

Minutes of meeting of Thornhill & Blairdrummond Community Council held on Tuesday 3 June 2008 at 7.30 pm in Thornhill Primary School

1. Present & apologies

Mr. Jim Maxwell	Chairman	Mr. Campbell Hannah	Vice chairman
Mr. Peter Rickard	Secretary	Mr. Ian Bain	Treasurer
Mrs. Kate Anderson	Community Councillor	Mrs. Kate Cartney	Community Councillor
Mrs. Isobel Macalpine	Community Councillor	Mrs. Ann Petrie	Community Councillor
Mr. Sandy Stewart	Community Councillor	Mrs. Rosemary Williams	Community Councillor
Miss Cliona Teeling-Marshall	Junior member		

Councillors Fergus Wood and Jim Thomson
PC Stewart Kerr

Apologies were received from, Miss Kirsten Buchanan, Margaret McKechnie - Rural Development Worker with Stirling Council.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting on 22 April 2008

The minutes of the meeting on 22 April 2008 were approved by Kate Cartney and seconded by Ian Bain.

3. Matters arising

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

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

b. National Park planning Kate Cartney has contacted the Park in order to stop the receipt of the weekly planning list, but it is currently still being received. She will approach them again to ensure we do not get invoiced.

4. Police matters

a. General PC Kerr reported on several relatively minor issues in Thornhill and Blairdrummond including windows smashed and chain saws stolen.

b. A84trunk road Concern was expressed at the amount of traffic on this road especially around the work being carried out for the new Mart. There are often long hold-ups and the road appears not to be being cleaned regularly enough causing accidents. There are continuing issues around the amount of traffic queueing and turning across on-coming traffic at the entrance to the Safari Park. **Action secretary to write to Stirling Council and Transerv.**

5. Youth matters

None

PC Kerr left the meeting.

6. Planning

a. General planning issues

08/00106/HAE	Extension to dwelling house at The Old Inn Cottage Stirling	Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
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08/00107/LBC	Demolition of lean to utility room and replacement with larger utility room at The Old Inn Cottage Stirling	Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
08/00158/OUT	Proposed erection of dwelling house at Land Some 230m West Of Frew Toll Cottage Thornhill Stirling	Recommendation: Approve - Subject to Section 75
08/00159/NAG	Erection of general purpose agricultural storage building at Land Some 230m West Of Frew Toll Cottage Thornhill	Recommendation: There are no adverse comments in relation to the siting or design of the proposed building and it will not have an adverse affect on the surrounding countryside setting
08/00203/DET	Proposed new toilet facilities at Briarlands, Somer's Lane, Ochertyre, Blairdrummond	Decision: Approve - Temporary Consent
08/00228/HAE	Erection of double garage at Luig Cottage, Thornhill	Decision: approve with conditions
08/00248/DET	Siting of circular horse exerciser at West Murdieston, Ballinton Road, Thornhill	Decision: Approve with Conditions
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	Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
08/00296/DET	Proposed erection of summer house and decking at Braendam House, Thornhill	Decision: Approve with Conditions
08/00406/OUT	Proposed erection of two storey detached house at Garden Ground To Rear Of 2, The Hill, Thornhill	Application received

b. Application 06/01014/DET Auction Mart

The meeting noted that ground was being raised to prevent flooding of the new auction site. It was anticipated that this would cause further flooding up-river of the site.

Action secretary to write to Stirling Council raising this issue

c. Application 08/00158 Land near Frew Toll

The Planners have recommended acceptance of this application despite the objections raised by this community council. After a discussion it was decided by a majority vote to ask our local councillor to call in this application to allow the full Planning Panel to discuss the issues.

Action secretary to formally ask our local councillors to call in this decision

d. Enforcement notices

08/00048/UNAUTH	Operation of electricians business	Planning Contravention Notice Served
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At this point items 10 a to d were taken to allow Councillor Wood to leave to attend another meeting

7. Correspondence

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

a. ASCC draft constitution The meeting had no comments on this consultation.

