



Jackton & Thorntonhall Community Council Minutes

June 19th, 2024
Thorntonhall Tennis Club



Sederunt Sandy McEwen - Vice Chair, Janice Edwards - Secretary, Mark Aiken, Bill Turner. It was noted that a quorum of members was present, and the meeting could proceed in accordance with the constitution.

Apologies Committee Members - Claire Marr - Chair, Douglas Eunson Treasurer, Bill Turner, David Milloy, David Ross.

Public Present H. McKinnon, T Harvey, P Harvey. J. Henderson

Minutes of the meeting May 15th, 2024

Matters arising:

P. Harvey stated that the minutes included only a summary of the BESS portion of the meeting instead of the full recorded transcript. Additionally, concerns that some issues raised during the meeting were missing and, it did not reflect the majority's objections to the proposal. The Secretary explained that, unfortunately for technical reasons, the transcript of the BESS presentation and subsequent questions and answers was very unclear and therefore mostly unintelligible. The Vice Chair agreed to investigate this further and try to translate the transcript into something which made sense. He also said that subsequent email communications issued by the community council since the meeting on 15 May which would be mentioned in the Chairs report (see below) reflected that of all the residents who spoke at that meeting were against the proposed development for the reasons mentioned in the emails.

(NOTE: Subsequent enquiries with the Scottish Information Commissioner resulted in advice that, for legal reasons, the community council would have been unable to publish the transcript of the BESS presentation and subsequent questions and answers.)

Approval of the minutes was postponed until the majority of Community Council members could discuss the matter.

Subsequently Proposed by: Janice Edwards

Subsequently Seconded by: Douglas Eunson

Chair's Report: Claire Marr

BESS

1. Following the May meeting, I sent an email to South Lanarkshire Council and local councillors about the screening request (EK/24/0179), raising issues expressed at the meeting (see point 3 for detail). This was copied to the Beachwood Lea flats.
2. Also, a similar email to the Scottish Government ECU and MSP.

3. The email specifically referred to concerns about:
 - (i) noise nuisance to the nearest residential properties and absence of regulations on this,
 - (ii) Fire risk, fumes and thermal runaway and absence of regulations on this.
 - (iii) Visual intrusion.
 - (iv) Greenbelt and damage to the core footpath
 - (v) Local roads being unsuitable for construction traffic.
 - (vi) Need for an environmental impact assessment (although SLC have taken the view that it does not require an EIA)
 - (vii) alternative sites like business/industrial locations or brownfield locations would be more appropriate.

4. Next, we will need to wait until a planning application is submitted, which could take several months.

5. Although we asked for a Q and A webchat from Apatura, this has not materialised.

6. If anyone is interested in seeing (and hearing) an operational BESS, then the nearest one is located at Ardochrig on the east side of the Whitelee Windfarm and approximately 3 miles south of East Kilbride. It is a 50-megawatt facility so has approximately a third of the battery containers proposed at Thorntonhall. The Ardochrig BESS is run by Scottish Power. There appears to be no Apatura BESS currently operational. (Their online information suggests that they will start to be operational in 2026.)

Directions to the Ardochrig BESS: Take the Strathaven Road out of East Kilbride. Turn right at Rutherend Toll Cottage. Continue through Leaburn and take the next left turn. Travel uphill for approximately one mile until you see double yellow lines and a small car park on the right. Park and walk 200-250 meters into the woodland to find the BESS.

CALA PLEDGE initiative, Jackton.

I requested input from the public via Facebook regarding their preferences for community improvements, which I subsequently relayed to the Cala representative.

The majority of the suggestions pertained to play areas, particularly those suitable for older children. I will provide an update on the Friends of Jackton Facebook page regarding the next steps

A BIG THANK YOU to the two volunteers (Trish Harvey and her son Geoff) who cleared the fly tipping at the gate on the north end of Peel Road.

It was suggested by a member of the public that a form of road block or boulders be used to block access from the road to prevent further fly tipping in this area. As the land is private, this would require permission of the owner.

****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****

We need volunteers for Community Council Office Bearer positions in the Autumn and for the Planning Subcommittee to work on a Local Place plan for our area.

