



Jackton & Thorntonhall Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 17th 2025 at 7.30pm

Thorntonhall Tennis Club



Sederunt: Fiona Gardner (Chair), Douglas Eunson (Treasurer), Christian Potter (Secretary), Lesley Whitefield and Bill Turner.

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 welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Sandy McEwen and David Ross.

Councillors Present: Councillor Monique Equi was present. Apologies had been received from Councillor David Watson.

Public Present: 19 members of the local community signed in.

Apologies had been received from Ian and Alison Colquhoun.

2. Presentation from National Autistic Society (NAS) for South Lanarkshire Council.

David Weir, Co-Chairperson from NAS, made a short talk to the meeting describing the work of NAS in South Lanarkshire. He agreed to forward a handout which could be distributed with the minutes and a Just Giving Link for residents to make a donation to NAS.

It was discussed that the community events in the area are generally organised by the Thorntonhall Tennis Club. It was agreed that Christian would contact the tennis club committee to see if they could link up with NAS to work together at future community events.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

These had been circulated in advance of the meeting. They were approved by Bill Turner and seconded by Douglas Eunson.

It was noted that the minutes of the meeting held on January 16th 2025 had not been previously approved by Elected Members. These were then retrospectively approved by Douglas Eunson and seconded by Bill Turner

Review of Action Points

Christian summarised the current status of action points. The full detail is attached at Appendix 1.

A resident who is a wheelchair user said that she cannot access trains at Thorntonhall and has to go to East Kilbride station. Councillor Equi asked the resident to let her know the specific issues and she would take these forward on her behalf.

Fergus Corbett raised the issue about bus stops being put in place in new developments in East Kilbride but there being no requirement to put bus routes in place. It was discussed that this is because buses are privately run. Fergus commented that it should be a condition for new developers that they arrange bus routes.

4. Updates:

- Warren Bader and David Ross resignations

Fiona confirmed that Warren Bader and David Ross had both resigned from the Committee. Fiona confirmed that these positions have been advertised and a closing date of 28th April in place. It is hoped that members of the community will come forward.

- Fly-tipping (Peel Road / East Kilbride Road junction)

Christian read out an update that had been received from Sandy McEwen - *I have now spoken to Stuart Paterson, the landowners' son who deals with the land the family own around Thorntonhall. I asked about (1) additional boulders or similar at the entrance to prevent unauthorised access which he had said he would arrange and (2) the possibility of the community council arranging a tidy up of the site, which we have some grant assistance for, as it is still unsightly, particularly from the Busby Road. He replied by saying that there is evidence of Japanese knot wood on the site and some initial treatment has been carried out with further planned. For that reason no further boulders have been added and access cannot be granted as the treatment is highly toxic. He said he would update me about two weeks after Easter. If I haven't heard by the first week in May I will follow up with him again.*

Councillor Equi said that the Council's hands are often tied; that the police need to do something.

Fergus Corbett said what is driving fly tipping is the cost of disposing commercial waste; the Council will only clean up if it's on Council land but fly tipping destroys the countryside and puts the responsibility on private landowners; this is unfair.

Councillor Equi said she had read the minutes from the last meeting and the £25,000 cost of Consultants is in fact £2500. She explained there is a fund Community Councils can access to put cameras up. These could go in the trees; East Renfrewshire Council had got a £2500 grant; she could get funding to put cameras up at fly tipping sites; if elected members agree we could apply for up to £2500 she could look at this if that would help.

- Thorntonhall Roads / Peel Road Petition

Paul Harvey advised that his Peel Road Survey will be heard at the South Lanarkshire Committee meeting on 25th April. He will make a presentation and Fiona Gardner will attend

with him. This will be available on the SLC YouTube channel. Paul said that a lady had been knocked off her bike on Peel Road and the police and ambulance were called. Paul noted that white lines are missing on Peel Road, as are 30mph signs on the road. It was discussed that a police speed trap was on Peel Road recently. Monique said she would find out from the police how many people were fined.

Fergus Corbett said potholes have been filled but there is still loose debris. There is a section between Thorntonhall and Jackton where there is loose stone – a lot of it caused by work done on the new house. Gravel has blocked the drainage.

It was noted that the pot holes on Braehead road where the ponies are have been filled.

- **BESS / Apatura Consultation**

Trisha Hughes provided an update on this which is attached to the minutes at Appendix 2.

