

Jackton & Thorntonhall Community Council

Minutes of Meeting, 21st November 2007

Attending:	Fiona McCrae (Chair), Claire Marr (Secretary), Carol Richmond Sandy McEwen Jeana McKinnon Veronica Graham	Alistair Stewart (Vice-Chair), Michael West (Treasurer), James Barclay, Harry Murray Cllr David Watson Harry McKinnon Lindesay MacFarlane	David Richmond George Gibson Cllr G Simpson Linda Brown
Apologies:	Cllr Michael McCann Pauline Andrew, Maurice Pigott Michael Mather	Jim Mowat Rab Andrew, Kathryn Pigott	Doreen Sweeney. Archie Galbraith, Rona Mather

1. **Sederunt**
 - a. As above.
2. **Apologies**
 - a. As above.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**
 - a. Minutes proposed by Michael West and seconded by Linda Brown.
4. **Chairperson's business**
 - a. None.
5. **Treasurer's report**
 - a. No changes this month
6. **Secretary's report**
 - a. Attended second Monklands A+E Meeting.
 - b. Reminder on PLI date: starting 15th January 2008.
 - c. Housing Policy document received.
7. **Councillors' reports**
 - a. Cllr David Watson reported that South Lanarkshire Council has approved the principle of a new school in the Western Development Area – this would be to the rear of the Police College at Jackton. Projected for 2011 and would dovetail with the re-development of Mossneuk school (but would not replace it).
 - b. Cllr Graham Simpson reported the following: talks are ongoing regarding the flooding at Braehead Road – Graham will continue to pursue. It was also noted that the flooding at Peel Road/Barbana Road was not as bad now.

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- c. Cllr Simpson also reported on the appeal decision for 61 Peel Road. In summary, the Reporter accepted the Roads argument. With regard to any future application, the meeting wishes for the path to have its status and width preserved.

8. Planning Applications

- a. Planning application EK/07/0575 demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding and erection of two storey dwelling house with single storey annex at White Gables, Peel Road, Thorntonhall.
- b. Planning application EK/07/0578 demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two storey dwelling with attic at 4 Park Place, Thorntonhall. Request copy plans and draft letter. Concern about number of developments in this locality and the scale of the proposal. May be worth asking for a traffic management plan.
- c. Planning application EK/07/0583 Southern Development Area 2, Lindsayfield – 49 dwellings and associated roads, Miller Homes.

9. Annual General Meeting Business

- a. **Chair's Report:** Ten meetings have been held in the past year of business.

Planning issues have dominated the activities of the community council throughout 2007. The first stages of the next PLI have been implemented with the community council submitting various comments in line with residents wishes. The mainstay of these comments was the desire for residents throughout the area to have an influence in the kind of environment they live in. A request for conservation status has been submitted to the PLI for their discussion on behalf of both the villages of Thorntonhall and Jackton. This is a policy for which we have cross party support, and the Chair would like to thank our three councillors for that backing. Thorntonhall has also been the subject of a multitude of planning applications which have been responded to on an individual basis. Many of these applications have been passed, sometimes against the wishes of residents who more and more are finding the village turned into a building site.

We have taken the first steps to creating a nature reserve in the centre of the village and many departments of South Lanarkshire Council have been approached to help in this matter. This is ongoing although the ranger service has shown willingness to support and assist us. Fiona thanked all the members of the committee for their continued support and hard work in keeping the council running. Adding that without them and the members who come each month, we would have no real local say in government.

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- b. Secretary's Report:** The main activity has been reporting and following up on planning applications (summary list of planning decisions distributed for the meeting). Attended the following meetings: pre-inquiry briefing, East Kilbride Police liaison, NHS Lanarkshire future options for Monklands A+E, planning office meeting on possible Conservation Area for Thorntonhall. Visited the planning offices to view planning applications, some telephone queries, preparation of correspondence and draft minutes.
- c. Treasurer's Report:** the SLC grant covers administrative costs only and the balance stands at £493. The general fund which incorporates the SLC money, stands at £1705. As a separate fund, the 'greenbelt campaign fund' (which could be used for the PLI) stands at £2760. A vote of thanks to the office bearers was given by David Watson.
- d. The office bearers stood down and Harry Murray took the position of Interim Chair in order to administer the appointment of the future office bearers for the next year.**

Appointment of Chair: Fiona McCrae had offered to stand again. Proposed and seconded. Appointment of Vice Chair: Alistair Stewart had offered to stand again and was proposed and seconded. Appointment of Treasurer: Michael West had offered to stand again and was proposed and seconded. Appointment of Secretary: Claire Marr had offered to stand again and was proposed and seconded. Harry reiterated a vote of thanks to the office bearers and handed over to Fiona to chair the rest of the meeting. Nominated members were welcomed to the committee as follows: Sandy McEwen, Jimmy Barclay and George Gibson. Harry Murray was thanked for taking on the role of interim chair.

10. AOB

- a. Conservation Area:** 'site' meeting held with Planning Officers: Angus Clark and his boss Michael McGlynn. Aimed to promote the case for a conservation area at Thorntonhall which included the range of architectural styles/periods as well as the tree line setting. Final response by the Planning Officers was that they did not agree with proposed conservation status either for Thorntonhall or Jackton. Now will be a matter for the PLI Reporter. Fiona will pursue further.
- b. Suggestion of looking into the possibility of a windmill to be situated in the village as part of an eco programme. ongoing.**

Next Meetings on 19th December 2007, 16th January 2008, 20th February 2008, 19th March 2008.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.