

## **Torphins Community Council**

## Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Glassel and Tornaveen

## Meeting Minutes Thursday 7 September 2017 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins

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Item No.	Description	Owner		
1.	Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Campbell Gillies (CG); John Lucas (JL) (Chair); Will			
	Maclean (WM); Liz Moore (EM); Nick Poulton (NP); Colin Rouse (CR);			
	In Attendance: Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG); Robert Reid (RR) Torphins Horticultural			
	Society; Jennifer Smith (JS) Home Energy Advice Team			
	Apologies: Cllr Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Eric Day (ED)			
2.	Intimation of noted interests – None			
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 6 July 2017:	TCC		
	Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: John Lucas			
4.	Home Energy Advice Team at SCARF – Jennifer Smith	JS		
	Following an approach by Jennifer Smith of the Home Energy Advice Team at			
	SCARF, TCC agreed to Jennifer attending to advise on the team's work. The Team			
	is supported by Aberdeenshire Council and other NE Scotland Councils to advise			
	people on home heating, insulation, etc. including offering home visits. Jennifer			
	covers South Aberdeenshire Area and is familiarising with communities to get the			
	word out about HEAT. More information is available at:			
	http://www.scarf.org.uk/householder/heat/			
5.	Finance Report:	ED		
	The July 2017 bank statement balance is £1,433.09 of which £500.00 is ring fenced	submitted		
	for the new notice board (no August statement has been received). Including net	report to		
	£222.47 raised from the Gala the bank balance will be £1655.56.	meeting		
6.	Planning Matters:			
	6.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications:	JL		
	Only Torphins application is a retrospective for a timber garage with no issue,			
	except disappointing to see applications made retrospectively.			
	6.2. Bracken Hill Application:	JL		
	TCC notes new information has been submitted by the developers agent in respect			
	of applications APP/2017/1542 and APP/2017/1543 and published on 4 and 5			
	September 2017 on the AC Planning website.			
	On 6 September 2017 JL, WM, CR, of TCC met with Paul Williamson, AC Planning			
	Case Officer, to discuss concerns and prepare for appearance at October Area			
	Committee meeting.			
	TCC has resolved to instruct a land registry property search to confirm current			
	ownership of land within the development site boundaries.	20		
7.	Village Flower Tub Planting and Torphins Horticultural Society:	RR		
	Robert Reid attended to advise TCC. Robert submitted the 2018 bedding plant			
	order to be sent to Aberdeenshire Council. Due to the increased number of tubs			
	this year to 22, the plant order for 2018 is increased to 1224. It was noted that			
	TCC has not received all plants requested in the past, however this quantity			

