



## Torphins Community Council

<b>Meeting Minutes</b> <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 at 07.30 pm</b> <b>Learney Hall, Torphins</b>		
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1.	<b>Present:</b> Hamish Booth (HB), Jayne Clarke (JC), Eric Day (ED), Sarah Fraser (SF), John Lucas (JL) Chair, Will Maclean (WM) <b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr Peter Argyle (PA) <b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Geva Blackett (GB), Cllr Katrina Farquhar (KF), Liz Moore (LM), Norman Morrice (NM), Colin Rouse (CR)	
2.	<b>Intimation of noted interests</b> - None	
3.	<b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016:</b> Approved: John Lucas, Seconded: Eric Day	
4.	<b>Finance Report</b> The bank balance is unchanged at £1936.91, excluding £750.00 held for PAD fund.	ED
5.	<b>Planning Matters</b> Weekly Lists of Planning Applications: <b>APP/2016/1246 &amp; 1247</b> - Learney Arms Hotel, Torphins - Change of Use of Hotel to Class 9 (House), Class 3 (Food and Drink) and Class 7 (Holiday Let Accommodation). A Special Meeting of TCC with approximately 50 members of public, and Mr. Alex Shepherd, attending was held on Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2016. TCC resolved to submit comments with support for the application, with certain concerns noted on parking, access for families with children, and listed building status. See minutes of meeting of 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2016, including appendix with comments to Planning Department. TCC notes comments have been submitted by Aberdeenshire Council officers regarding Archaeology requirements, and inadequate information on parking, which are to be resolved by the applicant. <b>APP/2016/1356</b> – Schoolhouse, 7 Beltie Road, Torphins, AB31 4JT Full Planning Permission for Demolition of Existing dwelling house and Erection of 4 no dwelling houses. <b>Following a relatively brief discussion of the merits of the proposed development TCC resolved to organise a Public Special Meeting on Monday 13 June 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Learney Hall to facilitate public comment on the Old Schoolhouse proposals prior to TCC submitting a response.</b> <b>APP/2016/1051</b> - Bracken Hill, Grampian Terrace, Torphins, AB31 4JS. Demolition of existing dwelling house and erection of 7 dwelling houses with associated access driveways and landscaping. TCC notes comments have been submitted by Aberdeenshire Council	ED

	officers regarding a tree survey required under the Environmental Consultation Request, and affordable housing requirements, which are to be resolved by the applicant.	
6.	<p><b>New Items:</b></p> <p><b>6.1 Marr Community Forum 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016:</b>  Attended by JL and ED who reported back on key matters:  Community Resilience Plan - JL distributed a copy of a Community Resilience Plan for consideration by TCC members, to develop ideas towards such a plan for Torphins to be available in time of emergency. PA advised Aberdeenshire Council encourage such plans to be developed for local areas.  Funding – ED expressed his interest in the various funding sources being promoted at the Community Forum and elsewhere, while also expressing extreme frustration over the difficulty of actually realising funds in terms of hard cash for projects.  This led to discussion of the rejected request to Marr Area for funds to repair the Christmas Lights Star. It was resolved that TCC will pay for the required repairs now, and continue to pursue additional funding from all potential sources to offset the repair cost.</p>	JL/ED
7.	<p><b>Open Actions:</b></p> <p><b>7.1. Torphins Community Council Website:</b>  Website and facebook are available for use. Will post more information and develop use. WM to talk to BM to make group facebook open.</p> <p><b>7.2. Community Garden:</b>  No new developments</p> <p><b>7.3. Torphins Park:</b>  7.3.1. Orchard Update – No new developments from Bill Higham.  7.3.2. Drainage including rear of Village Farm Court Update – No new developments from Bill Higham.  7.3.3. Play Equipment and Funding Proposal – ED presented a detail analysis of existing equipment and potential new equipment. TCC resolved that ED should approach Torphins Youth Club at the Church for input on potential new equipment to improve the facilities for the older age group of users.</p> <p><b>7.4. Notice Board Map of Torphins Update</b>  WM and CR met to progress the map design and sourcing. As a next step WM and CR will meet with Louisa Rouse who has kindly volunteered to assist with preparation of the map itself, with addition of various village details and points of interest to be provided by TCC.</p> <p><b>7.5. PAD and Heart Start CPR training:</b>  The public Heart Start Training requested by TCC and led by Sarah Pine is confirmed for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June in the Learney Hall. TCC members able to attend are registering, and all are promoting the training with local organisations and distributing publicity posters. SF will post on Facebook.</p> <p><b>7.6. Woodside Road/Monboddoo Road to Craigmyle West Lodge Path Grant:</b>  The latest information is that grants are still under review and will be advised around 10<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>7.7. Dog Poo campaign and publicity:</b>  JL noted an improvement in the situation and thanked JC and all responsible parties for improvements. JC noted thanks to Platform 22 for publicity and distributing disposal bags. We will continue to monitor and make decision on dog stations when outcome of path grant application is known.</p> <p><b>7.8. Telephone Box at Sundayswells:</b>  Nick Edgar has completed the new wooden doorframe and is awaiting new hinges prior to fitting.</p> <p><b>7.9. Plans for TCC Stall at Torphins Gala:</b>  ED has arranged a space at the Gala on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 for TCC. The plan is to promote the aims and work of TCC, with prize competitions as an additional attraction. It was resolved that ED and JL will develop the base information and JC will use this material to produce publicity posters and leaflets.</p>	WM ED ED ED WM/ CR TCC WM JC ED ED/JL/ JC

