



## Jackton & Thorntonhall Community Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> 2024 at 7.30pm

Thorntonhall Tennis Club



**Sederunt** Fiona Gardner (Chair), Sandy McEwen (Vice Chair), Christian Potter (Secretary), Douglas Eunson (Treasurer), Mark Aitken, David Ross, Warren Bader.

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

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair, Fiona Gardner, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself to everyone as new Chair.

Apologies were received from Bill Turner, Cllr. David Watson and Cllr. Monique Equi.

**Councillors Present:** Cllr Kirsty Williams.

**Public Present** 45 members of the local community signed in, approximately 60 were in attendance.

**Minutes of the meeting October 17th, 2024.**

**Matters Arising:** - None

**Subsequently Proposed by:** Warren Bader

**Subsequently Seconded by:** Christian Potter

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#### **Chairs Report (Fiona Gardner)**

Fiona confirmed as this is her first meeting as Chair she does not have a Chairs Report.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Douglas Eunson)**

Douglas provided the financial update:

Business reserve: £1243.73

Business current: £5048.28

The old Treasurer account is now closed.

A microgrant request from the Afternoon Tea Group for a community Christmas Tea and related supplies was discussed. It was noted that they had already received a grant in October 2023 and this request was therefore reconsidered and approved at today's meeting.

Douglas asked for authority to transfer funds to the tennis club for hall hire. This was authorised by the Chair as was a Subscription to Scotways of £20.

## **Councillor's Report - Cllr Kirsty Williams**

Cllr Williams reported that a number of residents have contacted her about the soil from construction vehicles on the roads around Jackton Primary School, Eaglesham Road and Redwood Avenue. Contractors have agreed to increase road cleansing around both sites.

Cllr Williams reported that SLC were in the early stages of planning the budget for 2025/26. The anticipated budget gap for South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) for the next 3 years is £77million. Next year's gap is £10m. There is a consultation survey on the SLC website with proposals for savings. Cllr Williams encouraged residents to express their view via the website. [SLC budget proposals](#).

The Scottish Government will set their budget before Xmas. Because of the Autumn budget there should be extra £1.5billion of in year funding for Scotland and an additional £3.4billion next year – 2026/27.

Carers' rights day is today, and the Lanarkshire Carers provides support to all adults with a caring role in South Lanarkshire – their services can be accessed [here](#).

Cllr Williams confirmed the SLC committees she is a member of – all committees and full council meetings can be viewed on [SLC Committees YouTube channel](#)

## **Public Questions and Issues**

### Hedges

Mark Aitken raised the issue of hedges at Peel Road which are uncut and causing visibility problems. It was confirmed that the land is owned by SLC with responsibilities for cutting the hedges sub-contracted to local farmers.

Mark will send the location to Cllr Williams who will raise this with SLC.

Cllr Williams also noted that she had seen an issue with hedges at Waterfoot Road had been added to the JTCC Facebook site. Fergus Corbett said he would provide Cllr Williams with more information on this. Cllr Williams agreed she would also look at this issue.

### Fly-tipping

There was general discussion around the problem of fly-tipping.

In particular, the fly tipping at Peel Road was discussed. Cllr Williams confirmed as this land is privately owned, it is the responsibility of the landowner to remove the rubbish.

Christian read out an update Councillor David Watson had provided her as the issue had been raised at the previous meeting –

*“Environmental Services are investigating the van and liaising with the DVLA. As reported previously the dump is on private land and as such the Council are not able to remove it”*

There was discussion around who owns the land and that the areas needs to be fenced or gated to prevent vehicle access. Fiona agreed that the Community Council will establish the landowner, make contact and ask to meet to try and resolve the issue.

#### Traffic Speed signs

Christian provided an update she had received from the previous Secretary who had reported issues with the traffic speed signs to SLC.

*As you enter from Jackton, the first speed sign is solar and will light up for speeds over 25MPH. If it is not lighting up > 25MPH the battery may be getting low and need replaced.*

*The one by the rail bridge is on the lighting circuit and lights up for speeds over 30 MPH. It is under a repair warranty.*

*The newest solar one coming up from the main EK road should register the approaching speed on all vehicles.*

*SLC are happy to make repairs as needed.*

#### Local Area Plan

Christian advised she had been made aware that the SLC Planning Area Manager is available to attend a JTCC meeting to discuss the Local Place Plan with residents. There was agreement at the meeting that this would be a good idea. Christian will make contact with the Area Manager to arrange a meeting.

#### Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

Trisha Harvey from the BESS group gave an overview of the current situation with regards to the BESS. This is available as an appendix to the minutes.

There was a discussion about the JTCC Facebook and the view that requests for posts regarding the BESS were being refused by an Administrator who is not a JTCC committee member. The view being that there is a lack of clarity and transparency with requests for Facebook posts being refused with no explanation.

