

Thornhill Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1915hrs on 20th September 2022,

The Friendship Club

15 West Morton Street,

Thornhill, DG3 5ND

Present: Wullie Lenza (Chair), Keith Watson (Vice Chair), Jim Renicks (Secretary), Adam Zdravkovic, Belinda Morrison, Sharon Hodgkinson and Councillor T Berretti

Members of the Public Present: Sheila Renicks, Scott Jardine

Apologies for Absence: Corinna Harkness, John Martin, and Councillor J Dempster

The Chair **WL** opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present, spoke of the sudden loss of Robert McGarva Treasurer for the Community Council for a great number of years. How he will be a great loss to the Community Council and village. Thornhill Community Council send their condolences to the McGarva family. A minute's silence was observed for Robert.

Vacancy of Treasurers Post:

JR advised that the post of Treasurer is a required post in the Community Council and requires to be filled by an elected Member or a Co-opted Member and a person can only hold one post. A discussion with those present and **SH** indicate that she would take the role on temporarily.

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

JR advised that Thank You letters were sent to Co-op, Thornhill and Mary-Anne Lethardy for their donation and assistance in the Jubilee Celebrations.

JR informed that the grass had been cut at the cemetery within a matter of hours of the last meeting. The road sweeper has resumed in the village and DGHP have inspected the handrail at Aulton Terrace it is marked for repair. It should be noted that the Community Council should not be contacting Housing Associations on a 1st instance on behalf of tenants, who should all be aware of the contact procedure. The Community Council should only become involved when they have tried and failed to get a response.

Treasurers Report:

This was unavailable to be due to the vacant position at the time of the meeting.

Wind Farm Report:

JR reports that Twenty Shilling is still having regular meetings and payment is now looking to be mid to end of October.

Planning Applications:

Weekly Planning Applications lists checked nothing relating to the village.

Correspondence:

Thornhill Community Initiative had been in contact with a view to funding there has been an uptake in the persons using and a decrease in donations. Members discussed the matter, and requested enquiry be made as to the criteria for the Community Initiative and what is the Policy Statement.

Action:JR to ascertain

A Thank You and photographs had been received from Drumlanrig View Residents Association for the grant they received for plants for the summer for the hanging baskets and raised beds.

D Moran had emailed CH with regards to the lack of disabled parking in the village. Councillor Berretti advised he had also received an email regarding this. A further letter had been received from L Gibson with regards to the Double Yellow Lines in New Street not having been replaced when re-surfaced which has resulted in problems for an elderly relative who has mobility issues getting to shops. Both these items of correspondence were dealt with together as they are both in relation to the lack of park for the disabled and those with mobility issues.

JR advised that contact had been made with Dumfries and Galloway Council when the correspondence was received, and a reply had been received the day of the meeting. With regards to the Double Yellow Lines in New Street the area has been inspected and it is noted that the lining contractor has not re-instated the lines as required. We have asked them to attend as a matter of urgency.

With regards to the disabled parking in the village Could you provide details of where you would propose to have them? In doing this it will be passed to the Road Network Coordination team for them to assess the suitability and adhere in line with the legislation surrounding disabled parking bays. Members and Councillor Berretti discussed the matter due to the many factors in that some properties in the village own up to the road edge, that Drumlanrig Street comes under Amey, it was felt that a visit by the Road Network Coordination Team would be beneficial. Councillor Berretti requests to be advised of the visit. **Action JR advise Dumfries & Galloway Council of the request for a site visit.**

Email received with regards to a grant from Edward Hewson on behalf of Morton Thistle Juniors AFC which is in the process of being set up through the SFA. The grant would be to assist in setting up the club and also to supply equipment. All members agreed on a mini grant. **Action JR to advise E Hewson and obtain details for the grant.**

Christmas Festivities Event

All members present discussed the event and decided that it would be held on Sunday 27th November 2022 between the hours of 2pm and 6pm. AZ is taking on the lead with organising. SH will do raffle as per last year and WL organising entertainment. KW will make arrangements re the trailer from Lloyds, Dumfries and order the Hamper Prizes for the raffle. JR organising posters and prizes for Window Competition.

Any Other Business

Scott Jardine who was present at the meeting advised that he had been approached by several residents of the village regarding the Cottage Hospital not opening. Mr Jardine was informed that it would have carried more weight if the several residents had attended the meeting along with him. He was also informed that members of the Community Council had met earlier in the year with staff from the Health Centre the Cottage Hospital was discussed. Doctors and Community Councillors all agreed it was a much-needed asset in the village. **Action JR to contact Councillor Dempster who had been in contact with NHS with regards to all Cottage Hospitals in the region and see if there was an update.**

JR advised Remembrance Sunday will be 13th November 2022 and a poster has gone out to clubs etc for wreaths to be order. Community Council will run the event and all members are requested, if possible, to attend. **KW** will lay wreath on behalf of the Community Council.

WL the village notice board is in need of repair. **Action JR will make enquiries to ascertain cost of repair.**

Date of next meeting: 17th October 2022