	<p><b>7.10. Adopt a Flower Tub:</b> ED has discussed the concept with Robert Reid, who maintains the summer plants, and it was agreed spring plants such as petunias and pansies could be planted and maintained for springtime by residents near to village planter tubs, who will be encouraged maintain the tubs with spring flowers. For 2016 the summer plants will be available 9<sup>th</sup> June, so spring planting will be promoted for 2017.</p> <p><b>7.12. Green Waste Bin for Park:</b> Aberdeenshire Council is reviewing the non recyclable waste disposal process in preparation for the end of landfill disposal in 2021. Meantime the arrangements in place for localised green waste skips are limited to Ballater and Aboyne, which are far from the Banchory disposal point. PA advised the resource and cost for additional local disposal points could not be justified.</p> <p><b>7.13. Beltie Burn Bridge:</b> PA reported the repair of the Beltie Burn Bridge at Waukmill is being reviewed with the Access group. The objective being pursued within Aberdeenshire Council is to repair the bridge, although it is not in Council ownership.</p>	ED  KF/PA  PA
8.	<p><b>8.1. Correspondence:</b> WM reported the email received from Banchory Community Council promoting the development of the Banchory Community Action Plan and completion of the online survey. TCC resolved that individuals should submit input as they desire.</p>	TCC
9.	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b> <b>9.1.</b> SF received a complaint from a resident regarding noise from an apparent business being operated from a domestic premise in Grampian Terrace. PA advised the appropriate first action is to report the noise nuisance to the Environmental Health Department as a disturbance of amenity. SF will advise. <b>9.2.</b> JC provided a letter received from a resident regarding speeding and bad driving in the vicinity of St Marnan Road and Bridge Crescent, which has resulted in the death of two domestic cats. TCC discussed the situation, and known other incidents in the area, and resolved to write to the resident with details of work on these matters, while considering possible actions to physically address the risk, such as speed bumps. <b>9.3.</b> SF reported the damage by an Aberdeenshire Council vehicle some time ago to the fence owned by Learney Estate near the house Dumyat, which no one has taken the responsibility to repair. SF will advise the concerned resident to contact Burnett and Reid, the solicitors of Learney Estate. <b>9.4.</b> WM registered thanks to Hamish Booth for his voluntary cutting of verges on the footpath from Woodside Road to Craigmyle West Lodge</p>	SF  JC  WM  SF  HB
10.	<p><b>Next Ordinary Meeting Thursday 7th July 2016</b> <b>Special Meeting re Old Schoolhouse Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b></p>	TCC
11.	<p><b>Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.</b></p>	
12.	<p><b>Adoption of Minutes:</b> These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Proposed: John Lucas                      Seconded: Eric Day</p>	TCC