



Jackton & Thorntonhall Community Council



Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 19th 2026 at 7.30pm

Thorntonhall Tennis Club

Sederunt: John McManus (Vice Chair), Douglas Eunson (Treasurer), Christian Potter (Secretary), Trevor Herrington and 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 welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Fiona Gardner (Chair) and Lesley Whitefield.

Councillors Present: No Councillors were present. No apologies had been received.

Public Present: approx. 20 members of the local community attended the meeting. 13 signed the attendance sheet.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The January Minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. They were approved by Warren Bader and seconded by Trevor Herrington.

Review of Action Points

A summary of the action points is attached at Appendix 1.

3. Updates:

JTCC Committee Member Applications

John confirmed that Tom Shaw had applied to join the Committee and his application has been confirmed by South Lanarkshire Council. John McManus proposed and Christian Potter seconded Tom's application. John welcomed Tom to the Committee.

Busby LDES Update

Trish Harvey from the LDES Group provided an update to the meeting. This is attached at Appendix 2.

Warren Bader suggested that the Community Council could invite MPs seeking re-election to come to the next JTCC meeting so that their thinking on LDES could be questioned.

John advised that there were other Community Councils across Scotland opposing the closure of e-mail as a means of raising objections. He said there had been very forceful negative reaction to the fact that 3 times as many applications as the country needs in terms of energy capacity. John advised that rural Community Councils in Scotland have put together a unified statement to support rural communities. John confirmed that the JTCC committee had been unanimous in their agreement for JTCC to support this unified statement.

Peel Road.

Paul Harvey advised that he and Fiona Gardner will meet with Roads Officers from South Lanarkshire Council on Wednesday 25th February to talk about road traffic volumes, safety notices and the hedges on Peel Road. Paul also advised he had submitted a Freedom of Information request to SLC for more information with regard to classes of traffic and classification of Peel Road. He has asked for a full breakdown of the speed and volume of traffic from last 2 surveys.

John noted that the response from SLC had indicated that due to lack of funding Peel Road is not to be included for further investigation and treatment. This is because there have been no recorded injuries or accidents.

Fergus said that the new junction at Redwood Drive has caused an increase in the volume of traffic on Peel Road. Paul said he will raise this at the meeting and the fact that 2 of the speed indicators on Peel Road are not working. Fergus also said that the road surface from last year has already come away as people are driving on the verges more. Paul said he will take photos and add this to the meeting on Wednesday.

John thanked Paul for his work to date and said we would look forward to hearing how he gets on at the meeting.

Jackton Primary School

Jackton resident Emma Borland advised that Jackton Primary is having a community event on 6th June. The school has received national lottery funding. The event is at the school but will be for all of the community. They are looking for help to communicate this as they would like the event to be a success for the whole community.

Jackton resident Christine Murie updated everyone about the Jackton Primary School After School care issue – that South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture (SLLC) have communicated a rate of £43 per hour for a provider to use the space at the school for after care. The community rate is £14.65 per hour but SLLC are saying the after school is a commercial business. SLLC are not replying to requests to meet with the school community and have not explained the difference between the rates quoted for Jackton and the rates for other after school providers for whom the residents believe rates are significantly less. This means that there is no afterschool care at Jackton Primary at present.

The parents have submitted a Freedom of Information request to SLLC for information about rates charged to other providers. The group have spoken to councillors and have met with Cllr Equi but no meeting with SLLC chief exec as yet.

At present some Jackton children go to Eaglesham Primary for after school care but this may be stopping next year due to the costs of transport. There is a BBC reporter interested in the situation and the Eaglesham Echo has also publicised.

The view is that most families in Jackton are 2 working parents but anecdotally parents are having to reduce hours, delay going back to work after maternity, etc. There are about 200 families in

the area, with 60 new Primary One children moving in and another 20 families also moving in soon. This is very stressful for families, with many moving into the area unaware of the situation regarding after school care.

John asked how the Community Council could help. Christine asked for more people to sign the petition and also if we could write to MPs, Councillors and the Chief Exec of SLLC.

Eaglesham Echo

Christian advised that she had been contacted by the Editor of this new publication which will be launched in March and have newspapers distributed in Eaglesham and to around 300 houses in Jackton around the school and original hamlet areas.