	the state of the s	
	request remains within the envisaged allocation of 1500 plants per community. Robert advised the Torphins Horticultural Society is suffering a declining membership and at the recent Open Day at Learney Hall only 25 people attended who were not members. This is a big concern for the survival of the society, which needs stronger active support from all age groups in the community. TCC asked how we can help and agreed to support advertising of future THS events on the	
	website and Facebook.	
8.	Open Actions:	
	8.1. Torphins Emergency Response Plan	JL
	Outstanding matters are:	
	Feed back from Marr Area Manager following sharing of the plan by Area	
	with the emergency services.	
	<ul> <li>Response from SSE North on the grant application for equipment costs.</li> </ul>	
	8.2. Forward Plan progress report	CG
	CG presented the draft TCC Progress Report document, which has been completed	60
	for review. Certain amendments were agreed which when complete will enable	
	the illustrated report to be published on the TCC website and periodically updated	
	in future.	
		NP
	8.3. Extension of 30 mph speed limit north of village	INF
	The Marr Area Roads Manager is reviewing all reported roads issues in the area	
	and will report back in the near future. It was agreed to follow up if no response is	
	received within a week.	r.D.
	8.4. Notice Board Map of Torphins	ED
	Applications for Funding have been submitted to both SCOTMID and TESCO. With	
	TESCO, it could be six months before we hear from them, and with no guarantee	
	of funding. SCOTMID process applications every 6/8 weeks so we may learn one	
	way or another, possibly next month.	
	8.5. Torphins Park Update	<b>ED</b>
	8.5.1. Equipment - Discussed the matter with Bill Higham. As per usual there is no	ED
	money in the budget to repaint the equipment. Bill has however confirmed that	
	any broken paintwork / bare metal will be treated and fresh paint applied. He	
	hopes to run this task in tandem with the Zip wire change out.	
	8.5.2. Drainage - A site meeting with Neil West and Bill Higham of AC and Steven	JL
	Riach, Torphins resident and contractor, revealed additional drainage facilities,	
	which had not been previously identified. A plan has been discussed to drain the	
	west end of the park towards Innermarkie Wynd drainage system, relieving	
	drainage pressure on the east end. £5,000 has been earmarked by A.C. and	
	£4,000 may be available from developer obligations toward the cost, however the	
	full cost is expected to exceed this amount. The work will have to go to	
	competitive tender, although Steven Riach has offered his machinery and	
	equipment FOC.	
	8.6. CPR Training Plans  Sarah Dina has offered to provide community training session in Torphins in the	WM
	Sarah Pine has offered to provide community training session in Torphins in the	VVIVI
	Autumn. WM to contact to organise date and venue.  8.7. Mobile Phone Service in Torphins	
	•	WM
	Subsequent to Vodafone's commitment to provide a 4G service to Torphins it is confirmed 4G has generally been available now in the area for several weeks.	44141
	Other providers are also committed to improve signal and coverage in response to	
	Aberdeenshire Council's initiative for improvement which has ben published by	
	Marr Area Committee. New masts are being installed in the area.	
	8.8. Torphins Gala	
	TCC applaud the successful 2017 Gala and were pleased with the response to the	ED
	TCC stall. TCC efforts at the Gala, offering a prize hamper and a bottle of Whisky,	
	realised a sum of £272.20. This money has been banked and will appear in the	
	next bank statement. From this sum there are direct expenses of £29.73 and a	
	site fee of £20. TCC members donated the whisky and hamper contents.	
	Therefore TCC benefited by £222.47.	
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9.	Correspondence:	WM
J.	<b>9.1.</b> An email has been received from Marr Area regarding arrangements for	VVIVI
	wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed to follow up with Mid	
	Deeside Church and Cllr. PA to confirm the usual procedures are in place.	
	<b>9.2.</b> The final version of the new Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils	
	in Aberdeenshire has been received from AC after a long process. This will go to	
	Aberdeenshire Council for approval in September.	
	It is noted for TCC the minimum membership remains at 5 however the maximum	
	recommended membership is reduced from 12 to 9.	
	<b>9.3.</b> A communication received from Aberdeenshire Council advising the closure of	
	B9119 Learney Hill road for 2 weeks from 25 September for surface dressing work	
	will be published on TCC website and Facebook.	
10.	A.O.C.B.	
	<b>10.1</b> Cllr. Paul Gibb advised "hydro texturing" is to be performed at the site of	Cllr. PG
	recent accidents outside Aboyne. There is no identified connection in the	
	accidents however the texturing will further improve the already adequate road	
	surface.	
	<b>10.2.</b> Noting TCC concern with the lack of Police attendance to meetings, Cllr. PG	Cllr. PG
	advised there is a Council short life working party working to agree improved	
	communication procedures between the Police and Community Councils,	
	recognising the demand on limited Police resources.	
	<b>10.3.</b> WM expressed thanks for the completion of surface dressing by	WM
	Aberdeenshire Council this summer on the Shooting Greens road and the Cairn O'	
	Mount road. Both these roads were reported by TCC to the Marr Area Manager	
	early in 2017 as areas of concern requiring attention.	
	<b>10.4.</b> WM questioned Cllr PG if he could investigate why the welcome surface	Cllr.PG
	dressing of William Street had left untreated strips in the central section of the	
	road at each end of the street.	
	<b>10.5.</b> It is noted with thanks that ED has voluntarily refurbished the bench at the	ED
	top of the Learney Avenue.	
	<b>10.6.</b> A nomination form for membership of TCC by Andy Cowie has been	CG, CR
	received, which will be submitted to Marr Area for confirmation of appointment.	
	Two other potential members were noted and CG and CR undertook to approach	
	the individuals.	
	<b>10.7.</b> HB reported concern about the road condition on the corner at Birley Lodge	НВ
	on the Kincardine Road where there had been a recent accident, noting the risk of	
	sand washed on to the road. Drivers should take due care at all times.	
	<b>10.8.</b> LM requested future agendas should include a specific agenda item on	LM
	development of communication between TCC and our communities of Torphins,	
	Glassel and Tornaveen.	
11.	Next Ordinary Meeting: 5 October 2017	
12.	Meeting closed at 9:35 pm	
	Adoption of Minutes:	
	These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 8 September 2017	
	and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be	
	confirmed at the meeting on 5 October 2017.	
	Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: Colin Rouse	
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