



**Jackton & Thorntonhall Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 19, 2024
Thorntonhall Tennis Club**



Sederunt Claire Marr - Chair, Janice Edwards - Secretary, Douglas Eunson -Treasurer, 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 – Sandy McEwan, Mark Aiken, David Milloy, David Ross.
Local Councillors – Kirsty William, Geri Gray

Councillors Present: David Watson.

Public Present Thirty-seven members of the local community signed in. Additional attendees, not signed in. In total, approximately 45 attended.

Minutes of the meeting June 19th, 2024.

Subsequently Proposed by: Janice Edwards

Subsequently Seconded by: Douglas Eunson

1. Chairs Report (Claire Marr)

Volunteers required for committee positions

Both the Chair, Claire Marr, and Secretary, Janice Edwards, will be stepping down at the AGM in October. Despite several appeals for new volunteers (including a flyer to Thorntonhall homes) no-one has come forward. From the meeting, two people volunteered: Christian Potter for Secretary (previous community council experience) and Warren Bader as an ordinary committee member. **Further efforts will need to be put in place in order to recruit a replacement Chairperson before the October AGM.** Candidates need to be available for most of the 9 meetings held in a year. Without a replacement Chairperson, the Community Council does not have a future.

2. Proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Meikle Dripps, Thorntonhall

The proposed BESS development remains a heated topic in the village. A three page leaflet (compiled by the Thorntonhall BESS group) was distributed to villagers at the end of August. At this stage, a planning application has not yet been submitted but is anticipated soon. When a planning application is submitted, it will be published on the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU) website.

- **Action for Residents:** Residents should submit their comments to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) when the planning application goes live and comment within 28 days. The Community Council and the Thorntonhall BESS group will contact residents via email when the application does go live and will give guidance on how to access the ECU website.

Concerns and objections were raised, including noise pollution for the nearby homes, particularly the 29 flats at Beechwood Lea, 215 metres away. Environmental impact, scale, fire safety and inadequate local roads are also concerns. It was highlighted that the ECU very rarely requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and only when the local authority recommends one. In this case, the local authority, South Lanarkshire Council (SLC), has recommended several reports to be compiled by the applicant to explain some environmental concerns, but not a full EIA. The ECU process is not so familiar to the public. It was suggested that a more suitable location exists at the nearby Whitelees Wind Farm.

Local Councillor, David Watson explained that South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) would be consulted once the application is submitted to the Scottish Government (ECU), but the ultimate decision lies with the government. Councillor Watson is available to discuss the BESS or other planning matters with constituents at his surgery but cannot make any commitments due to regulatory restrictions particularly as he is a member of the SLC Planning Committee.

3. Councillor's Report (David Watson)

- **Railway Bridge (Peel Road):** after delays with Network Rail's plans, the latest proposal is for the sides of the bridge to be increased in height. Councillor Watson has been assured by Network Rail that there is no plan for the station house to be demolished.
- **Hairmyres Park and Ride:** The project has been approved, including improved pedestrian crossings.
- **Fly-tipping on Peel Road:** A member of the public provided video evidence, but Councillor Watson could not view the video evidence due to technical issues at SLC. **The registration of the fly-tipper's vehicle will be pursued for further action.**
- **Poor road surface, Peel Road:** The council is aware of its poor condition but has no resurfacing plans for the current year. Speeding on Peel Road is also a concern, but any changes to speed limits are currently the police's responsibility.
- **Poor road surface, Braehead Road:** Similar concerns were raised about poor surface conditions, lack of pavements, and speeding. South Lanarkshire Council has not prioritised this for resurfacing (due to competing priorities).
- **Residents were encouraged to report road and pavement issues directly to the council via the links provided at the end of the minutes.**

4. Treasurer's Report (Douglas Eunson)

Douglas Eunson reported the following account balances:

- Treasurer's account: £3,758.15
- Business Reserve Account: £1,243.73

He is still working on resolving issues with the Royal Bank of Scotland to set up a new account, a process that has taken over a year. He committed to resolving this.

5. Secretary's Report (Janice Edwards)

Janice Edwards provided several updates:

- **Voter Registration:** With many new residents in Jackton, she reminded attendees to ensure their voter registration is up to date.

