



Jackton & Thorntonhall Community Council Minutes

February 21st, 2024



Location: Thorntonhall Tennis Club

It was noted that a quorum of members was present, and the meeting could proceed in accordance with the constitution.

Sederunt Sandy McEwan-Vice Chair, Janice Edwards-Secretary, Douglas Eunson-Treasurer, Members - David Ross, Bill Turner

Present, Anne Aitken, Brian Allen, Maureen Allen, Donald Tilston, John Henderson, Norrie Suckle, Fiona Gardner

Apologies Claire Marr-Chair, Cllr. David Watson, Cllr. Kirsty Williams, Cllr Gerri Gray, David Milloy, Mark Aiken, Harry McKinnon

Minutes of the meeting January 17th

Proposed: Douglas Eunson, 2nd David Ross

Matters arising: Follow up received from Councillor Watson

- Peel Road Gullies** Road's response:

All gullies on Peel Road were assessed as part of the cyclic gully route last year and most gullies are now clear and running. We are aware of a couple of gullies which require further investigation via excavation however, as they are not causing any significant flooding issues we intend to undertake these works in the new financial year.

If you have specific locations of the blocked gullies referred to, I would be happy to investigate this further.

- Peel Road Verge Damage**

Abbey Construction Beechwood Lea

Planning response: I can confirm that both Westpoint and Abbey Construction are working on different parts of the site. We have made contact with them to ensure that all the damage to the road and verge are repaired.

No repairs have been made and this will be followed up prior to the March CC meeting.

- **Beechwood Lea road adoption:**

Road's response: Please be advised that Westpoint Homes have been constructing the road in accordance with their approval gained under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. The construction of the new road has been inspected at various stages and whilst the works have been largely completed, there remains outstanding works to the bridge.

Various concerns have been raised with the developer and we await the completion of the necessary works to the bridge before the Council is able to move forward the adoption process.

Following the satisfactory completion of these works the road will be placed on a one year's maintenance period and after this, should no defects be observed, the road and bridge will be formally adopted.

Chair's Report:

1. Latest on Planning Application for neighbourhood centre at Peel Road, Thorntonhall: In February when there were 869 total comments, the numbers broke down as follows: 329 comments were from Thorntonhall and of these, 87.5% were objections. The large numbers supporting the application were mainly from people living outside the area, many did not include full address and comments were quite often inaccurate and sometimes inapplicable. This has been brought to the attention of the planning department.

2. The Open University of Scotland has recently added to their 'Openlearn' online courses to include training materials designed for Community Councillors. These are free and can be accessed any time. The courses include digital skills, finance, fundraising, community, and business skills. The OU can also advertise job opportunities with the Community Council, which could include temporary and voluntary things like website design and minute taking. This could be a way of engaging an OU student looking for practical experience and/or some kind of project. The OUs next relevant Webinar will be on the subject of getting younger people involved in Community Councils. There is a link to the OU which is <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/skills-support> OU-CC

3. A litter pick was carried out on 28th January on Peel Road Thorntonhall between Frederick Boulevard and the gate recently used for fly tipping. It was called at short notice. Suggest the next one be at Jackton, on Sunday 17th March 11am-12.15 for the greenspace to the east side of the new spine road, Newhouse Road...Meeting at the access road to the Jackton Primary School. I will put it on the group page for JTCC, Jackton Friends and EK Litter Pickers. On a side issue, the Newhouse Road needs dog waste bins, and SLC been notified.

4. Regarding road flooding on Eaglesham Road, Jackton (when there is heavy rain) from overtopping main sewer manhole covers, Scottish Water are to conduct a CCTV check and get back to us.

Treasurer's Report: Douglas Eunson- Treasurer

- Bank balances: RBS treasurer's: £4591.39- BOS savings: £1143.73

- Expenses: A payment of £50 to Janice Edwards -Secretary and Douglas Euson Treasurer for expenses. Both have agreed to donate this back to the community council.
- Proposed Sandy McEwan Seconded. David Ross

Councillor's Report: No councillors present.

Secretary's Report:

- **Correspondence**

The community council has been invited to comment on Planning Consultation P/24/0076 Erection of 126 dwellinghouses, associated infrastructure.(EK/09/0218)Site Land circa 300m North of Newhouse Road & 30m south of Annan Avenue

SLC Committee Meetings online Calendar

<https://southlanarkshire.cmis.uk.com/southlanarkshire/Meetingscalendar.aspx>

[SL Committees YouTube channel](#)

Updates

- **Network Rail Enhancements**

<https://scotlandsrailway.com/projects/east-kilbride-enhancements/events>

J Edwards reported on the public Network Rail meeting held on February 20th in East Kilbride.

- A temporary footbridge will be built on the right side of the bridge of the Thorntonhall station and will be accessed via the old Waterfoot footpath, crossing onto the vacant ground opposite.
- Works on the bridge will begin in May but utility services running across the bridge will need to be relocated before it can be demolished. This will take place in September.
- Rail services will be stopped for 2 days for demolition otherwise normal train service is planned.
- Some platform alterations will be required at Thorntonhall to adjust the gap between the train and platform. A date for this was not given.
- Network rail reported that the new Hairmyers Station and parking facility are fully funded and unaffected by the recent budget cuts by the Scottish Government.

The shortfall affects the SPT park and ride portion of the facility and alternate sources of funding are being investigated.

D. Eunson asked if traffic calming measures could be incorporated into the new Peel Road rail bridge design.

F.Corbett raised the poor road condition of Peel Road heading south from the rail bridge to the junction with Thornton Road and if resurfacing works were planned before or during the road closure.

