

**Jackton & Thorntonhall
Community Council Minutes
Annual General Meeting
November 20th, 2019**

It was noted that a quorum of members was present, and the meeting could proceed in accordance with the constitution.

Sederunt – Alistair Stewart, Fiona McCrae, Sandy McEwen, Agness Nairn, Janice Edwards

Present – James Banford, Patricia Eunson, Harry McKinnon, Una Ross, Davis Ross, David Milloy, Craig Thomson, Ritchie Gilchrist, Edward Dantzie, Councillor Ian Harrow

Apologies – Douglas Eunson, Euan Towie, Jacqueline King

Treasurer's Report: – Current Bank Account Balances (as at 20/11/19):

JTCC Greenbelt Account: 793.73GBP
RBS Treasurer's Account: 5504.42GBP

Income for Year 2018-19: SLC

Administration Grant: 515.00GBP (465.00GBP received from SLC as 45.00GBP underspent)
Bank Interest: Less than 1GBP
Donation to Greenbelt Account: 100.00GBP
Micro Grant of 5000.00GBP received on 23/07/19 (after year end)

Expenditure for Year 2018-19:

Affiliation Fees (Scotways): 20.00GBP
Honoraria to Secretary and Treasurer: 100.00GB
Accommodation (hall hire): 350.00GBP
Defibrillators and Cabinets: 2629.00GBP

Chair's Report: – Over the past year the two main themes of the Community Council's activities have consisted of planning and defibrillators.

On planning, we have made several representations on planning applications which are now beginning to flood in for sites within the so-called East Kilbride CGA. We have also commented on the Hayhill distillery and several other applications. We try, where possible, to be constructive in our comments and not simply to oppose development on principle. My firm impression is that, despite this, South Lanarkshire Council gives no weight whatsoever to our representations when considering planning applications.

In 2017, we made two representations concerning the proposed LDP2. One was related to a proposed housing site in Thorntonhall. We have subsequently, thanks to David Milloy, entered a dialogue with the landowners and potential developers of this site. More of this in the regular meeting.

The second LDP issue we raised was to point out that South Lanarkshire Council was committed to returning part of the so-called EK CGA to green belt if not

required after 2018. Notwithstanding the fact that this remains an unresolved issue that will be considered by the DPEA Reporter, SLC earlier this year granted outline planning permission for the whole of the CGA including the part that is due to be returned. By so doing, the Council pre-empted the Reporter's decision. I will have more to say on this in the regular meeting. It is not clear exactly when the DPEA Examination report will be published but it is likely to be mid-year 2020 at the earliest. I'm pleased to report that South Lanarkshire Council has kept to its undertaking to inform the Community Council of planned road closures in our area and Janice now includes these in Agenda items or minutes.

Also, on a positive note, we now have two defibrillators in service. This is thanks to the efforts of Fiona whose idea it was and to the assistance of Scottish Power Energy Networks who provided the sites. One of the machines was also subsidised by the British Heart Foundation to whom we are also grateful. We plan to arrange a course in CPR when the weather is warmer and, perhaps, the Thorntonhall Tennis clubhouse will be available to us again.

I hope from this brief summary that you have got some appreciation of the work that your Community Councillors put in on behalf of the community

In closing I must record my thanks to our SLC representatives, especially Ian Harrow and David Watson, who come to as many meetings as they can manage and who always do their best to help us, also to EK Community Police Officers who occasionally attend meetings and to the ladies at SLC Administration Services. who makes sure that we keep on the right side of our constitution.

I must also thank the other members of the Community Council who served during this term: Sandy McEwen, Bill Turner, Agness Nairn and David Ross for their advice and encouragement and especially our Treasurer, Douglas Eunson, Secretary, Janice Edwards and Vice Chair Fiona McCrae for all their hard work and for their support. Finally, thank you to all our regulars who turn out in all weathers.

Election of Office Bearers: No alternative candidates were put forward and the existing officers agreed to remain in position.

Adoption of Constitution/Standing Orders: The Constitution and Standing Orders have been adopted, and the Constitution signed.

Dates of Meetings: It was agreed that the council would continue to meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, excluding July and August. Temporary location Greenhills Community Centre, while the new Thorntonhall Tennis Club is under construction. Projected completion Spring 2021.

Meeting closed at 7:45pm