- **Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund:** There are grants available for eco-projects in the community, with links available in the minutes for those interested in applying. inspiringscotland.org.uk/fund/neighbourhood-ecosystem-fund/
- **After-School Care at Jackton Primary School:** While no on-site provision exists, an agreement has been made with Eaglesham Primary School After School provision for extended care, including transport arrangements.
- **Speed Limits on Eaglesham Road:** The 30MPH speed limit will be extended to the Hayhill Road intersection once signage is erected.
- **SLC Committee Meetings online Calendar**
<https://southlanarkshire.cmis.uk.com/southlanarkshire/Meetingscalendar.aspx> SL Committees YouTube channel

Planning Applications

[Change of use of agricultural farm land to form an agricultural vehicle, plant and machinery sale yard including the erection of two agricultural sheds and associated works \(Retrospective\)](#) Stoneside Of Dripps Farm Cartside Highway Thorntonhall G74 5AP RefNo:P/24/1049 | Received:Wed 21 Aug 2024 | Validated:Wed 28 Aug 24 Registered

[Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with single-storey extension and conversion of existing detached garage to ancillary domestic building](#) Beechwood Peel Road Thorntonhall G74 5AGRef. No: P/24/0978 | Received: Tue 06 Aug 2024 | Validated: Fri 09 Aug 2024 | Status: Registered

[Amendment to planning consent P/18/1127 to replace communal garden and orchard area with SUDS overflow area and biodisk plant](#) Site Of Former Cartside Farm Cartside Highway Thorntonhall G74 5AD Ref. No: P/24/0937 | Received: Mon 29 Jul 2024 | Validated: Mon 29 Jul 2024 | Status: Registered

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.

Cartside Highway is closed between Waterfoot Road and Holehouse Highway from Tuesday 24 September to Wednesday 25 September for BT works. Diversion via Waterfoot Road, Peel Road and Holehouse Highway.

Peel Road is closed between Gilmour Avenue and the train station access road from 8pm to 8am nightly from Saturday 5 October to Friday 8 November. Diversion via A727 East Kilbride Road, A726 Queensway and B764 Eaglesham Road.

Braehead closed between Braehead House and Thornton Road from 9.30am to 3.30pm on Wednesday 6 November for British Telecom works. Diversion via Thornton Road, Peel Road, Eaglesham Road, Redwood Drive and Barbana Road and vice versa.

Peel Road is closed from Holehouse Highway to South Hill of Dripps from Monday 11 November to Friday 15 November for repair of collapsed drainage culvert. Diversion via A727 East Kilbride Road, A726 Queensway and B764 Eaglesham Road.

6. Other Business

Microgrant Applications:

£500 was approved for planters near Beechwood Lea to benefit 29 flats.

£500 was approved for a local archaeologist's project to continue research and print a second book on the history of Thorntonhall.

Pavements and Safety Issues: Concerns were raised about the lack of pavements along Peel and Braehead Roads. Hedges blocking visibility are also a hazard for drivers. While some improvements have been made, such as recent hedge cutting, there is no space to create additional pavements in some areas. The Roads Department has been notified of these issues.

Fireworks Restrictions: Residents inquired about restricting the sale and use of fireworks, as seen in Edinburgh and Glasgow. David Watson confirmed there are no plans to implement such measures in South Lanarkshire.

Idling Vehicles: There have been complaints regarding tradespeople at the construction site adjacent to Beechwood Lea flats. Issues include prolonged idling of vehicles and loud radios, contributing to noise and pollution. **The Community Council will reach out to the contractor, Abbey Construction, to address these concerns. Residents are advised to contact the police if the issue persists.**

Traffic Safety: Concerns were raised about the volume of industrial traffic, particularly trucks, and the speed of vehicles along Peel Road. There was a suggestion to reduce the speed limit to 20 MPH in the village. There is a Scottish Government initiative on this currently being considered. This has not been prioritised.

Caravan on Waterfoot Road: There have been complaints about someone living in a caravan on Waterfoot Road without proper sanitation. David Watson reported that Environmental Services had visited the site and the caravan was unoccupied at the time. However, the situation appears to have changed. **This is to be confirmed to Councillor Watson, and action progressed.**

Weeds: There is a significant presence of weeds particularly at the junction of Peel and Braehead Roads. Due to budget constraints and maintenance delays by the council, a group of residents has agreed to apply for a microgrant to address this.

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 jackthonrncc@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 October 17th. 2024, at 7.30PM will be the Annual General Meeting. The regular monthly meeting will follow. Location: Thorntonhall Tennis Club.

Close of Meeting 8.40PM