

Thornhill Futures Group Steering Group		Notes Meeting 2 Monday 29 March 7.30pm via Zoom video conferencing		
Present: Peter Stott (Chair), Elaine Blanchard (Notes), Joyce Firth, Belinda MacMillan, Mandy McMonagle, Jim Mills, Alexander Pfretzschner, Rachael Purse, Al Rawlinson, Gary Richardson, Kate Sankey, Graham Tristram, Richard Waite, Keith Yates, Drew Yule. Also Andy Grieg Apologies: Fiona Morison, Cliona Teeling Marshall				
Activities	Discussion points for this meeting	Outstanding actions/new actions for this topic	Whose action?	Done?
Welcome & Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Stott 			
Agree agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standing agenda going forward 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to continue with standing agenda Notes for meetings to be circulated by end of working week as possible posted on Futures page once agreed 	EB RP	
Notes of last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No corrections from last notes 			
Direction of travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> manifesto/values allocating jobs electronic organisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manifesto/values: PS circulated the draft to all. Feedback to PS by 7 April so that it can be agreed and finalised A new volunteer has come forward JF to liaise with them 	PS/ALL	
Themes and volunteers	Business/home working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> compiled a list of over 50 businesses within the catchment area Ready to start telephoning interviews as possible a provisional list of questions has been prepared. 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hope to complete the survey in the next two weeks and begin to compile the results and reach some conclusions by the end of April. ● discussed the possible production of a local business directory ● List of businesses on shared drive for other groups to view/check so that no-one is approached twice by Thornhill Futures Group 	JM/AP/FM	
Themes and volunteers	Heritage/history	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not active - RP has a background in this subject so will help as required. 	RP	
Themes and volunteers	Public realm/village centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussions/ideas around this topic no recommendations/actions at this stage 		
Themes and volunteers	Land assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion around best use of Land Assets group. ● Agreed group should help with establishing land ownership on an “as required” basis. ● Searches via the Land Registry are around £20.00 per search. ● Scope under legislation for communities to acquire land and/or influence land usage. ● funding is available, but the community would have to fundraise with very clear aims and purpose for purchase. ● Not a short-term prospect. 		

Themes and volunteers	Farming/agritourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group to be set up • plan to map the farmland/how many farms? • Farming is key to zero carbon targets and very important to village life. 	KS	
Themes and volunteers	Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Wilson and Matt Harding are keen to get involved as experts in the field and encourage more young people to take part 	MW/MH	
Themes and volunteers	Building assets/housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around buildings in village. No recommendations at this stage 		
Themes and volunteers	Community facilities/play/sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No active group 		
Themes and volunteers	Youth activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group to be set up • Cliona keen to help to engage with young people. • Need others to help. 	CTM	
Themes and volunteers	Art/culture/events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS and EB to meet with Charlie Gracie in the coming week to discuss 	KS/EB	
Themes and volunteers	Health/social care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is an important topic and covers many aspects of life, such as respite care, carer support, pharmacies, GP, Macmillan nurses and so on. • MM to investigate the carers sector and what groups can offer support. 	MM/BMcM/JF	

Themes and volunteers	Climate change/sustainable energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No group established yet • Cross-cutting theme so should be high level for every group • Seek more volunteers to help • Other industries have issues with carbon emission, so buy carbon offsets, which could be a potential revenue stream for the village in planting trees (AG) 	ALL	
Themes and volunteers	Paths/cycle ways/roads/transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading of the village paths. • North Common- range of activities to improve drainage, paths ongoing • Muir Dam path stile replacement and path improvements ongoing. • Article about Paths going into Thornhill Views April/May 2021 issue. • Drainage on South Common. • Record of past work on South Common in village archive • Air quality and noise surveys - Main Street JM has offered to assist here. • Stirling Council to discuss possibility of installing electric vehicle charging point in village with Community Council. • Stirling Council operates a Lift Share scheme - see Council website to register. https://stirling.gov.uk/roads-transport-streets/environment-friendly-transport/liftshare-in-stirling/ 	<p>EB liaison with NC Trust</p> <p>GR liaison with Stirling council</p> <p>AR</p> <p>GR</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car share club. Commercial operators find our community too small. Options around running a scheme ourselves for further discussion. • Bike rack(s) -Councillor advised that any Council-funded racks are likely to be inelegant other options to be explored • Local route maps. Alison and Neil Wallis will lead on this. • Traffic calming. No current Champion for this item within the Theme group • Footpath/cycle path along the A873 travelling west, and Aberfoyle to Stirling Cycle Route- awaiting update on discussions. 	GR	
	Broadband/infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No volunteer for this group. People out with the village have issues with broadband connection. Look for a volunteer to help 	ALL	
	Context/guidelines/funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding sources covers all groups. • RP offered to help out on this as it's her area of expertise. 	RP	
	Missing themes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are eight or nine active groups so far and three or four that need to take off. From 22 themes, we are down to 15 • If people use the Thornhill Futures google drive, then we can see if there are overlaps. • There is no themed group looking after food/community gardens, • Ideas to be generated 	KS	

Communications	<p>Notes of Futures meetings 1 to be posted on Futures page Thornhill Community website Village questionnaire</p> <p>Thornhill Futures Google Drive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RP to post ● Joanna Bassett thanked for all her work in perfecting the questionnaire. ● Questionnaire being printed for inclusion in the next Thornhill Views out on 2 April ● To be returned to shop ● online version being considered ● Groups should populate their folders as work commences ● everyone have access to all other groups' work ● check on duplication ● If anyone has any issues using the drive, get in touch with AP. 	<p>RP</p> <p>JF</p> <p>ALL/AP</p>	<p><i>done</i></p> <p><i>done</i></p>
DONM: Chair: Notes:	Monday April 12, 2021, 7.30pm via Zoom Keith Yates/Joyce Firth Drew Yule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● schedule meeting ● prepare agenda ● circulate agenda 	<p>JF</p> <p>JF/KY</p> <p>JF</p>	<p><i>done</i></p>