

**Minutes of meeting of Thornhill & Blairdrummond Community Council held on Tuesday 22 April 2008 at 7.30 pm in Blairdrummond Community Hall**

**1. Present & apologies**

Mr. Jim Maxwell	Chairman	Mr. Campbell Hannah	Vice chairman
Mr. Peter Rickard	Secretary	Mr. Ian Bain	Treasurer
Mrs. Kate Cartney	Community Councillor	Mrs. Isobel Macalpine	Community Councillor
Mrs. Ann Petrie	Community Councillor		Community Councillor
PC Simon Fraser			
1 member of the public			

Apologies were received from Mrs. Kate Anderson, Mr. Sandy Stewart, Miss Kirsten Buchanan, Margaret McKechnie - Rural Development Worker with Stirling Council, Fergus Wood, Stirling Councillor.

The meeting wished to record its congratulations to Councillor Fergus Wood on his election as Provost.

**2. Approval of minutes of meeting on 11 March 2008**

The minutes of the meeting on 11 March 2008 were approved by Campbell Hannah and seconded by Isobel Macalpine.

**3. Matters arising**

Some matters arising were covered in a separate note (appended to these minutes) that was circulated before the meeting.

**a. Traffic calming in Thornhill** The signs have been confirmed as working correctly. There is however a perceived problem with cars still speeding through the Main Street in Thornhill.

**b. Thornhill village clock** The secretary has not yet tracked down the old Clock Fund.  
**Action secretary carried forward**

**4. Police matters**

PC Fraser reported on several issues in Thornhill and Blairdrummond including speeding, sheep worrying, dangerous driving, theft of petrol, and hate letters posted to some people. Most had been resolved while others are still under investigation.

**5. Youth matters**

None

*PC Fraser left the meeting.*

**6. Planning**

**a. General planning issues**

06/00941/OUT	Proposed erection of dwelling house at Land To South West Of East Coldoch Farm Thornhill	Withdrawn
06/01014/DET	Erection of new livestock auction market and associated facilities at Land To North Of Hill Of Drip Farm Bounded By River Teith And River Forth Stirling	Recommendation: approve – Subject to section 75
07/00719/REM	Erection of dwelling house at Land And Buildings At Former Post Office Main Street Thornhill	Recommendation: approve – reserved matters

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07/00884/HAE	Extension to dwelling house at 2 The Cottages Cuthil Brae Blairdrummond	Recommendation: approve with conditions
07/01011/HAE	Extension to dwelling house at 22 Low Town Thornhill	Recommendation: approve with conditions
07/01043/OUT	Erection of three holiday chalets at Land Some 70m North West Of Glenericht, Stirling	Withdrawn
08/00180/HAE	Conservatory extension to dwelling house at Backyetts Cottage, Back Yetts, Thornhill	Recommendation: approve with conditions
08/00203/DET	Proposed new toilet facilities at Briarlands, Somer's Lane, Ochertyre, Blairdrummond	Application received
08/00228/HAE	Erection of double garage at Luig Cottage, Thornhill	Application received
08/00248/DET	Siting of circular horse exerciser at West Murdieston, Ballinton Road, Thornhill	Application received
08/00271/DET	Conversion, alteration and extension of redundant outbuilding to form dwelling house at Land And Buildings Adjacent To And East Of Portrena, Thornhill	Application received

*Rosemary Williams joined the meeting*

**b. Application 06/01014/DET Auction Mart**

The meeting noted some of the conditions placed on the developer in relation to this planning application which should receive approval this week.

**c. Application 08/00158 Land near Frew Toll**

The applicant attended the meeting and spoke about the application. Councillors expressed doubt over the viability of such an enterprise but had specifically objected to the building of a new house on prime agricultural land.

**d. Enforcement notices**

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**7. Correspondence**

The secretary had previously issued a note to councillors on correspondence since the previous meeting. It is appended to these minutes.

**a. Forestry Commission** The Forestry Commission have consulted on their draft Climate Change Action Plan 2008-2010. The meeting determined that no action was necessary.

**b. Forestry Commission** The Forestry Commission have consulted on their Strategic Plans for 2008-2013. The meeting determined that no action was necessary.

**c. Core Path Plans** Stirling Council has published the final draft of the Core Paths Plan. It will be available for viewing in Norrieston Church Hall on 30 April, 2-5 and 6-9 pm. There are no core paths identified in Blairdrummond and the eleven in Thornhill are the well known local paths. The council does not propose to object.

**d. Planning training for councillors** Stirling Council are again running their planning sessions for councillors this Saturday. Isobel Macalpine and Campbell Hannah will attend.

**Action secretary to inform Stirling Council**

**e. Stirling Public Partnership Forum 7 June** A joint meeting of the NHS Stirling Public Partnership Forum and the Area Forums has proposed a public meeting on 7 June and would like our opinion on the priority of topics. They have selected four areas: Orchard House, Out of Hours Service, the new Stirling Community Hospital and the new Larbert Hospital especially transport issues. The meeting felt that the new Stirling

Community Hospital is the priority as we may be able to influence decisions on this matter.

**Action Ann Petrie to reply**

**f. Planning consultation** The Scottish Government has issued 5 large documents for consultation on the implementation of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006. Four are now past their consultation deadlines. The last is on Modernising Planning Appeals.

**Action Peter Rickard to digest**

**g. North Common** The chairman has received a copy of a letter from the North Common Trust to a local farmer asking him to explain why he had caused contractors to enter the common with heavy vehicles that have destroyed habitats and has carried out unauthorised work digging out ditches on land that does not belong to him. The meeting noted the letter.

#### **8. Thornhill Community Trust (TCT)**

Local schoolchildren have been involved in work on bio-diversity on the South Common including planting hedges and erecting bat and bird boxes. A grant has been received from Stirling Council.

#### **9. Blairdrummond Community Hall Association**

A successful spring ceilidh was held and Tae Kwon Do classes have started.

#### **10. AOCB**

**a. Thornhill seat** Councillors expressed thanks to the family and friends of Scott Napier for the excellent new seat that has been erected in Thornhill Main Street near the telephone box.

**b. New bin** The meeting asked the secretary to request a new rubbish bin from Stirling Council as that next to the new seat has rusted away. **Action secretary**

**c. Garden** The garden area by the new seat is being tended by Margo Ritchie.

**d. National Park** The National Park planning department has indicated that they will charge us £240 if we continue to receive paper copies of the weekly planning schedule. The meeting determined not to receive these – they are available via the National Park website if required. **Action Kate Cartney to inform the National Park**

**11. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 3 June 2008 in Thornhill Primary School immediately following the AGM at 7.30 pm.

Future meeting schedule for 2008:

July 15\*                      August 26\*                      October 7                      November 18

\* meetings will be in Blairdrummond