There was a discussion that the JTCC need to be careful what is put on their Facebook page as they need to represent the views of everyone in the community.

It was agreed that anyone wishing to add a post to the JTCC Facebook page should put this request to the JTCC secretary – [jacktonthorncc@gmail.com](mailto:jacktonthorncc@gmail.com). The secretary will then put the required post to the JTCC committee and seek 4 members' approval. The secretary will then instruct an administrator to put the post on FaceBook. If there are any changes or if the request is rejected, this will be communicated to the originator.

There was further discussion about the role of the JTCC with the BESS development. Several residents made the point that many residents feel very strongly that the JTCC should represent the community as the majority of residents want the BESS fought against, are desperate for it not to happen and want a very strong position against this development. It was discussed that if the majority of the community are against the proposal, then the committee should represent that. There were strong views expressed that the BESS is a cause of great concern to the community.

Sandy advised that the JTCC terms of reference is to represent the view of the community and to do that, we need to understand views of the committee in open meeting, dialogues, response to questionnaires. Sandy said we need to establish what the community wants as there are residents out there who are in favour of this. Sandy said JTCC had already done some work on this issue and had engaged with the community and are here to represent the community.

There was further discussion about the Apatura meeting with the community earlier in the year and the content of that meeting with the representatives from Apatura not being able to answer questions. The view being that Apatura were very dismissive. Sandy said the committee are acutely aware but are not responsible for the content of that meeting.

The Chair suggested that a line is drawn and that she takes on board that a large part of the community has turned out today to voice that they are all against it. Fiona confirmed JTCC will be supporting the stance of the community and that the JTCC will represent the community forcefully.

The issue of the JTCC Facebook was raised again with further comment that posts have been refused that may be beneficial to the community. There was a view that 4 people to approve a post is too many. Fiona explained that the committee is not stopping a post on Facebook, but must be able to read a post and make sure everything is safe before going on Facebook. Fiona stated that the Committee should be given a chance, that the process for obtaining agreement from 4 committee members should be used and people will be told why a post needs changed before posting. Fiona said that notes of the BESS meetings could be shared on the JTCC Facebook group but these would need to be agreed first.

Cllr Williams said that her perception was that JTCC has been vocal in expressing concerns around the proposed BESS. She understands the anxiety and fear of residents and is meeting with members of the BESS Group on Monday.

#### Residents' Association

Warren Bader said that after BESS there will be other developments coming down the road and that all of these things could be co-ordinated through a Residents' Association. This could open up to more grand funding and a Residents' Association could do a lot more for the area. Warren explained residents need to come on board and the Association would be a vehicle to challenge new developments rather than having separate groups (eg BESS).

Fiona said that she is not opposed to a Residents' Association but it would need to work alongside the JTCC with sharing of information. Fiona asked Warren to put forward thoughts as to how a Residents' Association could work at the next meeting in January.

#### Railway Bridge / Traffic Calming

Paul Harvey raised a problem with the railway bridge and witnessing 2 larger vehicles trying to cross at the same time. There was general discussion about what could make the railway bridge safer with traffic lights on the bridge and more 30mph signs on that part of Peel Road. There was discussion that the new parapets on the bridge made it harder to see traffic safely. Although the parapets look good, there is a concern the bridge is less safe now because of them.

Robert Little advised that as he works for Network Rail – he will take this back to them as Network Rail would have consulted with SLC.

Paul Harvey said he would e-mail Cllr Williams about the bridge problem. He also said there is a street light out of action. Paul agreed to report this to SLC; Cllr Williams can also raise this.

Sandy said that traffic calming has been on the agenda for 12 years. The Policy on SLC road department has been that you can only establish a need to control through traffic after an event, there is no consideration of prevention. It was discussed that the new road at Jackton has built in road calming measures which old roads don't have. It was explained that this is because the Jackton road is a new development.

Fiona asked Cllr Williams if the JTCC could ask the SLC roads department to come out and evaluate and assess crossings and signage. Cllr Williams agreed to raise the issue with the area manager for roads, Martin Muir.