Jackton residents please let Christian know of anything you believe would be of interest to this publication.

[Eaglesham Echo FaceBook](#) – click here .

Community Plan & Partnership Meeting (CPP)

Christian advised that she had attended the recent meeting with the CPP on 11th February. It had been a change of format from previous meetings which were not successful. There is a new Chair person – Cheryl Burnett who is a volunteer and already chair of Camglen CPP. Christian said the meeting was encouraging and will be a means whereby the CPPs can feed into a Board level CPP meeting which Cheryl will attend where local matters will be raised.

The next meeting is on 8th May – ie every 2 months so that the CPP gets up and running better and understands how it can influence senior people in South Lanarkshire Council. Christian will summarise the key issues facing JTCC area and provide these to the CPP Liaison Officer in advance of the next meeting.

Spirit of Lanarkshire Wind Energy Cooperative (SOLWEC)

Spirit of Lanarkshire is a renewable energy co-operative. Spirit of Lanarkshire raised £2.7 million in 2013 and 2014 to purchase a stake in two wind farms in South Lanarkshire; Nutberry near Coalburn and West Browncastle near Strathaven. The SOLWEC Board allocate a proportion of profits every year towards a Community Fund. The SOLWEC Community Fund aims to support communities in South Lanarkshire to pursue projects which reduce greenhouse gas emissions or improve the environment and benefit the people who live in the immediate vicinity of the windfarms.

The SOLWEC Community Benefit Fund is open until midnight on February 28th 2026. Late applications cannot be considered. Projects will be considered by the SOLWEC Board and assessed against the aims of the Fund at their March Board 2026 meeting.

Jackton residents at the meeting advised that they had already made an application for Jackton Primary School.

Cala Community Pledge; Jackton Landscaping.

A group of Jackton residents have been meeting with Cala to work on the Cala Community Pledge. They have already provided £500 for bedding plants at the primary school and have run assemblies at the school talking to children about wildlife, biodiversity, etc. They are funding a Jackton Community Notice board. There will be ongoing meetings with Cala.

Alan McMillan from Jackton has also been in contact with Cala regarding landscaping at the land next to Ocien Drive. This is land before the new shops and around the pond. He is raising the issue that a fence should be put around the pond. Cala have a license over the suds area. He is in discussion with Cala on this and will let us know how he gets on.

John discussed the issue regarding the landscaping that runs through the centre of the new developments in Jackton. A key principle of the planning approval granted is that the central landscaped zone which ties all of the residential areas together should have been fully planted in the first phase of the construction development. This has not happened and what should have been the mature landscaped central area is currently an undeveloped waste land.

John and Jackton resident Tommy Shaw recently met with Councillor Archie Buchanan who is trying to meet with the Director of Planning at South Lanarkshire Council. Cllr Buchanan is also on the SLC planning committee. He had recently driven through the area (Jackton towards Lindsayfield) and said he had been surprised how unfinished the area is. Tom is also in touch with Planning officer Julie Pepper. John was confident that Cllr Buchanan is motivated to help.

A Jackton resident advised that an area off Newhouse Road has been submitted to Planning as a multi use games area. This was in a recent communication from Cala to JTCC. Christian will contact Cala about this for further information.

4. Reports

Treasurer's report: Account balances:

Current: £ 3079

Business reserve: £ 1918

Douglas Eunson confirmed that the Tennis Club's application for a £500 microgrant for a storage hut had been submitted. John McManus proposed and Christian Potter seconded the grant application.

Douglas advised that he requires 2 other committee members to be able to sign bank mandates. Fiona Gardner and John McManus will be additional signatories.

5. Correspondence

- SAMH Newsletter 2nd Feb e-mail
- SEPA Flood Risk Management 27th January e-mail

John advised that he had read this report and noted on the SEPA website that Eaglesham Road is on a "purple zone" which is a flood zone. There is a lot of concern about the significant flooding on this road (beside the police college). John will contact SEPA about this.

6. Planning Applications

Erection of 2 dwellinghouses, the formation of 2 new vehicular accesses and associated works. Land at Stoneside of Dripps Farm, Cartside Highway, Thorntonhall. Application reference number P/26/0029

[Planning application page](#)

7. Road Closures & Works

Redwood Drive, East Kilbride Roundabout at Barbana Road – 8pm to 6am 2nd March for 3 nights (ends 6th March) Carriageway resurfacing.

