

## Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Present Councillors:** B. Clark (Chair) J. Richardson, C. Walker, V. Burford, D. Oxley, C. McCartan, A Winsborough, S. Hydes, R. Ridler

**Apologies were received from Councillors:** M. Wordsworth, T. Murphy, D. Brown, R. Butler, H. Bell

**Absent:** None

**Officers:** S. Wilkinson

**There were no members of the public in attendance**

**The meeting started at 6.30pm**

### **FC103. To receive and consider reasons for absence**

The Council noted the apologies received from M. Wordsworth, T Murphy, D. Brown, R Butler and H. Bell

### **FC104. To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest<sup>1</sup> for members and officers**

There were no declarations of interest received

### **FC105. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)**

None received.

### **FC106. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**

No requests to grant.

### **FC107. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Resolved:** - That the minutes be approved

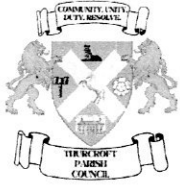
**Voting:** 9 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

### **FC108. To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2))**

**Resolved:** - No Items noted are confidential

### **FC109. Public Participation Session**

No public present.



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### **FC110. To note the minutes for committee meetings held since the last ordinary meeting of the council**

- a) **Finance and General Committee held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**
- b) **Recreation and Events meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

Both noted.

### **FC111. To receive an update regarding investing in the CCLA**

**Resolved:** Clerk confirmed that the account is now open. Co-op have confirmed that a maximum of £30k can be transferred in one day but have advised a CHAPS payment would be better to transfer a large amount of money over. This would have to be done in a branch, has a £25 fee, and the nearest ones are Doncaster and Sheffield. Clerk and chair to go to branch shortly to transfer the money by CHAPS. It was agreed that clerk would initiate a payment from the Co-op to CCLA, and forward date it – say initiate on Monday and date the payment on Thursday to allow enough time for the payment to be authorised by a councillor. The paperwork for the deposit with the CCLA can then be processed on the Thursday.

### **FC112. To discuss the closure schedule of the gates at Thurcroft cemetery**

It has been reported that cars and motorbikes are currently going onto the cemetery grounds and have been driving/parking on the grass verges.

**Resolved:** - The gates are to be kept closed, to encourage people to park outside the cemetery. The gates will be unlocked, so pedestrians can still enter the cemetery. A side entrance that is big enough for a mobility scooter will remain open.

**Voting:** 9 councillors present, all voted in favour.

### **FC113. To discuss new signs at the cemetery including cemetery rules and a keep of the grass sign.**

**Resolved:** - Clerk to order additional copies of the current cemetery rules signs, made slightly bigger than the current signage, and some keep of the grass signs for the cremated plots area.

**Voting:** 9 councillors present, all voted in favour.

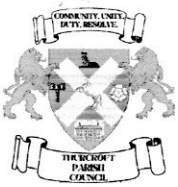
### **FC114. To discuss marking the Gordon Bennett car park once it's been resurfaced.**

**Resolved:** - All voted in favour for quote from Gary Fletcher for £843.75 to mark the carpark bays including 2 disabled bays.

**Voting:** 9 councillors present, all voted in favour.

### **FC115. To discuss changing the depth of the tarmac at the cemetery**

Chairperson Initial: *CW*



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**Resolved:** - Council voted to keep the current quote the same from last meeting (FC091) and not reduce the bitumen content of the tarmac to reduce costs.

**Voting:** 9 councillors present. All voted in favour.

### **FC116. To discuss quotes to replace light bulbs on the games area at Thurcroft park**

**Resolved:** Council voted for the quote from TPC Lighting for £2800, to replace all 6 bulbs on the games area instead of the 4 that are currently not working. This should provide us with 25,000 hours of light and be maintenance free for a substantial amount of time.

**Voting:** 9 councillors present. All voted in favour.

### **FC117. To discuss quotes for security lights to be installed at the back of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall**

**Resolved:** - Council voted for the quote from TPC Lighting for £1700 to install 5 security cameras on their own circuit, with labelling and a full day's labour. An extra day's labour if needed is £300.

**Voting:** : 9 councillors present. All voted in favour.

### **FC118. To discuss adding lights on the path through Thurcroft Recreational ground**

**Resolved:** Clerk has worked out costings from Rotherham council to install 6 streetlights on the path through the rec. The cost of the lights is £22,000, plus the cable is £30,000 per 50m of cable and we would require nearly 300m. The total cost would be over £200,000 which is too high.

**Voting:** 9 councillors present. All voted against.

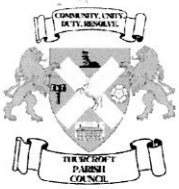
### **FC118. To receive an update on the current waste contract for the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall and Thurcroft Cemetery**

**Resolved:** - Thurcroft Cemetery now has 4x20kg weight allowance bins and they are working well. Gordon Bennett chose to have 1 bin with a weight allowance of 170kg in minute FC092, but it is cheaper to remain on our current contract and pay the overweight charges, than to increase the weight limit. Council confirm we are to remain on our current contract.