It was confirmed that if Trisha has any posts she would like shared on the Friends of Jackton Facebook page she could post these and Fergus Corbett as administrator would then approve for including on the Facebook.

- **Local Development Plan**

Christian confirmed that there had been 4 e-mails received from residents to South Lanarkshire Council regarding residents' representations about the future use of land. Generally the view was to keep everything as is and retain the green belt.

Councillor Equi said that there is nothing really in the next Local Place Plan that will affect this area. Any development will be at Auldhause / Lindsayfield.

5. Reports

Treasurer's report:

Account balances:

Current:	£ 1078.28
Business reserve:	£ 1802.81

Douglas read through the income and expenditure for year ended 31.3.25 (attached at Appendix 3).

Douglas explained that the returns for the £5000 micro grants had not yet been submitted and this would come back into the account.

The year end accounts were proposed by Bill Turner and seconded by Christian Potter.

Local Councillor Report – Monique Equi

Councillor Equi said – I am now back at Council after 2 years' illness; there is the recess in July then I plan to return to full duties; I always read the minutes; if you don't see me, don't think I

don't care; this is a good committee to work with; I am your councillor for Jackton, Thorntonhall. I also cover part of Nerston, Stewartfield, Mossneuk, Gardenhall and Hairmyers; the Council is good at sending out communications; you are getting information at the same time as me (eg road closures).

Cllr Equi said - Paul Harvey's petition is very good; I spoke to council lawyer. I'm not on the petitions committee but I am allowed to go in but I can't speak. I had to check I'm not breaking standards. I can go to the Chair and ask if I am allowed to speak - this will be the Chairs' decision – they could say no. If they say no you'll know it's not through lack of trying; I will be there on the Committee.

Cllr Equi said - Due to funding cuts the Police can't do anything unless there are accidents; same as the Council. This is ridiculous but the petition will allow us to take this forward. Officer running this committee is a good Officer. He is very good and fair. We should push for the fact that there has been an accident - this goes in our favour. We want police presence, white lines, 30s marked up again. It's known a rat run. People know about it. People have an awareness they didn't have before. Even when traffic goes back there will be more people who know about the road. Bring up where you think the signs should be. Paul can put this forward (eg road narrows sign over the bridge; pedestrian on road; no footpath signs).

There was a discussion about BESS and Councillor Equi suggested various people the BESS group could be writing to (eg MPs, MSPs). Trisha Hughes said they have been in touch with them all and they all say they won't do anything until the application goes live.

6. Correspondence

- SAMH workshops (detail attached to agenda)
- My Place Awards (detail attached to agenda)
- Litter Picking – 7th May 2025 – Jacktonhall.

Fergus Corbett mentioned the litter problem at the Jackton Primary School during the day and at night. A resident explained he had privately donated a bin from his Company which needs fixed to the ground. He explained that the School wants a builder to do this but the Council have still to confirm who will do the work.

Fergus said the muga / astro turf has been locked due to problems with rubbish etc. This should not be happening. Cllr Equi asked Fergus to e-mail her with the details on this issue and she would take forward.

7. Planning Applications

- **Application reference P/25/0270**
Date registered 17.3.25
Sub-division of garden ground and erection of detached one and a half storey dwellinghouse, double garage/studio, formation of new access and associated works 50 Peel Road, Thorntonhall, G74 5AG.
- **Proposal of Application – Thornton Farm, Redwood Drive – Residential development.**
Drop in Public consultations 15th May and 11th June (further information attached to agenda).

There was discussion about this application. Fergus Corbett and Paul Harvey agreed they would go to the drop in event on 15th May and report back to the next JTCC meeting.

Fergus said there will be about 5 sets of traffic lights on redwood road which could make Peel Road worse.

8. Road Closures & Works

Noted as per Agenda.

- **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.
- **Redwood Drive, East Kilbride:** closed from Eaglesham Road to Redwood Avenue. Alternative Route B764 Eaglesham Road, A727 Queensway and A726 GSO 3rd March to 30th May 2025.
- **Footway Closure Eaglesham Road to Redwood Drive**, East Kilbride. 3rd March to 30th May 2025.

9. Other Business

None

10. Next Meeting

15th May 2025 at 7.30pm, Thorntonhall Tennis Club.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

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

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

Appendix 1 – ACTION POINTS

Blue – Cllr Equi e-mail enquiries

Red – current situation.