Cllr Williams agreed to send links to road safety guidance from SLC -

*Here is the information regarding South Lanarkshire road safety engineering project selection. The report outlining South Lanarkshire's Priority Road Safety Engineering Projects for 2024/2025 which includes a preamble as to the criteria that are applied is available [here](#) . The local transport strategy for 2013 to 2023 can be found [here](#) with road safety being from p. 42 onwards – I understand that the strategy for 2024 onwards is still under development.*

### **Actions from the Meeting**

1	Follow-up with Thorntonhall Village Group on micro grant application	Christian / Douglas	done
3	Residents with issues with roads around Jackton primary school – contact councillor	residents	
4	Residents with Ideas or suggestions for East Kilbride- based charities to be supported by SLC "Touch a Life, Make a Difference" – contact councillor	residents	
5	Residents can input on SLC Consultation survey on proposals for budget savings – <a href="#">SLC budget survey</a>	residents	
6	send the location to Cllr Williams for Peel Road hedges needing cut back.	Mark Aitken	
7	send further details to Cllr Williams re hedges at Waterfoot Road as per Facebook post.	Fergus Corbett	
8	raise these 2 issues (6 & 8) with SLC – Cllr Williams	Cllr Williams	
9	establish the landowner where fly-tipping is, make contact and ask to meet to try and resolve the issue. (a Mr Judd possibly ?)	Sandy	
10	make contact with the SLC Planning Area Manager to arrange a presentation on the Local Place Plan.	Christian	done
11	Anyone wishing to add a post to the JTCC Facebook page should put this request to the JTCC secretary – <a href="mailto:jacktonthorncc@gmail.com">jacktonthorncc@gmail.com</a> . The secretary will then put the required post to the JTCC committee and seek 4 members' approval. The secretary will then instruct an administrator to put the post on FaceBook. If there are any changes or if the request is rejected, this will be communicated to the originator.	Residents / Christian	

12	put forward thoughts at the next meeting as to how to take how a Residents' Association could work.	Warren Bader	
13	ask SLC Road Department to come out and do an assessment of the railway bridge and road calming measures.	Cllr Williams / Warren	
14	e-mail Cllr Williams about the bridge problem and report street light being out of action.	Paul Harvey	done
15	send links to road safety guidance from SLC.	Cllr Williams	done
16	Take the issue of railway bridge parapets to Network Rail	Robert Little	

### **Planning Applications:**

- Application reference P/24/1298  
Date registered 08/11/2024  
Erection of four detached dwellinghouses with access road and associated works  
Site At 344 Eaglesham Road  
Jackton  
G75 8RW

[planning application 1298](#)

- Application reference P/24/1249  
date registered 22/10/24  
Land 90m southwest of Hayhill House, Hayhill Road, Thorntonhall, G74 5AN  
Erection of 2no. dwellings with associated works (amendment to P/23/1035 for extension to front of Plot 2 to form garage and associated alterations)

[planning application 1249](#)

### **Road Closures & Works:**

- **Emergency road closure: 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.
- **A726 Redwood Crescent roundabout to Redwood Avenue East Kilbride South Lanarkshire Council** **Actual Start Date:**01/10/2024 **Estimated Duration:**191 Working Day(s) Road Resurfacing as part of the construction of the new Hairmyres Station P+R with new access junctions to north and south of the railway line.
- **Ocean Drive, Kingsland View, Suntroy Lane and Suntroy Grove, East Kilbride.** Between Nikka Drive. Termination Period of closure 9.30am to 9.00pm on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Reason for closure Manhole repairs by Scottish Water.
- residents in the community wish to volunteer and apply to carry out the work.

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### **Micro grant applications:**

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 [jackthornrnc@gmail.com](mailto:jackthornrnc@gmail.com)

**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)

**The next meeting is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30PM Location: Thorntonhall Tennis Club.**

**Close of Meeting 8.30pm**

## Appendix – BESS Group Input to Meeting - Trisha Harvey

*Firstly, I would like to thank the new Chair and Secretary for taking on their roles and keeping the JTCC going to help the community.*

*The BESS group would like the whole community to know that we are delighted to announce that we have reached our fundraising target for hiring professional help to object to the Thorntonhall BESS and would like to thank those of you who donated, its fabulous news.*

*I would also like to thank the JTCC for their support in sending out an e-mail to all the residents on their list, regarding this appeal.*

*After our meeting with the labour MP and MSP's we made the daily record as they put an article in for the Thorntonhall residents*

*It was a great article, as it didn't come across that we are NIMBY's or selfish millionaire residents, which of course we are not, but it was always the worry.*

*Joani's message in the article was loud and clear we need to make ourselves be heard, join forces and work together.*

*When the application goes live, everyone against the BESS, must object. More on that to come later when it goes live.*

*My last point is the JTCC Facebook.*

*Is the BESS working group able to post to the JTCC Facebook page please?*

*Up until now it has not been possible as anything the BESS group have post on the JTCC Facebook page, has not been approved by the Facebook administrators. One of whom is not even a member of the community council.*

*One example is, the e-mail that the JTCC sent out recently was posted on Facebook, but the administrators did not pass it, for some unknown reason, so it was not posted?*

*Could this be investigated as to how the JTCC Facebook is run so that the whole community can be served indiscriminately.*