



# Jackton & Thorntonhall Community Council Minutes April 17th, 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** Claire Marr – Chair, Sandy McEwan-Vice Chair, Janice Edwards-Secretary, Douglas Eunson -Treasurer, David Ross, Mark Aitken, David Milloy.

**Apologies** Councillor Watson, Councillor Williams, Councillor Buchanan, Bill Turner, **Present**, F. McCauley, T. Harvey, G. McWiggan, H. McKinnon, P. Andrew, R. Andrew, E. Durante, J. Henderson, F. Gardner, M. Graham, D. Patterson.

**Minutes of the meeting March 20th, 2024**

Proposed: Harry McKinnon, 2nd David Milloy

## **Matters arising:**

- **Peel Road Verge Damage** – *The verge has been raked and seeded by members of the community.*
- **Thorntonhall Station Bridge** – Cllr. Watson sent the following response from David O'Neill with Network Rail.  
*“I had hoped to be in a position to come back to you sooner with something more final, but we are still working through the detailed design for what any required work on the bridge at Peel Road might look like”.*

It is expected that Network Rail will host a public meeting on the Thorntonhall Station bridge replacement works, including the new bridge design in the near future.

Email was sent to Network Rail asking for the design to include traffic calming measures of priority lane, chevrons and pavement, plus possible stone cladding.

- **Planning application P/23/1383** Peel Road Retail Centre.  
*The application was on the SLC Planning Committee agenda for consideration April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, however the application was withdrawn on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024*
- **Fly tipping at the end of Peel Road by the roundabout.**  
*SLC visited the site and gained some evidence which they are pursuing. The landowner has been informed and asked for his costings to clear the waste. They are hopeful they can report the individual and ask for a compensation.*  
*Unfortunately, they cannot compel the owner to remove this waste.*

Note: SEPA are pursuing and identifying unlicensed operators on social media and removing their online presence. 50 to 60% of businesses advertising there could be operating without a waste carrier license.

People handing over their waste to unlicensed carriers may be contributing to fly tipping and other waste crimes. Ask for a waste carrier number and check they are registered with SEPA. <https://www2.sepa.org.uk/wastecarriers> Confirm where they will take your waste and pay a fair price for the service. If you suspect they may be operating illegally, report to SEPA online. [sepa.org.uk/flytipping](http://sepa.org.uk/flytipping)

Please report any fly-tipping in our area to South Lanarkshire Council on <https://www.gov.uk/report-flytipping/south-lanarkshire>

#### **Chair's Report:**

**Local Place Plans** are a new facility providing communities with the opportunity to get directly involved in the future of the area where they live. This allows local people to think about how they would like to shape local planning and decision making, prioritise and support community action, bring the community together and focus their energies. In practical terms, if the community decided to make a Local Place Plan (LPP) there would need to be a wide group of people involved from the beginning. There are reference materials and two handouts were circulated. The first one being the Local Place Plan link on the South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) website. SLC have asked community councils to get involved starting before December (or as soon as possible). The second handout on LPPs is, 'Placecheck' which is an App suggested for individuals to use in the first stage of making a LPP. This may help appeal to young people to get them involved.

Overall, the idea of a LPP is a great opportunity but requires a number of volunteers to drive it forward and that is where we struggle. The alternative route is to employ a consultant which would require major fund-raising.

The community council will come back to this subject in a future meeting and the services of a specialist speaker are to be confirmed.

#### **Treasurer's Report:** Douglas Eunson- Treasurer

Bank balances: RBS treasurer's: £4591.39- BOS savings: £1139.73.

#### **Councillor's Report:** No councillors present.

#### **Updates – Planning Consultation**

A discussion was held regarding the [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

An Orbit/Aptura Energy representative was scheduled to attend the CC meeting to answer questions on the BESS but had to cancel at short notice. They have rescheduled to attend the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The context of the BESS proposal was discussed in terms of supporting renewable energy supply and connection to the national grid via the nearby Busby substation.

The first of two-pre- application consultation drop-in exhibitions had taken place, and letters had been sent by the applicant developer (Apatura Energy) to inform residents. The proposal gave them a lot to think about.

Being an electrical infrastructure proposal, planning approval will be decided by the Scottish Government. (Planning application P/24/0179 can be viewed on SLC planning portal.).

