



Jackton & Thorntonhall Community Council



Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 21st 2026 at 7.30pm

Thorntonhall Tennis Club

Sederunt: Fiona Gardner (Chair), John McManus (Vice Chair) Christian Potter (Secretary), Douglas Eunson (Treasurer), Trevor Herrington.

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 Lesley Whitefield and Tom Shaw.

Councillors Present: Apologies had been received from Councillors Equi and Watson.

Public Present: approx. 10 members of the local community attended the meeting. 8 signed the attendance sheet.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The May Minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. They were approved by John McManus and seconded by Trevor Herrington.

Review of Action Points

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

It was noted that Councillor Equi has been very helpful in addressing the action points, many of which have been ongoing for a number of months. She is currently on holiday and could not attend the meeting.

3. Updates:

LDES consultation

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

Community Policing – PCs Monaghan and Hyslop, East Kilbride Police Office

Questions from residents had been e-mailed to PC Monaghan in advance and they provided an answer to each question at the meeting – detailed below.

PC Monaghan thanked the Chair for the opportunity to attend the meeting and said they would like to build a relationship with the community.

1. Do you have recent crime figures for our area

We don't routinely give crime figures. High level crime data can be obtained on line.

2. The woodland at the top of Peel Road is occasionally being used by individuals to inhale large cannisters of Laughing Gas. In addition an old bridge in the same woodland is being used as some sort of den with Grafitti now in evidence. This woodland is privately owned. There are fires being started at the base of the trees in Thorntonhall Wood.

We had calls last summer about kids building dens. If we can get the what3words for the exact location we can look into this. We are unaware of the laughing gas. Over the summer, we can add this into our action plan. We can get in with quad bikes.

The police asked to be advised of the what3words location.

3. Speeding on newhouse road between causey Pike drive and catbells drive Jackton

We have been up with speed guns trying to get speeding motorists on the way to the primary school. The South Lanarkshire Council analysis is that 22 to 28 mph is average speed. GPS data from SLC doesn't show a problem at this area. We have not issued any speeding tickets and we've been there over the past few weeks. Because of the layout of the road they are flashing and warning other drivers. We are trying to vary times we are there. Eaglesham Road used to be 40mph but it's now a 30mph. As long as there is one sign entering the 30mph zone there is no obligation to have another sign to remind drivers.

A Jackton resident raised the problem on Lauren Grove – that there is an opening there opposite the police college but there is no sign to let drivers know and they speed past it. The Police said they would highlight this to the roads department. They asked for details of the exact location. JTCC will also raise with SLC.

4. Speeding on Peel Road, particularly on approach to railway bridge.

We have been there at varying times but not issued any speeding tickets. We are aware of speeding from Waterfoot Road down to the bridge on Peel Road. Locations are not great for issuing tickets. We will continue to look at this area. Maybe word is getting out that we are there. Hopefully driver behaviour will behave. Data from SLC is showing it's not a problem area but there will be outliers.

5. Patrols/resolving antisocial behaviour, underage drinking of MUGA at Jackton Primary School in evenings/weekends especially over summer period.

We managed to get the primary school to lock the MUGA but it's open again. Over the summer there will be more proactive patrols - often it's unmarked cars so we are about more. Over the summer there is a plan for more active patrols of youth disorder. We can also use the quad bikes – these will allow us to get to these areas quicker.

6. Patrols of Jackton area given recent break ins in Lindsayfield new builds in recent months.

A couple of the building sites have been targeted for specific items of machinery. They know what they are going for. It's been a while since the last incident. Builders may have CCTV and increased security.

7. How they can work with SLC to engage further on road safety/traffic/lollipop lady assessment for Jackton Primary school given volume of traffic and risks of children walking out to busy roundabout.

As Jackton primary school we have spoken to the head teacher. Community police are going in to talk to children about road safety. We are in the process of doing this with the school. SLC is also coming out to look at signage around the school area. Please raise this with the council and we will also let the council know this is an area of concern.

8. Could we set up Community Speed Watch (CSW) Support.

As far as we are aware it is here. The Chief Inspector decides if it can go ahead. It needs 12 people split 3 people for 1 hour each time. We can get application form for you and speak to the Chief Inspector.

9. Is driving through the flooded sewage on Eaglesham Road (near the police college) and not slowing down – is this a crime ?

Yes, but we would need to prove they had deliberately gone through the with the intention of soaking you - we would need to look at each incident on its own.

The police officers asked everyone to please speak to them and let them know what the issues are. They need to know about specific problems to be able to act on these. The East Kilbride police station is located beside the Hunter Health Centre / Civic Centre.

