**THORNHILL & BLAIR DRUMMOND COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**3rd June 2025 at 7:30 pm**

**Thornhill Community Hall**

**Minutes**

**1. Present and Apologies**

**Present:** Hector Muir (HM), Chair, Elaine Blanchard (EB) Secretary, Alison Newlands (AN) Minute Taker, Veronica Bachelor (VB), Cllr Martin Earl (ME), Al Rawlinson (AR), Rowena Coulthard (RC), Moira Russell (MR), Campbell Millar (CM)

**Apologies:** Gary Thompson (GT), Gabriele Ingle (GI)

**2. Approval of minutes of meeting on the 22nd April 2025**

Minutes approved.

Approved by **EB**

Seconded by **VB**

**3. Matters Arising**

**Smiddy Cycle Route**

Email received from Stephen Bly regarding the safer cycle routes policy, and he advised that a review of the speed limit will be conducted and then a decision will be made whether it is appropriate to influence the speed limit. HM to follow up again with Stirling Council to ascertain when the review will be conducted. There is serious concerns regarding safety on this road.

**Police Scotland**

EB no response to email sent to Police Scotland regarding speeding. HM has submitted a freedom of information request on the number of speeding incidents in the Blair Drummond area, response awaited.

**Community Hall Car Park Extension**

Continuing issue around school pick and drop off and the issue around parking. An email has been sent to Stephen Bly regarding the proposal to extend the Thornhill Community Hall car park to accommodate parents collecting their children from the primary school. No response to email to date.

**4. Reports – External**

**a. Police Scotland**

HM updated the meeting on the Police Scotland Report.

**Antisocial Behaviour**

Sometime between 11th April and 18th May 2025 damage was caused to property in the Thornhill area. This remains undetected.

**Road Safety**

On 12/05/25 police were contacted regarding a van that had crashed in a field on B822. Officers attended and carried out enquiries in relation to this.

On the early hours of 18/05/25 police were contacted regarding an agricultural vehicle on B822 that had been burnt out and left on the roadway between Thornhill and Kippen roundabout. Enquiries were carried out. The vehicle had been stolen during the night from a property in Gargunnock.

**Theft**

Between 18/04/25 and 21/04/25 building equipment has been stolen from a property in Blair Drummond. This remains undetected.

**Other Issues**

We continue to be contacted by members of the public who have been the victim of fraud in the Trossachs and Teith area. One recent incident involved a member of the public being contacted by what appeared to be their bank reporting suspicious activity and advised them to move their money to a “safe” account. They were the victim of a scam where they have lost several thousands of pounds. Information can be found on Police Scotland website regarding how to keep safe from scams/fraud.

**b. Stirling County Councillor**

ME advised that a special council meeting is scheduled for the 5th June 2025 where they will be reviewing the View forth ground area which is going up to for disposal and sale.

After summer recess there will be a change to household glass collections to do with manual handling.

**5. Reports – Internal**

**a. Chair**

No update

**b. Secretary**

No update.

**c. Treasurer**

HM advised the balance in the account is approximately £233.38 at present. Administration grant to be submitted as soon as possible.

**d. Planning**

AR Report circulated prior to meeting and advised of the updates and changes received for planning in the area.

Stirling Council Local Development Plan consultation which has come out. Worthwhile for the community council to sign up for this. This will talk about any development updates for the area, involved and influencing decision making moving forward.

**6. Community Council Business**

1. **Traffic Issues - A84/Thornhill**

HM advised the ultimate goal would be to reduce the speed limit. At present the only actions that have been carried out is to trim back hedges and install road signage.

1. **Traffic Issues - Primary Schools**

As discussed under matters arising.

**7. Residents Forum**

**Tree Problem**

Issue around cutting back tree in garden. Looking for advice on how to trim back or cut down, been advised by Stirling Council this is a conservation area and cannot be cut down. Recommend contacting Stirling Council planning department submitting an enquiry for the process of managing a large tree.

**8. AOB**

Nothing to report.

**8. Date, time, and venue of next meeting**

**19th August 2025 at 7:30pm Thornhill Community Hall.**

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| **Action Points** | **Member Responsible** |
| **Contact Police Scotland regarding speeding and accidents on A84** | **HM** |
| **Email Stirling Council regarding extension of car parking facilities for Thornhill Primary School pickup/drop off.** | **EB** |
| **FOI Request to Police Scotland** | **HM** |
| **Sign up for Stirling Local Place Plan Consultation** | **EB** |

Meeting closed 20:25.