

Thornhill Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting

held at 1915hrs on 22nd May 2023,

Buccleuch & Queensberry Arms Hotel

Drumlanrig Street,

Thornhill, DG3 5LU

Present: Keith Watson (Acting Chair), Jim Renicks (Secretary), Sharon Hodgkinson (Treasurer), Corinna Harkness, Adam Zdravkovic, Councillors T Berretti & J Dempster

Members of the Public Present: Sheila Renicks, Christopher, Craig, David Formstone

Apologies for Absence: None

Vacancy of Chair-Person: Due to the resignation of the Chair at the April meeting this position requires to be filled which can be as an Acting Chair until the AGM in January 2024. **JR, SH and AZ** proposed **KW**. **KW** accepted to take the role of Acting Chair until the next AGM

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting approved by **SH** and seconded by **AZ**

Police Report: No report received Constable Leslie presently on Annual Leave.

Bank Account Second Signatory: A second signatory is required for the Current Account held by Thornhill Community Council **KW** agreed to become the second signature.

Frequency of Meetings: a discussion was held by all members with regards to the number of meetings held within a year at present there are 10 ordinary and 1 AGM. Members require to attend or join a minimum of half of the scheduled meetings in a financial year presently that is 6 ordinary meetings. All members agreed to hold bi-monthly meetings starting from September 2023 which may assist in attracting new members.

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

Wheatley Homes South: - an email was sent to the 2 representatives who attended April's meeting thanking them for their attendance.

Resignation of W Lenza: - a letter was sent thanking Wullie for his time with the Community Council.

Scottish Water: - an email was sent enquiring about a top-up tap in the village. Scottish water has advised that the request has been added to the 1,500 already received that they are presently working through. A Farish updated.

Treasurers Report:

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

Current Account balance	£8,561.94
Investment Account:	£3,539.17
Legacy Account:	£135,691.67

Wind Farm Report: JR report still awaiting on Twentyshillings being completed. With regards to Clyde Fund application deadline is the 7th of July 2023. ANCBC has increased the amount that can be drawn down to £4,000

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

Wheatley Homes South Development: A general discussion with all those present at the meeting CC and DF advised that their concerns are of an environmental nature with regards to the destruction of the Ancient Woodlands and the increase in carbon emissions when local Council are supporting Climate Emergency both are looking for the support of the Community Council. JR advised that the access road route has already been agreed and at this present time the only application received was in relation to the removal of the Condition to allow more than 50 properties use a single point of access.

All members discussed the application and agreed that the Community Council will hold a Public Meeting regarding same to obtain the views of the community. It was also agreed to have a survey/questionnaire available for residents to make their opinions known. **Action JR to arrange a date for the meeting and advertise same**

Correspondence: A letter was received from Freda Blackwood with regards to the fence at the rear of the flower bed in New Court requiring to be repaired or replaced. Wheatley Homes South not prepared to attend to the matter. Members discussed and agreed that this was the remit of the owner of the fence and not the Community Council to repair or replace. **Action JR to inform F Blackwood of the decision**

Any Other Business: JR advised that with regards to the Disabled Parking Bays an email had been sent to the representatives from Amey and Dumfries & Galloway Council who attended the meeting in January. Both had replied that they did not see themselves as being the lead in this matter and agreeing that reversing out was not a suitable option and that lateral bays for disabled parking bays was the only option. Members discussed and agreed reversing onto the A76 was an accident waiting to happen but to have lateral disabled bays would do away with a number of parking bays to accommodate. Further emails/enquiries to be made with both.

JR advised that contact had been made with Amey after a speed survey had been carried out towards the end of March on the A76 within the village and on the approaches. A reply was received that the data was presently being analysed Should be available to discuss in August.

Members all agreed that a campaign for new members should be carried out due to the number of members standing at 6 with the minimum for a quorum meeting being 5. **Action JR to arrange posters to shops and on Facebook.**

JR advised a member of the Enhancement Group had approached him with regards to getting replacement tools. Members agreed that due to the sterling work carried out by this group the Community Council agreed to purchase new tools. **Action JR to advise the Enhancement Group.**

CH advised she had been approached with regards to the electric vehicle charging point not working and the telephone number on the point not recognising that the charging point's location to be in Thornhill. One of the charging points is over a disabled bay therefore there is only one bay operational. **Councillor Dempster contacting the relevant person within the Council.**

NEXT MEETING: 19th June 2023.