A resident asked if they are experiencing break-ins - recent break-ins are to steal cars. People are going into houses and taking car keys when a house is not secure. The police are not aware of this problem in Jackton or Thorntonhall. They explained if they have down time they go to the known hot-spot areas and put extra patrols there. There would also be a media appeal to let people know about a problem.

A resident asked about vandalism at the railway bridge and at the Raer trailer on the orbital road. This is happening at the base of the overpass where there is a SUDS. This is a big problem that as soon as it's painted it is vandalised again. The police asked for specific location for the problem and they would look at this. They said to the resident to please come and see them at the police office to tell them about the issue.

The officers concluded by thanking everyone for their time. They hope to be able to attend the September meeting.

JTCC Committee Re-election 2026

The Chair confirmed that the Committee members will be re-elected for membership at the AGM meeting in October.

Fiona confirmed that Warren Bader has intimated his resignation and intention to stand down at the year end of the Council.

Christian Potter Secretary has also intimated her intention not to be re-elected for Council membership in October.

10. Reports

Treasurer's report: Account balances:

Reserve - £1922.82
Business - £1472.28

A copy of the Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31.3.26 was provided to those attending the meeting and is attached at Appendix 3. This was signed by Douglas Eunson Treasurer and Fiona Gardner Chair.

11. Correspondence

Nothing of note

12. Planning Applications.

Nothing of note

13. Road Closures & Works

None

14. Other Business

A resident explained that Councillor Equi had been very helpful regarding the landscaping issue on Ocean Drive. Another resident was present explained she could help as she knows the landowner and was disappointed to hear Lauren Grove was not perfect.

A resident raised that the sign on Eaglesham Road is "welcome to East Kilbride" but it should read "welcome to Jackton". We will see if we can raise this with Councillor Equi / SLC.

A resident raised the problem of crossing the road at the bus stop beside the roundabout on East Kilbride Road. The limit is 70mph and people getting off the bus heading towards East Kilbride and then trying to cross towards Thorntonhall have to cross a very busy dual carriageway. This is very dangerous. We will see if we can raise this with Councillor Equi / SLC.

15. Next Meeting

18th June 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	Land 50M North of 1 North Hill View, Waterfoot Road, Thorntonhall- ENA-380-2033: dpea.scotland.gov Retrospective planning permission refused; applicant appeals; appeal refused; applicant appealed in August – allocated to Reporter. Reporter visits 7.10.25. Feb 2026 – Reporter asks for responses to questions from both parties by 14th March. Both have responded.	Christian Potter	Reported decision was published 21 st May 2026. Summary of decision is attached at Appendix 4.
2	Drain beside Thorntonhall station Christian wrote to Scotrail 6.1.26 to report drain beside station and leaking roof at the station. Scotrail responded to say in hand. Chased 4.3.26 (PR contact). Chased again 8.4.26 Cllr Equi written to Scotrail – 17.4.26. Scotrail responded 21.4.26	Christian	Follow-up Scotrail / Network rail / also with SLC.
3	Jackton After School Care provision Full council meeting 29 th May – notice of motion.	Cllr Equi	ongoing
4	Peel Road – ongoing work with SLC Roads to be completed April 26. Ask SLC about cycle friendly signage they could add to Peel Road	Cllr Equi	ongoing
5	Eaglesham Road Flooding Cllr Equi dealing with this. Long term Scottish water issue.	Cllr Equi	ongoing
6	Contact Scottish Water to establish if there is a government route to question Scottish Water on this.	Collette Stevenson MSP	No response
7	SUDS / Eaglesham Road / Okein Drive Jackton Land owned by CVO Ltd but leased to Cala. There is a 2007 deed of condition indicates Cala hold the license. Fencing needed to reduce the risk; landscape of the area needed.	Cllr Equi	Following up with Cala Land and Development Director – Graham; CP also requested meeting with Nicki. Resident at meeting on 21 st May could help.
8	Jackton Landscaping – ongoing	Tom / Cllr Equi / Cllr Buchanan	
9	Contact NESO for further information on the Busby LDES	Collette Stevenson MSP	No response
10	What 3 words for Thornton wood - let police know.	Christian Potter	
11	Location for opening at Lauren Grove causing danger - let police know. And SLC (check with Alan McMillan	Christian Potter	
12	Community speed watch – police to send forms.	Christian to follow up	
13	Resident's problem with vandalism / let police know exact location	Christian	
14	Welcome to Jackton sign (instead of EK)	Christian	
15	Problem crossing from bus stop on EK road towards Thorntonhall. Follow-up	Christian	

Appendix 2 – Notes from LDES group provided for the meeting.

A quick recap

Last year 150 LDES applications were registered with the Ofgem and after a first round of assessment, 77 applications have been selected to go forward to the next round, Project Assessment, which will be announced in Q2 of 2026. Of, the 77 **named**, two are in Scotland **Frontier Busby** and **Frontier Ayr**.