### **FC119. To receive an update on the memorial stone and the opening event**

**Resolved:** - The memorial stone has been installed, and the plaque has been engraved. Rotherham advertiser has been contacted to arrange covering the opening event, we are just awaiting confirmation of a date.





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### **FC120. To receive an update on painting Thurcroft skate park**

**Resolved:** - The payback team will be here on 12th June Brampton Park, and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June for the skate park. Zoe Potter will then graffiti the skatepark, along with local children w/c July 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **FC121. To discuss moving the hut on Thurcroft Park**

It was mentioned in the last environment committee meeting that the hut on Thurcroft Park needs to be moved to make space for the redesign of the park soon. It was previously mentioned in minute 9826, to move or remove the hut. A meeting between Rotherham council, South Yorkshire Police and Thurcroft council was to be set up and never was. SYP agree to the move but want the hut to have better lighting and be in sight of the security camera. Rotherham council wanted better lighting, but the hut to remain where it is.

**Resolved:** Council have voted to move the hut from its current position. Clerk to arrange the meeting between Rotherham, SYP and the council to discuss the new location of the hut. The hut to be discussed at the next CAP meeting.

**Voting:** : 9 councillors present. All voted in favour.

### **FC122. To receive the final audit from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and consider any further action.**

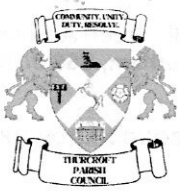
**Resolved:** The audit report was shared with the council. We have made huge improvements from a couple of years ago where we now only have 3 items outstanding on the audit and 2 of these items – completing a review of the effectiveness of our internal controls and increasing the fidelity amount on the insurance to £1 million have already been completed since the audit was carried out on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2025. Only providing a contract for our relief caretaker remains to be completed, although this has been started by the Clerk. Thanks, and well done to everyone that has been involved.

### **FC123. To complete and approve section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and this to be signed by the clerk and chair of the meeting**

**Resolved:** Section 1 of the AGAR was completed and signed by the chair and the clerk.

### **FC124. Following signing by the Responsible Finance Officer – to consider and approve the accounting statements of Thurcroft Parish Council relating to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The chairman of the meeting to then sign section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)**





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**Resolved:** The RFO signed section 2 of the AGAR. The council considered and approved the accounting statements, followed by the chair signing section 2. The AGAR is now complete and can be submitted to the external auditors.

### **FC125. To agree dates to be set to advertise the period during which electors and interested persons may exercise rights relating to the annual accounts**

**Resolved:** - The dates will be from June 16<sup>th</sup> - July 25<sup>th</sup> to comply with 30 working days, and the first 10 working days of July.

### **FC126. To discuss Christmas closure 2025 at the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall**

**Resolved:** - Council have decided that the Gordon Bennett will close from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and reopen on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026. Council staffs holiday entitlement will not be affected, as the council is forcing the closure.

**Voting:** 9 members present, all voted in favour.

### **FC127. To note accounts for payment and note contractual payments made under the clerk delegation**

Payments and Receipts for April shown to council and noted.

**Resolved:** - That the payments and receipts be noted.

### **FC128. To note expenditure outside of the meeting between the Clerk and the Chair in line with Financial Regulation 4.1**

Clerk has purchased 3 blinds for the office to feel safer working alone and at nighttime. Costs were £240 for all 3 blinds. Caretaker to install.

### **FC129. To receive and consider any grant applications received by the council**

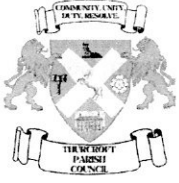
No grant applications have been received.

### **FC130. To receive an update regarding Whitestone solar farm**

It was agreed that when the Clerk receives any information regarding Whitestone and any other solar farm it would be shared to all councillors.

**Resolved:** - B. Clark to act on behalf of Thurcroft council and submit an objection to the solar farm, individual councillors to object personally if required.

### **FC131. To receive an update from the clerk (information only)**



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- The £2000 funding for the roundabout at Brampton has been received. The company supplying the new roundabout have been out to survey the park. Roundabout should be installed in the next 6-8 weeks.
- The lock on the notice board at Laughton common has been fixed. The glass is still broken; we are awaiting a Perspex replacement to fix it.
- The gate at Thurcroft park is not closing. Rotherham council have been out to look at it and it cannot be fixed; it needs to be replaced. This will be replaced when we update the park.
- We have received a certificate from the Maltby Lions for sponsoring them this year.
- 2 different architects have been to the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall to start on the redevelopment.
- We will have the hanging baskets up by the end of next week, as well as the planters complete.

**FC132. To consider relevant planning applications as published on RMBC's weekly lists (40-47) along with any associated submissions received and any reports on previous planning applications/issues.**

**Resolved:** - No submissions received.

**FC133. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting**

Nothing to note.

**FC134. To confirm the date and time of the next ordinary meeting of the council on Thursday 26th June 2025 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall**

**The meeting closed at 20.06pm**