Redwood Drive Roundabout – GSO Northbound on and off ramps – 8pm to 6am 5th March for 2 nights, ends 7th March Carriageway resurfacing

8. Other Business

A Jackton resident raised the issue of cars skidding on mud outside the school gate. There are no speed bumps and the mud is due to the all the development on this road, particularly the roundabout at the school is badly affected. This is impacting safety at the school. The developers are Taylor, Wimpy and Cala. John said he could pick this up with Cllr Buchanan.

9. Next Meeting

19th March at 7.30pm, Thorntonhall Tennis Club.

Meeting closed 8.30 pm

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

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 fly-tipping and rubbish dumped:

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200193/pollution/344/fly-tipping>

Appendix 1 – Action Points

1	<p>Land 50M North of 1 North Hill View, Waterfoot Road, Thorntonhall- ENA-380-2033: dpea.scotland.gov</p> <p>Sandy advised that the Reporter had requested access to caravans and containers; this would have shown evidence of misuse; farm equipment now appeared on site.</p>	Christian Potter	<p>The case has been allocated to a Reporter to determine. Reporter visit took place 7th October; awaiting response regarding eviction. Reporter has asked appellant and Council for more information – to be shared by 26th Feb and then 2 weeks to comment on this.</p>
2	Drain beside station	Christian	<p>Christian wrote to Scotrail 6.1.26 to report drain beside station and leaking roof at the station. Scotrail responded to say in hand. Will chase for further information as nothing done as yet.</p>
3	Invite MPs seeking re-election to come to the next JTCC meeting so that their thinking on LDES could be questioned.	Christian	
4	Write to MPs, Councillors and the Chief Exec of SLLC regarding the Jackton After School care issue.	Christian	
5	Attend CPP meeting 18 th May. Provide summary in advance of key issues in JTCC area.	Christian	
6	A Jackton resident advised that an area off Newhouse Road has been submitted to Planning as a multi use games area. This was in a recent communication from Cala to JTCC. Contact Cala about this for further information.	Christian	
7	John noted on the SEPA website that Eaglesham Road is on a “purple zone” which is a flood zone. There is a lot of concern about the significant flooding on this road (beside the police college). Contact SEPA about this.	John	
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Appendix 2 – Notes from LDES group presented at meeting

Did you know ECU Communication Channels are Reduced ?

It is getting harder, not easier, for local communities to be heard on intrusive energy infrastructure expansion. The new minister for energy consenting **Ivan McKee MSP**, has slipped this change through. *"The primary route used by ordinary people to make their voice heard on BESS and LDES, which was email, has been suddenly withdrawn without any public explanation, leaving only the website and postal communication channels open. This is totally undemocratic and directly affects the ability of people to participate in decisions that reshape the landscape and make a huge difference to their local area."*

Source: The Scotsman Sat, Jan 24, 2026

We have sent out an email to everyone asking that they write to their MSP asking them to approach Gillian Martin for a full and clear explanation for this undemocratic move.

This is a Scottish Election year in May, so it is important to tell candidates running for our area how we feel.

We are carrying on our campaign to fight this proposed LDES, please ask your friends and neighbours to sign up by email to our group at

bess@thorntonhallbess.com

May I remind you that the LDES pre application on the ECU asks for an 86-acre site between Thorntonhall and Busby. WHICH WILL STORE UP TO 150MW OF ENERGY, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, SUBSTATION, SECURITY FENCING, CCTV, SECURITY LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING.

Can you imagine this around the whole site? It will change this area beyond recognition

And for those of you that think the fight against the BESS is over may I remind you that APATURA have stated that if the LDES is not approved by NESO and Ofgem they will reconsider the application for Meikle Dripps Farm BESS.

The ECU approved 3 BESS applications in January.

The fight is not over, and our communities are still under siege from the Green Gold Rush in pursuit of profit over residents and greenbelt.

It is Industrialisation of our countryside please get involved show your support for a life changing plan for our village of Thorntonhall and Busby.

The ONLY winners here are APATURA, who are from York and the landowner of Meikle Dripps Farm, Thorntonhall.