Councillor Watson and Williams will be consulted on both questions.

- **Change in free transport for high schoolers from 2 miles to 3 miles.**

The consultation period is closed. The CC will comment if decisions result in safety issues for students in our area.

- **Planning Applications**

[Installation of an up to 150 megawatt \(MW\) Battery Energy Storage System \(BESS\) \(EIA Screening Opinion\)](#)

Meikle Dripps Farm Waterfoot Road Thorntonhall G74 5AD

Ref. No: P/24/0179 | Received: Fri 09 Feb 2024 | Validated: Fri 09 Feb 2024 | Status: Registered

This application was received a few days following the February meeting and will be reviewed by the CC.

[Sub-division of garden ground and erection of 1.5 storey dwellinghouse with associated works](#)

Little Dripps Cottage Holehouse Highway Thorntonhall G74 5AW

Ref. No: P/24/0050 | Received: Tue 16 Jan 2024 | Validated: Fri 19 Jan 2024 | Status: Registered

[Conversion of farm buildings to form dwellinghouse and commercial unit](#)

Newhouse Farm Jackton Road Jackton Glasgow South Lanarkshire G75 8RR

Ref. No: P/24/0013 | Received: Mon 08 Jan 2024 | Validated: Tue 23 Jan 2024 | Status: Registered

[Erection of 126 dwellinghouses, associated infrastructure and landscaping \(approval of matters specified in conditions 1\(a-r\), 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 12 of planning permission in principle EK/09/0218\)](#)

Land Circa 300M North Of Newhouse Road & 30M South Of Annan Avenue East Kilbride G75 8XP Ref. No: P/24/0076 | Received: Tue 23 Jan 2024 | Validated: Tue 06 Feb 2024 | Status: Registered

This application will be reviewed by the CC.

- **Road Closures & Works**

Emergency road closure: Holehouse Highway is closed between Hole of Dripps Farm and Holehouse Sewage Works from Wednesday 31 January to Sunday 10

March due to structural damage to the ford. Diversion via Peel Road, B764 Eaglesham Road, B764 Cheapside Street, Gilmour Street, Holehouse Road.

Thornton Road is closed between Peel Road and Thornton Farm from Monday 11 December to Tuesday 9 April 2024 to replace the railway bridge. Diversion via Peel Road and Braehead Road.

Braehead Road is closed between Braehead House and Thornton Road from 10am to 12pm on Wednesday 17 April for Scottish Water maintenance works. Diversion via Peel Road, Eaglesham Rd, Redwood Dr, Barbana Rd and vice versa.

Peel Road closed between Gilmour Avenue and the train station access road from Monday 20 May 2024 to Friday 21 February 2025 Demolition and rebuilding of the railway bridge. Diversion via A726 Queensway and B764 Eaglesham Road.

6 Park Drive, Thorntonhall G74 5AS Promoter: Scottish Water Actual Start Date:28/02/2024Estimated Duration:5 Working Day(s) Repair leaking toby.

Hareton Place, Jackton, East Kilbride, Glasgow Promoter: Netomnia Limited Actual Start Date:01/03/2024 Estimated Duration:3 Working Day(s) CHAMBER INSTALLATION

Other Business

- **Sheep Worrying**

A local farm has reported dog worrying of pregnant sheep. Sheep are valuable assets and any harm to them harms a farmer's livelihood.

Chasing by dogs can do serious damage to sheep, even if the dog doesn't catch them. The stress of worrying by dogs can cause sheep to die and pregnant ewes to miscarry their lambs, or serious injury by their panicked attempts to escape, causing untold damage to fence and field boundaries in the process.

It is vital that you keep your dog on the lead around livestock, even if you can usually trust it to come to call. If you live in or near a farming area, you must make sure that your dog cannot escape from your property, as it may find its way onto land containing sheep.

- **Potholes**

Many of the local roads have developed deep potholes. The council are fairly efficient at filling them once reported. Please locate and report them here: [Report road and light faults](#)

Next Meeting - March 20th, 2024, 7.00 PM Thorntonhall Tennis Club.

The March meeting will start at 7PM as it will be followed by a talk on the industrial and social history of Thorntonhall and surrounding areas, given by Susan Hunter Field Archaeologist and Stuart Nisbett Industrial Historian.

Stuart, Susan, and her team of volunteers have spent the last three years surveying the houses, fields and lime kilns in our area and digging into the genealogy of the people who lived and worked here, uncovering historical facts and personal stories along the way.

They have put together a book of this information that will be available for sale at the meeting.

Close of Meeting 8.24PM

Micro Grant Funds

The community council has funds available in the Renewable Energy Fund Micro Grants Scheme. Grants up to a maximum of £500 are available to individuals, groups or

organisations who need small amounts to pursue their objectives. Applications can be accepted from groups including those who don't have a written constitution or set of rules. Individuals must be living in the eligible Community Council areas to which they apply.

What can micro grants be used for?

Community-focused or charitable activities which:

- enhance quality of life for local residents
- contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities; and/or promote community spirit and encourage community activity.

Litter Reporting.

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200233/street_care_and_cleaning/347/litter_bins_and_street_sweeping/3

For local road and lighting faults, potholes, broken slabs, damaged footpaths, signs, broken bollards, guardrails, flooding, blocked gullies please use the following link.

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200232/roads_lighting_and_pavements/337/road_and_lighting_faults

For council maintained landscaping enquiries such as overgrown bushes and fallen branches. Waste and Ground Service Enquiry form

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200255/land_management/338/maintenance_of_landscaped_areas