NESO and OFGEM are working together on these decisions.

We are still waiting to see if NESO and OFGEM are going to take Frontier Busy LDES forward to the next stage. It looks like the decision will be made early next month.

After our last meeting John McManus (Vice Chair) spoke with Dario Ewing of Cavendish Consulting on the fact that Frontier appeared to have recently assumed responsibility for the Busby LDES project from Apatura.

Dario explained that the Thorntonhall BESS project was an Apatura venture but that at the point when the project moved from BESS to LDES, Frontier Power became involved in the project as a partner to Apatura. As such, Frontier have been involved in the scheme for quite some time. They have experience of delivering LDES projects (as opposed to BESS facilities).

Dario also confessed that there has been some confusion as a result of the ECU branding the scheme as "Busby LDES" and Ofgem referring to it as "Frontier Busby LDES". He will seek to have the project consistently titled by both parties to avoid confusion.

So, in summary, Apatura, Frontier and BlackRock BESS limited (the land-owners company) are partners in the venture and Frontier have been involved since the project moved from a BESS to a LDES.

Frontier have also formed a new partnership with **Invinity** who construct vanadium flow batteries, imported from China and other parts of the globe.

So Why 86 Acres for the BUSBY LDES

We have been asking, for ages, why do Frontier, Apatura and Blackrock BESS need an 86-acre site, as described within their application, when they have told the JTCC that the LDES will only be 16 acres and confirmed by the landowner at a previous meeting.

An **Invinity** flagship LDES project has just been completed in East Sussex that has paired the vanadium flow batteries with a 3 MEGA Watt Peak solar panel array on the same site. **This is also happening in Ireland.**

This is what we believe will be happening here on the Frontier Busby LDES proposed location, why else would they ask for 86 acres.

86 acres of Vanadium flow batteries, transformers, and solar panels surrounded with 2.4-metre-high fencing, lighting and security cameras.

Industrialisation of our greenbelt.

Once it's gone it's gone for ever.

Appendix 3 – Income & Expenditure Report for Year ending 31.3.26

		INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026	
INCOME		2025	2026
SLC Administration Grant		515	515
Bank Interest		19	56
EXPENDITURE		534	571
Affiliation Fees			
Honoraria		30	20
Hall Rental		100	100
Reimbursement of Expenses		350	350
Domain Name Renewal		0	29
Litter Pick Insurance		62	64
Overpend on Grant		11	11
		-19	-3
OTHER INCOME		534	571
Donations to Reserve Account		100	100
Compensation from Royal Bank of Scotland		0	700
SLC Micro Grant Top Up		4245	750
OTHER EXPENDITURE			
Micro Grants		3735	3995
Balance Brought Forward at 1/4/25		2881	5579
Balance Carried Forward at 31/3/26		3471	2881
Represented By:			
Business Current Account		1550	1078
Business Reserve Account		1921	1803
		3471	2881

Report to members of Jackton and Thorntonhall Community Council for year ended 31st March 2026.

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 March 2026 based on the accounting records and from the information and explanations supplied.

Douglas Eunson (Treasurer).....

Fiona Gardner (Chairperson).....

Appendix 4 –

Summary of Action Point 1 – Response from Reporter regarding planning application - Land 50M North of 1 North Hill View, Waterfoot Road, Thorntonhall- ENA-380-2033: dpea.scotland.gov

1. Retrospective planning application made for hardstanding, static caravan and storage containers at North Hill O' Dripps Farm on Waterfoot Road.
2. Planning Department refused the application and made reference to the fact that these facilities were clearly not being used for agricultural use and that, even if they had been, they should have been removed "out of season".
3. The Planning Department also issued an Enforcement Notice that all hardstandings, caravans, containers, security fencing, etc, should be removed from site.
4. The applicant appealed to the Scottish Government against the Planning Department's decision.
5. The Reporter to the Scottish Government has reviewed the appeal and decided in favour of the Planning Department's initial decision to refuse. As such, the caravan, containers, etc, will have to be removed from the site.
6. However, the Enforcement Notice issued by the Planning Department asks for the removal of fencing and other peripheral materials outwith the boundary of the initial planning application.. The Reporter has decided that these peripheral materials should not have been included in the Enforcement Notice as they are outwith the formal boundary of the initial planning application.

In summary, a retrospective planning application was made for a static caravan and storage facilities on farmland. The Planning Department refused the application and issued an Enforcement Notice for these facilities to be removed. The farmer appealed the decision. The Scottish Government have agreed with the Planning Department's decision and confirmed that all materials in the designated site boundary should be removed from site.