The channel for comments is the Apatura Pre-application Community Consultation Feedback Form available on their website at [Meikledrippsfarmbess.co.uk](http://Meikledrippsfarmbess.co.uk) and the deadline is 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

While a need for the proposed BESS is accepted by some, concerns were expressed by others at the meeting including road safety issues to do with high volumes of construction traffic using village roads; fire safety issues relating to large numbers of batteries; noise pollution from the buzzing of electrical equipment, particularly air conditioning to keep the batteries cool and transformers; and the visual impact of a large number (60) shipping sized containers with security fencing etc in a rural location.

The meeting agreed that a letter should be delivered to the Beachwood Lea flats in view of their close proximity (215 metres) to the proposed development.

This letter delivery took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April and extended to other nearby properties.

### **Secretary's Report:**

#### **Correspondence**

Invitation to CC committee members to join an online conference:

SCDC PARTICIPATION REQUEST PROPOSALS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON 15TH May 2024, 9.30am – 3.30pm.

Participation requests are a way communities can ask to work with public bodies to make services better. They're a part of the Community Empowerment Act.

Community groups can propose they get involved in helping to...

- Design new, or better, services,
- Improve existing services,
- Deliver services,
- Review services and contribute to decision making processes.

*If possible, a CC member will join the online meeting.*

### **SLC Committee Meetings online Calendar**

SLC committee agendas and meeting information is available online on the following links.

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

[SL Committees YouTube channel](#)

### **Planning Applications**

#### [Erection of single storey side extension and attached garage with associated works](#)

11 Wellknowe Avenue Thorntonhall G74 5AR Ref. No: P/24/0396 | Received: Thu 28 Mar 2024 | Validated: Tue 09 Apr 2024 | Status: Registered

#### [Erection of rear single storey extension to dwelling](#)

2 Baroness Drive Thorntonhall G74 5BN Ref. No: P/24/0378 | Received: Mon 25 Mar 2024 | Validated: Mon 25 Mar 2024 | Status: Registered

#### [Conversion and extension to existing detached garage to form a gym and lounge](#)

1 Baron Court Thorntonhall G74 5BP Ref. No: P/24/0327 | Received: Fri 15 Mar 2024 | Validated: Fri 15 Mar 2024 | Status: Awaiting decision.

#### [Proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling](#)

## Road Closures & Works

**Road works - Eaglesham Road between Jackton Road and Hayhill Road, Jackton, South Lanarkshire Council** **Start Date:** 25/03/2024 **Duration:** 30 Working Day(s)

**Description:** S109 by Advance Construction to install toucan crossing and associated works.

### **Newlands Road, East Kilbride Between James Shepherd Grove and Newlands Farm**

Period of closure 09 June 2024 9.30am – 6.00pm Repairs to Scottish Water apparatus. Classes of vehicle prohibited. All vehicles except those involved in the works and emergency service vehicles No alternative route.

**Emergency road closure: Holehouse Highway is closed between Hole of Dripps Farm and Holehouse Sewage Works** to Monday 10 March 2025 due to structural damage to the ford. Diversion via Peel Road, B764 Eaglesham Road, B764 Cheapside Street, Gilmour Street, Holehouse Road 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 for the demolition and rebuilding of the railway bridge. Diversion via A726 Queensway and B764 Eaglesham Road.

## Other Business

- **Jackton Primary School after school provision.**

Jackton Primary is struggling to set up after school care. It is managed by a private provider but due to the high rental cost for school space for the programme at over £600 per week it is not financially viable with the current low pupil numbers. SLC offered a 50% discount for 2 months, but it was still too expensive for parents.

Rental rates at other local schools were investigated by the JPS Parent Council and found to be much lower. Councillor Buchanan will make inquiries as to why this is and see if options can be found.

- There were recent reports of 3 people in a red SUV (stolen) going around Jackton streets at night trying doors of homes and cars. *The police are aware.*
- A report of farm slurry spread on the verge and footpath of the A727 following manuring of a local field. *This information has been shared with the farmer.*
- Some of the speed recognition signals in the village are not working. *This will be reported to SLC. (Councillor notified)*
- A question was raised if speed calming measures can be added to the new Peel Road station bridge design. *This request has been passed on to Network Rail.*

**Next Meeting – May 15th, 2024, 7.30PM Thorntonhall Tennis Club.**

**Close of Meeting 8.20 PM**

**Litter Reporting.**

[https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200233/street care and cleaning/347/litter bins and street sweeping/3](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](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](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200255/land_management/338/maintenance_of_landscaped_areas)