmas Festivities Event to be added to next meeting's Agenda.

**JR** has contacted the Fire Service who have agreed to have the bunting in place early June

**JR** email has been sent and reply received regarding grass will be cut at the Community Centre for the Jubilee Celebrations. The Road Sweeper had broken down, it is now repaired, and the village is on the schedule to have the streets swept.

**JR** advises that a gift has been obtained for Mr Robert Mitchell and his wife.

#### **Treasurers Report:**

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

Current Account balance	£6,296.56
Investment Account:	£3,531.45
Legacy Account:	£185,297.05

**RM** advises that the accounts are almost complete to be sent to the accountant. David Mitchell of Farries Kirk & McVean has agreed to continue auditing the accounts. **Action JR** to send a letter of thanks to David Mitchell

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

**JR** informed the meeting that TwewntyShilling discussions were still ongoing with Foundation Scotland as to where/how the monies will be paid.

He also advised that Foundation Scotland are possibly looking into to an Investment Fund for Communities who do not use all the funding allocated to them in a year. **Action JR** to send an invite to Foundation Scotland to have someone attend the September meeting and give a presentation on this.

#### **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 Drumlanrig View Tenants Association enquiring if they could be considered for a grant to assist them purchase bedding plants for the raised flower beds and hanging baskets. A few of the residents of the Sheltered Housing maintain the beds throughout the year. All Community Councillors agreed to a Mini-grant of £125.

An email was received from Elizabeth Broughton from NHS Dumfries & Galloway working with the Infant Feeding Team who are looking to re-start the Mum2mum group locally in Thornhill. If the Community Council would be able to award some financial assistance to enable mums to receive refreshments while attending the groups to receive feeding support and also connecting with other local new mums. We would also like to ask if there would also be any funding available for a one of purchase of soft mats for the floor so that mums can lie the babies down at the group while they have an often much needed cuppa.

Members present discussed the matter, all agreed that the request was from a statutory body who cannot receive a grant.

An email was received from Somar Clark, Lego Club who had previously been in touch advising she along with her son were hoping to set up a Lego Club for primary children in the village. The

response from the Social Media posts have been positive with 36 people expressing an interest. Unfortunately, the request for donations of Lego had not met with the same response and to get the group started hopefully after the School Summer Holidays Lego requires to be purchased. A request was made for a mini grant to enable purchasing Lego to allow the club to get started. All members present agreed this was a brilliant idea and agreed to provide a Mini-Grant of £250 to enable the club to get started.

**Queens Jubilee Celebrations:**

CH advised that the planning for the event was almost complete, everything had been booked for the event.

**Any Other Business**

JR advised that the newly elected Councillor for the area Councillor Tony Berretti had been in contact to submit his apologies for tonight's meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting:            20<sup>th</sup> June 2022**