The Local Plan guides decisions on future development proposals and addresses the needs and opportunities of the area. Topics that Local Plans usually cover include housing, employment and shops and they also identify where development should take place and areas where development should be restricted.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by J Edwards.

RBS Business Acct £1243.73

Treasurer's Account £3892.01 (Includes Micro Grant Funding)

Councillor's Report: No councillors present.

Secretary's Report - Janice Edwards

Correspondence

Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund- Inspiring Scotland currently has a fund open for applications. Community groups can apply for up to £13,500, with successful applicants receiving up to £1,500 in professional fundraising support in addition to their grant

The Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund seeks to inspire, encourage, and enable communities to explore and deliver ambitious ecosystem restoration projects locally. It also seeks to raise awareness about the importance of local ecosystem restoration and address barriers faced by community-led efforts.

<https://inspiringscotland.org.uk/fund/neighbourhood-ecosystem-fund/>

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 - None

Road Closures & Works

Near Westwinds Peel Road Thorntonhall. Expected Start:03/07/2024 - 04/07/2024
Duration:1 Working Day(s) 2 Way signal required for pole replacement from 09:30-15:30.

61 Peel Road Thorntonhall Expected Start:03/07/2024 - 11/07/2024 Duration:5 Working Day(s)
Description: Installation of new BT duct

Kingsland View, Jackton closed between Ocein Drive and its termination from 9.30am to 9pm on Friday 2 August for Scottish Water manhole repair.

Holehouse Highway is closed between Hole of Dripps Farm and Holehouse Sewage Works from Wednesday 31 January 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.

Updates

Hairmyers Station Funding

Park and Ride full funding has been secured for the completion of the new Hairmyers Station parking area.

Thorntonhall Station Bridge. There has been no further information from Network Rail on the bridge design. The planned road closure has been removed from the SLC web page.

Jackton Primary School Out of school hours care provision. The Head teacher is hoping to finalise breakfast club arrangements in the next week. Discussions are underway for after school arrangements for the next school term.

Other Business

Overgrown Verges and bushes along Braehead Road.

The hedges are not scheduled to be trimmed until October due to nesting.

As a guide, rural road verges are cut once a year with additional cuts programmed at certain road junctions for safety reasons from April through to October.

**A request has been made by the CC to SLC to ask if the verges can be cut as they are encroaching on the road making sightlines and passing difficult.*

Road Signage

SLC have been notified to pick up the redundant Closed Road signs on Braehead Rd.

Bookings required for the Recycling Centre from August 24th.

From August 24, 2024, a booking will be required to drop off items at the East Kilbride Recycling Centre. Information on how bookings can be made will be sent out when available.

Caravan, Waterfoot Road

A question was raised if the residential style caravan sited on Waterfoot Road about half a mile from the junction with Peel Road is permitted under the planning regulations and if the plumbing system meets required regulations.

**This has been referred to Councillor Watson and Councillor Williams*

Speed reduction measures and crossing points. Eaglesham Road, Jackton

Speed reduction measures and crossing points are needed on Eaglesham Road, Jackton. Can the 30MPH speed limit be extended to the junction with Hayhill Road?

One crossing point has been installed but not completed. When will this be put in service?

**This has been referred to Councillor Watson, Councillor Williams and Councillor Buchanan.*

Poor pavement condition. Eaglesham Road Jackton

Stretches of the pavement between the new Jackton roundabout and the police college are uneven, narrow and in poor condition making it difficult to navigate, especially with a buggy or younger children on bicycle. Are there plans to improve this?

Can cycle lanes be incorporated into new roads in the area?

**This has been referred to Councillor Watson, Councillor Williams and Councillor Buchanan.*

Micro grant applications: None

The Community Council can award grants of up to £500 to support local constituted and non-constituted groups and where appropriate individuals who need small amounts to pursue their objectives. Applications can be requested via the CC Webpage or by emailing jackthonrncc@gmail.com

The Community council will take a summer break July and August.

The next meeting will be September 18th, 2024, 7.30PM in the Thorntonhall Tennis Club.

Close of Meeting 8.25 PM

Litter Reporting.

[https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200233/street care and cleaning/347/litter bins a
nd 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 a
nd 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 la
ndscaped areas](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200255/land_management/338/maintenance_of_landscape_areas)