1	<p>Cllr Williams to follow-up re Peel Road hedges needing cut back.</p> <p>Can you please supply me with the schedule for 2024/2025 and 25/26 for when the hedges on Peel Road are to be cut back, including Frederick boulevard.</p> <p>SLC view is it responsibility of Hacking and Paterson as factors of the development; they believe it is SLC owned; SLC say it's not; now gone back to Hacking and Paterson for clarification.</p>	<p>Cllr Williams / now Cllr Equi following this up.</p> <p>Christian Potter to follow-up with factor</p>	
2	<p>Can you let me know who would be responsible for erecting Bus shelter at the two bus stops on either side of East Kilbride Road next to the Carmunnock bypass roundabout?</p> <p>Checking with Transport Scotland / Connect Roads / SLC</p>	<p>Cllr Equi / Christian following up</p>	
3	<p>Can you send me a copy of the schedule for 2024/2025 and 2025/2024 for roads/ potholes to be filled repaired please in Thorntonhall and Jackton.</p> <p>We hope to provide all local members with a copy of the 2025/26 carriageway resurfacing programme by the end of April 2025.</p>	<p>Awaiting response from SLC</p>	
4	<p>Write to Scotrail regarding plans to improve Thorntonhall trains to twice per hour.</p> <p>Generic response received from ScotRail; asked for further detail; Cllr Equi will take up with Scotrail PR.</p> <p>Costs of diesel now not appropriate excuse; 500 to 1000 households; Cala had promised; can't measure people going to busby / EK instead.</p>	<p>Christian Potter / Cllr Equi.</p>	
5	Cllr Equi could look at getting up to a £2500 grant for fly-tipping cameras.	Cllr Equi	
6	Cllr Equi will try and find out from police how many people were fined at the recent Peel Road speed trap	Cllr Equi	
7	Attend Thornton Farm, Redwood Drive drop in public consultation on 15 th May and feed-back at next meeting.	Fergus Corbett / Paul Harvey	
8	Let Cllr Equi know about Jackton Primary School muga / bin situation and she will take this up	Fergus Corbett / Cllr Equi.	

The BESS group report for the JTCC 17th April 2025:

I have 3 things to update you on tonight

1) Communicating to Apatura

The BESS Group have written to Apatura twice since the last meeting raising our concerns. In both times Apatura have refused stating that all concerns will be in the planning application when released.

2) Labour MP

Our Labour MP Joani Reid also wrote to Apatura asking if there was a way in which Apatura could address the concerns of the resident's group prior to the planning application being submitted. As yet, Apatura have not responded which unfortunately is not a surprise.

3) Video

We have also been busy filming the video which I hope everyone has seen which outlines our objections to the BESS. However if you haven't seen the video, please give me your e-mail address and I will forward it on.

Timing of planning application

We think the application will go live before the end of April.

Appendix 3 – Income and Expenditure for Year Ending 31st March 2025

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025			
INCOME	2025	2024	
SLC Administration Grant	515	515	
Bank Interest	56	67	
	571	582	
EXPENDITURE			
Affiliation Fees	20	20	
Honoraria	100	100	
Hall Rental	350	350	
Reimbursement of Expenses	29	0	
Domain Name Renewal	64	64	
Litter Pick Insurance	11	0	
Unspent Balance of Grant	0	48	
Overspend on Grant	-3	0	
	571	582	
OTHER INCOME			
Donation to Business Account	100	50	
Compensation from Royal Bank of Scotland	700	0	
SLC Micro Grant Top Up	750	1000	
OTHER EXPENDITURE			
Micro Grants	3995	750	
Balance Brought Forward at 1/4/24	5579	5526	
Balance Carried Forward at 31/3/25	2881	5579	
Represented by:			
Business Current Account	1078	4385	
Business Reserve Account	1803	1194	
	2881	5579	

Report to members of the Jackton and Thorntonhall Community Council for the year ended 31st of March 2025.

We certify that the above statement is a true reflection of the Income and Expenditure of Jackton and Thorntonhall Community Council and the financial position at 31st of March 2025 based on the accounting records and from the information and explanations supplied.

Douglas Eunson (Treasurer).....

Fiona Gardner (Chairperson).....