

Thornhill Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1915hrs on 20th March 2023,

The Friendship Club

15 West Morton Street,

Thornhill, DG3 5ND

Present: Wullie Lenza (Chair), Keith Watson (Vice Chair), Jim Renicks (Secretary), Sharon Hodgkinson (Treasurer), Corinna Harkness, John Martin and Adam Zdravkovic

Members of the Public Present: Sheila Renicks

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Jim Dempster and Tony Berretti

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

Police Report:

The Police Report was given via email the local crime stats for month are 1 x Breach of the Peace 2 x Theft; 1 x Road Traffic Offences, 1 x Theft by Shoplifting, 6 x Advice Calls and 3 Other Crimes

Constable Leslie would like to thank those who attended on 27th February and met with him and the new Housing Officer for the Wheatley Group at Thomas Tosh.

Police would like to reassure the community after a recent incident of Hate Crime that although they are rare in the community the Police will fully investigate such crimes with the utmost seriousness and encourage anyone who believes that they may be a victim of a hate crime to report the matter to the Police.

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

Drumlanrig View Defib: - an update email was received in reply to the queries made by the Community Council, the defibrillator will not be stored outside and will be for use of the tenants and anyone who took ill at the development, however if someone nearby required it, they would not be denied. Residents were also carrying out fundraisers for same. Members discussed the matter and, on this occasion, declined funding.

Improvement Group were emailed and advised that they had been successful in obtaining a grant for purchasing plants and compost for the flowerbeds only also advised that with regards to any repairs to the fence at New Court the owner should be identified and approached. It transpires the Improvement Group do not hold a bank account they have been advised to obtain a quotation for the plants and compost from Williamsons or purchase same and they will be reimbursed.

Treasurers Report:

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

Current Account balance	£57,011.94
Investment Account:	£3,539.17
Legacy Account:	£135,691.67

Wind Farm Report:

Nothing to report.

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 Thornhill & District Community Transport advising that the Electronic Ticket Machine they presently have operates on 3G which will in the near future cease. They are enquiring if Thornhill Community Council would consider a Microgrant to support and assist in purchasing of an up-to-date machine. Members present discussed and all agreed a Microgrant of £250 to be given. **Action JR to inform Thornhill & District Community Transport and to obtain bank details for a BACS payment.**

WL had received a letter from Galloway Motorcycle Club who are holding an event at Drumlanrig Castle on 19th - 21st May they were enquiring if Thornhill Community Council would consider financially supporting the event. Members present discussed this request and all agreed to not give any funding though all agreed the club should be directed to apply for Windfarm and ANCBC funding for future events. **Action JR to reply via letter of outcome.**

An email was received from the Lego Club who advised that they were holding 4 workshops in the Easter holidays with an Art Animation Director for Lego, the workshops sold out very quickly. Funding was previously given to the Lego Club and this was very much appreciated The Lego Club is not solely for children of Thornhill and they have members from Mid and Upper Nithsdale they also approached surrounding Community Councils where some of the members resided and to date they have not heard back. To allow the workshops to go ahead they require £200. A vote was taken, and it was agreed to cover the shortfall. **Action JR to inform Lego Club**

King's Coronation Celebration:

Members discussed having a celebration on Sunday 7th May 2023 to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, all members discussed this matter and felt that the timescale left to organise such an event was short and they did not feel that they could go ahead with this.

Any Other Business

Catherine Grosvenor and Leah Belford attended the meeting having identified a shortfall in childcare/ wrap-around care before and after school. At the meeting they discussed the results of an online survey they have carried out which identified that families in the area are struggling with childcare and in some cases it has resulted in a parent stopping work as they could not continue due to no suitable childcare. They also identified the lack of a suitable building in Thornhill Catherine and Leah were enquiring if any member of the Community Council is aware of any suitable building. Members discussed the findings of the survey and agreed there was a lack of childcare and suitable buildings in Thornhill.

NEXT MEETING: 17th April 2023.