- b. Scottish Government consultations on Community Councils** This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- c. National Park review, letter from Kate Sankey** Kate Sankey has indicated that there will be a review of the National Park and that this may be an opportunity to reconsider whether this community would prefer to be in the Park rather than not. There were divided opinions among the councillors and it was decided to seek extra information from a Community Council that is currently within the Park.
Action secretary to invite a member of Strathard CC to our next meeting
- d. Consultation on the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 – Amendment Bill 2008** Kate Anderson will review this report and advise whether we as a community council should respond. **Action Kate Anderson**
- e. Trivial Pursuit evening 16 August** Thornhill Players have invited us to send a team to this event.
- f. Stirling Council Provost's Civic Awards** Rosemary Williams volunteered to submit a nomination for our street sweeper. **Action Rosemary Williams**
- g. War memorial grants** The meeting noted that there are grants available from a War Memorials Trust for work to renovate or maintain war memorials. It was not felt to be an issue at this time.
- h. Stirling Council Roads Maintenance schedule** Stirling Council have submitted to us a consultation on the five year programme of roads maintenance. After trying to understand what roads were being repaired in our area, the secretary was asked to write to the council for clarification. **Action secretary to write for clarification**
- i. Housing Needs Survey** An Executive Summary of the Stirling Council, Stirling Housing Needs Study 2007 was received. The secretary commented on how badly this was presented but summarised it as saying that over the next five years 310 households per annum have an unmet need for affordable housing. The meeting noted the report.
- j. Rural Homelessness** An Executive Summary of the Stirling Council, Rural Homelessness Study was received. The main findings are that there is an upward trend in the number of homeless applications from the rural areas but that there is much less homelessness in the rural areas than urban. The meeting noted the report.
- k. BERR report on Post Office closures** The House of Commons Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform committee had sent two reports: the full text of all submissions to the Third Report – this is the one we had submitted a paper to about our experiences of the Post Office Closure process; and their Sixth Report that looked at the longer future of the Post Office network beyond the current round of closures. The meeting noted the reports.
- l. Doune Health Centre meeting 9 June** Kilmadock Community Council has invited us to attend a meeting with Bruce Crawford MSP to discuss the future of the Doune Health Centre. Councillors will try to attend.

8. Thornhill Community Trust (TCT)

No report

9. Blairdrummond Community Hall Association

There is a barbecue on Saturday.

10. AOCB

a. STRAP meeting Isobel Macalpine had attended a meeting to discuss the Shamrock Thistle Rural Action Partnership. Fergus Wood explained the concept of three communities getting together : Strathard, Tochar Valley in the Republic of Ireland, and Portadown in Northern Ireland. This has been successful and is being extended to all communities within Stirling Council Ward 1 i.e. including our own.

b. Veterans Weekend Stirling is the focus for a Veterans Weekend on 12 July.

c. Provost's Award Fergus Wood, the current Provost, commended this award to us see item 7 f.

d. Twinning Fergus Wood also indicated that Stirling Council would be looking again at twinning opportunities particularly with Nova Scotia . It was hoped to encourage similar communities to twin with each other. Could this be appropriate for Thornhill? He is particularly looking for a project centred around young people.

At this point Councillor Fergus Wood and Cliona Teeling-Marshall left the meeting.

e. Public Conveniences Councillor Jim Thomson attended the meeting. He has responsibility for Environmental Services and decided to undertake a complete review of the 28 public conveniences maintained by Stirling Council. The meeting gave its opinion that our opening hours are insufficient, that local employees should be used, that a more flexible approach is necessary e.g. to cope with evening football matches and that a Village Officer may be appropriate. The chairman thanked Councillor Thomson for attending.

At this point Councillor Jim Thomson left the meeting

f. Connal Committee Sandy Stewart reported on the Connal Committee on which he represents the Community Council. The intention is to use some of the money to refurbish many of the seats in Thornhill.

g. Stirling Public Partnership Forum 7 June Anne Petrie noted that she is unable to attend this meeting about the future of the Community Hospital in Stirling. She invited other councillors to attend. Campbell Hannah may be able to attend.

h. Pavement upgrade in Thornhill The secretary was asked to write to Stirling Council to find out why the work to upgrade the pavements in the Main Street has not been completed. **Action secretary**

i. Old notice board in Thornhill The old notice board erected by the Trossachs Trail organisation some years ago has been dismantled as it was in poor condition. It was subsequently cut up by fencing contractors as it was too heavy to move. The two maps that were the principal parts are to be put up on the public conveniences.

11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15 July 2008 in Blairdrummond Community Hall at 7.30 pm.

Future meeting schedule for 2008:

August 26* October 7 November 18

* meetings will be in Blairdrummond